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Food distribution to DPs in Kandahar underway

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KANDAHAR (PAN): Campaign to distribute edible items among the internally displaced families in southern Kandahar province has been launched, an official said on Thursday.

Hundreds of families fled their homes from Zabul, Uruzgan and Helmand provinces since clashes between the security forces and the armed militants begun in these troubled areas, forcing them to move towards safe places in Kandahar province.

Provincial head of the Disaster Management Authority, Haji Mohammad Hashim told Pajhwok Afghan News the relief items would only be given to those 2679 displaced families who had arrived from Zabul, Uruzgan and Helmand provinces in Kandahar province.

Each family would be given 100kg of wheat, 7kg of cooking oil, 10kg of pulses and 2kg of salt being provided by the World Food Program (WFP), he said

Administrative head of the province, Mohammad Amin Kameen praised the WFP's role in assisting the poor families and said hundreds of families have been migrated to the province due to fighting in their regions. He said the families were in dire need of assistance.

Hashim also called upon the Afghan traders to help their brethren in this time of trouble.

Nazar Mohammad, a recipient of the aid, told this news agency he escaped from Marjeh district of Helmand province two months back where all of his fortune and house were being annihilated.

It is now known that over 150, 00 displaced families had migrated to Kandahar province from Zabul, Uruzgan, Helmand and few districts of Kandahar provinces due to the continued shelling and bombardment by the security forces in the region.

According to a statistic, over 1507 families from Helmand and Uruzgan provinces and 1176 from Zabul province have fled their homes and are settled in Kandahar during the last two months.

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KABUL, May 16 2009: Former finance minister and presidential hopeful Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai gesture during a press conference here on Saturday. Ahmadzai says Karzai wants him to withdraw from the presidential race, but reiterated his commitment to contest. PAJHWOK/Safya Saify

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