

Progress Report of NFIs distribution in Mohmand Agency

Introduction

In response to the humanitarian crisis in Mohmand Agency, a common winterized NFIs logistics system was established to improve living conditions of the affected populations through increased access to basic non-food items. A number of agencies are involved in the operation with UNOCHA and FDMA leading the overall coordination; SSTD in collaboration with OCHA procured winterized NFIs; managing warehouse storage of items received and transportation of items to distribution points; and handing over the distribution to the targeted beneficiaries.



While some IDPs and refugees will return to their villages, yet a good number of them will continue to stay in camps. SSTD will maintain its ongoing services in the IDP camps as well as reach out to the areas of return or new displacements. Winterized NFIs will be used to address the needs of selected beneficiaries. SSTD will also conduct post-distribution monitoring of NFIs and provide qualitative and quantitative feedback to the project decision makers. This project will target a total of 1,750 families, IDPs/Returnees from and vulnerable populations affected by the on-going conflict in Mohmand Agency which is funded by OCHA.

Military operations against insurgents in Mohmand Agency have compelled thousands of innocent people to leave their homes. Most of the displaced persons are living in camp located in Naqhai. The terrified people, mostly women and children, left the area with their belongings after Pakistan's troops and gunship helicopters launched the operation. SSTD proposed the distribution of NFIs amongst the inhabitants of Naqhai camp to elevate their living conditions. Fortunately SSTD was chosen as an IP for the said intervention.



Distribution of NFIs

SSTD started distribution of NFIs on **28th of March 2011**. It has distributed winterized NFIs among the **1750 families** of the targeted community. Each registered family has received following items in the package:

- Two blankets
- Gloves pair (adult & children)
- Shawl for girls & women
- Sweater (boys & men)
- Socks pair (adult & children)

- Caps (with ear covering for children)
- Plastic sheet for children

Coordination

SSTD has been in regular touch with law-enforcing agencies to avoid any untoward incident. Similarly, other stakeholders including FDMA and other active organization are kept informed of the activity to avoid any duplication and to achieve desired results of the project.

Methodology

Admin section of SSTD have collected different market rates and compiled the data for comparative statement. On the basis of comparative statement procurement of different items were made.

Transportation and Storage of NFIs

NFI kits were transported from the warehouse of SSTD located in Peshawar and stored in Mohmand Agency for onward distribution. Goods are being stored properly and computerized warehouse records are maintained on daily basis.



Identification of Recipients

- SSTD coordinated with the Tribal Committees and line agencies to determine which families should come to which distribution center and on which day
- Banners and newspaper ads explain when and where IDP families should be present for distribution, based on the day of their original registration
- SSTD staff, hired mainly from within the affected communities, also informed IDP families of the process

Distribution Process

1. Tokens were issued to IDPs waiting in queues outside the centers. Individuals were able to enter once they had received a token.
2. IDPs were verified based on the verification list prepared by the FDMA.
3. After having been verified, IDPs then move towards the distribution desks where distribution officers were present. At this desk, the particulars of his/her Registration Form and CNIC were entered in the Distribution Register and the staff obtains thumb impression as an evidence for receiving NFI kit. A stamp is then fixed on the back of the form indicating that the NFI kit has been issued.
4. Individuals then move to the warehouse in the distribution center where Warehouse Officers are present. If the individual has the correct stamp from the Distribution Desk, one Officer would then fix a



“received” stamp on the form, the second would deliver the NFI in his presence and the third would watch the exit route to ensure that no illegal items are taken out by the laborers.

5. Security personnel are present outside the distribution points to provide security.

Challenges

- Situation was extremely hostile and unpredictable
- Check posts after every short distance was a big hurdle for the mobility of staff
- Belligerent response of militants to welfare organizations such as NGOs
- Increased security constraints and restrictions on movement; it is expected that this will increase and worsen in the foreseeable future

Recommendations

- Regular record of meetings should be encouraged; meeting minutes/decisions should be circulated to all the stakeholders
- Major decisions should be shared with OCHA, FDMA and IPs in the District; this will allow for accurate dissemination of information and clarity regarding any changes and/or decisions

Outcomes of the Project

Date of distribution	Number of families entertained	Location
28-03-2011	250	Camp
29-03-2011	100	Bar Sagai
30-03-2011	200	Bar Sagai
31-03-2011	200	Bar Sagai
01-04-2011	150	Bar Sagai
Total	900	