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**From:** Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 3, 2011 9:46 AM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** FW: WFP Rumor Not True

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**From:** Sullivan, Jacob J  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 9:14 AM  
**To:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**Subject:** Fw: WFP Rumor Not True

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**From:** Walsh, Matthew P  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 09:12 AM  
**To:** Sullivan, Jacob J; Crocker, Bathsheba N  
**Cc:** McAuliffe, Marisa S; Valliani, Amira; Harrell, Peter E  
**Subject:** WFP Rumor Not True

Jake and Sheba,

As I suspected, the rumors of WFP trucks being stopped and the food on them looted by Shabaab turns out not to be true. All a rumor. I've highlighted below what actually happened.

Matt

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**From:** Satrom, Rob  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 9:04 AM  
**To:** Walsh, Matthew P; Harrell, Peter E  
**Subject:** FW: any update on the WFP rumors?

FYI – Maria and Colleen have this info now too. Just sending to S/P so all the 7<sup>th</sup> floor staffers have what AF has.

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**From:** Malac, Deborah R  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 8:24 AM  
**To:** Wilcox, John L; Carl Yoder, Samantha A  
**Cc:** Roth, Richard A; O'Connell, Andrew M; Satrom, Rob; Walker, Steven C; 'OFDAGOV: HORN\_RM'  
**Subject:** RE: any update on the WFP rumors?

Just in from Nairobi, there was NO seizure of food shipments. The food, which belongs to ACF (Action contre le faim) is still warehoused in Baidoa. They are seeking to move it, but that hasn't happened yet. Apparently this was all a bad rumor which is not unusual at all in the Somalia context.

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**From:** Wilcox, John L

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 7:53 AM

**To:** Carl Yoder, Samantha A

**Cc:** Roth, Richard A; O'Connell, Andrew M; Satrom, Rob; Malac, Deborah R; Walker, Steven C; OFDAGOV: HORN\_RM

**Subject:** RE: any update on the WFP rumors?

Samantha, below is what just came in from the Somalia Unit in Nairobi. As you can see from the below, WFP in Nairobi is stating that WFP is not/not now a partner – they are getting the story directly from the WFP Somalia Director, Porretti. The question of whether ACF was coordinating a delivery with WFP is not/not confirmed by Post.

– In addition to what I just found about the ACF incident, I checked to Stefano Porretti just now. He confirmed that WFP is not yet working with ACF. He said that in the future they hope to be able to work with ACF, as well as others, in AS areas where these entities have access. For now though, he confirmed that they are not working with ACF or any other NGOs in AS controlled areas. WFP has not yet made any formal agreement nor have they defined what might the tonnage nor from where food should be eventually dispatched. This are operational details they need to clarify with ACF or others, and only when potential partners will feel confident to distribute WFP food in their areas of operations will WFP move forward with finalizing such arrangements.

It is likely though that WFP would try to work with partners to get food commodities delivered to Bay and Bakol regions delivered ex-Mogadisho. However, it will depend on their cooperating partner's preferred option.

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**From:** Carl Yoder, Samantha A

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 7:37 AM

**To:** Satrom, Rob; Wilcox, John L

**Cc:** Roth, Richard A; O'Connell, Andrew M

**Subject:** RE: any update on the WFP rumors?

Thanks. so ACF is not a partner of WFP? It was transporting its own food?

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**From:** Satrom, Rob

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 7:28 AM

**To:** Carl Yoder, Samantha A; Wilcox, John L

**Cc:** Roth, Richard A; O'Connell, Andrew M

**Subject:** Re: any update on the WFP rumors?

From Rome via USAID last night:

The incident occurred when ACF, in coordination with WFP, undertook the first test of bringing in food aid – which could have been leading to ACF becoming a partner of WFP. Unclear if it was WFP food.

So, overall, not WFP but still problematic. It's all I've got this morning so far.

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**From:** Carl Yoder, Samantha A  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 07:11 AM  
**To:** Satrom, Rob; Wilcox, John L  
**Cc:** Roth, Richard A; O'Connell, Andrew M  
**Subject:** any update on the WFP rumors?

Trying to find out a bit more, if anything, before the Senior Staff meeting with S. Any updates from last night would be great.

Thanks!  
Samantha

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