



# *Assessment of Humanitarian Daily Rations Drops in Afghanistan*

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Report

# Findings

The Partners International Foundation Humanitarian Assessment and Assistance Team in Afghanistan discovered serious problems with the Humanitarian Daily Ration (HDR) Food Drop program.

With outstanding support from FOX NEWS, who broke the story in the United States, Partners International Foundation was able to identify serious problems that caught the interest of military planners and key congressional leaders.

The team met its goal of identifying potential problems with humanitarian assistance so they can be resolved before they have a critical impact.

**The OSD HDR office and Department of State offices originally denied the existence of desiccant and any problems with the airdrop program, even when questioned by the Secretary of State and Joint Staff Offices.**



**Snack bread (#9162) removed and opened from HDR menu #4 showing desiccant packages.**



**Contents of desiccant packs found inside HDRs. Many Afghans ingested them thinking they were American medicines or spices.**



**All HDR packaging had multiple splits ranging from ¼ - inch to over 2- inches in size.**



Partners International Assessment Team member inspects the ruptured meal components inside HDRs received from displaced persons in Northern Afghanistan.



The assessment team found that HDRs are rupturing after falling from high altitudes, yet starving Afghans are storing them as their only potential source of food for the winter.



Over 90% of the HDRs inspected by the Partners International Assessment and Assistance Team had ruptures to one or more of the internal food components.





HDR purchased by the Partners International Assessment Team from a Family in Koja-badeen who were storing it for the winter. It is ruptured and shows signs of bacterial and fungal growth.

**Damaged and decaying HDRs are a source of potential illness unless immediate steps are taken to alleviate the problem.**



Due to the condition of the food inside and the severe need for blankets and shelters, the HDR packages are being converted to crude shelter covers and blankets.