

# FIELD VISIT REPORT

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August Friday 21-24th, 2015 visited Big Pamir, Wakhan district along with Wali Jon Field coordinator to monitor and overview the work progress on Construction of Road at Big Pamir under GREEN Badakhshan Initiative of Rupani Foundation and WFP.

Detail from BIG Pamir :

1. Number of CDC's =6
2. Total H/H= 130
3. Average family in one house= 4-5
4. No of School =1
5. Medical Center=1

## 1. Road construction at BIG PAMIR:

Work on the road was satisfactory, as to manage the work load internally by the communities work has been in to four groups where each group are working on 3 KM in different part of the road, since using right in Big Pamir, the project is for both Kirgiz and Wakhi communities as, both communities are working together . During meetings with the group hearing their work experience, it was communicated to the communities that as in the past WFP used to support in the form of Food for free, which may not be possible as compare to last year. To get insight from these support shift, the communities were inquired, how they compare both options (free Food & Food for Assist) Mahammad Safi head of CDC Yargaroq responded on behalf of the community says that free food was good but

*Kirgiz communities at both Pamir gets free food assistance's from WFP and Government , from last year we had try to encourage them to work and get food. which worked and since last year they are working against Assets creation projects and receiving food.*

we use to get very small quantity of it BUT now we are in one hand solving our problem by making easy access to our family and livestock and on the other hand getting good quantities of food so we prefer the new system and are ready to work and get food .secondly they told that during working specially for people who are coming from surrounding villages of Pamir take's two days or more to get

on the top of the area and bringing carry their food costs a lot and was suggesting that during planning food quantity for Pamir should be more than other areas where they go to work and come back their home for night stay.

As they have explained as only two families had the capacity to purchase foods though their own means out of 130 houses holds of Big Pamir. Whereas total 10 households can support their families

and rest of 118 used to remain working as herds for the people which yields very minimum to care for the families. These 118 families are the most underdeveloped as they don't have agriculture land for proper cropping.









## 2. Road blocked at Wazad village Wakhan

During visit to Pamir I had also make a visit to Wazad where the Amu river had washed away the road (about 100mtr long and about 7mtr deep )and cutoff upper part of Wakhan and Small Pamir from the rests of the district , due the road blockage food security is more serious than other parts and cost of living and traveling increased have 100 percent for these communities . the last place where vehicle can go is Sust bridge . The road need to repair as soon as possible and need excavator and blasting work to complete the road without excavator and blasting it is not possible to link .







### 3. Current hike's in food commodities in 4 border districts i.e Zebak , Ishkashim, Wakhan and Shugnan after Washout of bridge at Qezdy village Warduj.

Our market survey shows dramatic changes in price of food supplies in all 4 border districts, due to washout of bridge at Qezdy Warduj. Agoorda an alternative road which open recently links the border districts with Faizabad vz Showhada to Ishkashim is the only possible half season approach to transport the food and other livelihood items but due to bad road condition as well security issue cost of transportation is more than Warduj. The data show below for some daily use item cost had increased from 4% up to 100% in different districts. Wakhan and Zebak are mainly effected than Ishkashim districts due to cost of Transportation.

#### Wakhan District- Price in Lower Wakhan

##### Price at lower Wakhan

Sr.No	Commodities	Cost Before in AFG	Current cost in AFG	cost Increased in %age
1	Wheat 50 kg	1700	2600	53%
2	Rice 70 kg	3600	4500	25%
3	Cooking Oil 16kg	1600	1800	13%
4	Tea 42kg	2700	3700	37%
5	Salt 7kg	100	150	50%

##### Price at Upper Wakhan

Sr.No	commodities	Cost Before in AFG	Current cost in AFG	cost Increased in %age
1	Wheat 50 kg	2000	3000	50%
2	Rice 70 kg	4000	5000	25%
3	Cooking Oil 16kg	1800	2200	22%
4	Tea 42kg	3000	4000	33%
5	Salt 7kg	100	150	50%

Note: Transportation cost increased for upper Wakhan due to washout of road at Wazad village

#### District Ishkashim

Sr. No	Commodities	Cost Before in AFG	Current cost in AFG	cost Increased in %age
1	Wheat 50 kg	1000	1300	30%
2	Wheat flour No 1	1700	2100	24%
3	Wheat flour No 2	1000	1200	20%



4	Cooking Oil 16kg	1400	1450	4%
5	Tea 1 kg	80	130	63%
6	Salt 2kg	50	70	40%
7	Dal 7kg	450	550	22%
8	Sugar 50 kg	2000	2300	15%
9	Rice 1 -7kg	350	380	9%
10	Rice 2	300	320	7%

### District Zebak

Sr. No	Commodities	Cost Before in AFG	Current cost in AFG	cost Increased in %age
1	Wheat 50 kg	1000	2000	100%
2	Wheat flour No 1 42kg	1400	2000	43%
3	Wheat flour No 2 42kg	1100	1800	64%
4	Cooking Oil 16kg	1400	1700	21%
5	Tea 1 kg	80	130	63%
6	Salt 7kg	32	70	119%
8	Sugar 1 kg	40	60	50%
9	Rice 1 -70kg	3000	4000	33%

## 4. Attack of rust fungus on Wheat Crops

Wheat crops grown in the border areas of the district have been badly affected by attack of the rust fungus, a pathogen scientifically known as Puccinia rust fungus which will in turn effect has the yield of wheat crop compared to last year creating scarcity of wheat available to the people living in these areas and therefore will lead to serious food security situation in the area.



## 5. Recommendations

- A comprehensive studies need to conduct on food security issues in all 4 border districts jointly with UN agencies NGO's and Government relevant departments.
- Some food stock should be reserved for the 118 families of Big Pamir at Ghaz Khon Wakhan in case of emergency.
- Future Project for Pamir could be design to cover most of the families to avoid free food distribution.
- Number of labor should be increased for Pamir only to cover the labor food charge during construction.
- To avoid any food security in upper Wakhan due to Wazad road blockage the government may be requested to immediately link the road to upper Wakhan, the work need blasting and excavator.
- Due to hike in food price in all 4 districts and attack of "*Puccinia* rust fungus" winter food stock should be store in all four districts in case of emergency
- Number of project should be increased for next coming year in "Food for Assist" to these districts to cover the food shortage due to "*rust fungus*" attack cause less production of yield.

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