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### AFGHAN STUDENT WINS PRIZE IN WFP ART COMPETITION

**KABUL** – A 14-year-old schoolgirl from Kandahar has been named one of the winners of WFP's 2009 Children's Art Competition.

Farishta was one of 14 winners worldwide. Her artwork was selected from a shortlist of 120 drawings by primary schoolchildren in 24 countries, all of whom submitted a drawing and text under the following theme: "The difference WFP activities make to my life."

"All of us at WFP congratulate these young artists for creating such unique and inspiring works," said WFP Afghanistan Country Director Stefano Porretti.

Farishta's artwork shows children from different countries holding their own drawings, each of which illustrate WFP activities in Afghanistan, such as food-for-work and food-for-education.

Last month, Farishta visited the WFP Kandahar office to receive her prize - US\$100 for herself; and US\$200 for her school to buy stationery and art materials.

"I strongly believe that education is necessary for every human being," said the 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at Zarghoona Ana School of Kandahar, who wants to be a journalist when she grows up. "I will try my best to work hard for my country and my people who have been faced with many problems."

The winning designs from the global competition will appear in WFP's 2010 wall calendar, which will be distributed internationally.

The students who took part in the competition attend schools participating in WFP's school meals programme, designed to fortify the health of primary school children as well as keep them in the classroom. Participating students receive a daily mid-morning snack of biscuits enriched with 13 essential vitamins and minerals.

Every year, WFP feeds more than 20 million children through school meal programmes in some 70 countries. In 2008, WFP fed a record 23 million children, including 1.4 million children who received school meals in Afghanistan.

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