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WFP Rushes Emergency Food to 400,000 Cyclone- Battered Victims in Southern Bangladesh

Dhaka, Friday 16 November, 2007: The United Nations World Food Programme is distributing 98 metric tons of ready food today from its emergency hub to feed 400,000 victims of Cyclone Sidr. Thousands of people in emergency shelters urgently require food.

“We have to move as quickly as possible to get food to the most vulnerable,” said WFP Representative Douglas Broderick. *“People’s life and health can not be endangered; we all should come forward to save lives first. Dry food like High Energy Biscuits (HEB) will be very useful specially these days when there is a scarcity of potable water for drinking and cooking.”*

The cyclone Sidr hit most parts of southern Bangladesh. Several thousands of people have been affected by the cyclone which left 66 people dead, according to preliminary field reports.

WFP’s food distribution to the affected costal districts is part of a major effort to feed cyclone affected people for three days. Within hours of the disaster, WFP distributed supply of high-energy biscuits to affected people who suffered the greatest loss and damage from the cyclone.

WFP food assistance is being distributed in several affected districts by UN staff, GoB officials, NGOs and community representatives. *“There are thousands of cyclone affected vulnerable people including women and children with limited food to sustain. We will waste no time in reaching them,”* said Mr. Broderick.

WFP and UNICEF has extensive presence in all the potentially affected areas, namely Jessore and Cox Bazar. This advantage enables quick assistance and facilitates inter agency coordination.

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