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WFP Food Assistance to Internally Displaced People in Mali

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Daoudabougou quarter, Bamako, Mali - Shot 27 January 2013

Assiata Walet , 43 year old mother was forced to flee her hometown of Gao, as a result of conflict that erupted in April of 2012. Assiata and some 30 extended family, were forced to rent a two room house in the capital, Bamako. Due to lack of room space, some of the children have to sleep on the roof. They receive essential food assistance from WFP which allows Assiata to pay the 30,000 CFA (about 60 USD) per month, she needs for rent.

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WFP HQ, Rome - Shot 30 January 2013

SOT WFP Spokesperson, Jane Howard

"After the military intervention to take back the north of Mali, WFP was forced to suspend its operations temporarily. But now it has resumed distributions and hopes to reach about half a million people with food assistance in an emergency operation."

WFP Mali Emergency Operation

30 January 2013

- The United Nations World Food Programme aims to provide food assistance in an emergency operation for more than half a million people hit by the conflict in Mali.
- They include more than 400,000 crisis-affected people in the north in Timbuktu, Gao and Kidal in need of assistance and more than 130,000 internally displaced people and host families in the southern regions of Mali.
- Following a temporary suspension in operations after the military intervention earlier this month, WFP has resumed food distributions to displaced people in central Mali, including to around 22,000

people in the town of Mopti and 12,000 in the capital, Bamako. WFP has also begun distributing food to around 37,000 internally displaced people in and around the town of Ségou.

- Until the new outbreak of military hostilities (January 10), WFP was managing, through its partners, to move emergency food assistance into the north using all available means of transport, including boats to Timbuktu along the Niger River. WFP is ready to resume moving food by barge to the north once the security situation stabilizes.
- WFP is working to overcome chronic problems of food insecurity and malnutrition in Mali, which is still recovering from a severe Sahel drought. The harvest has been generally favourable, but while there is food in the markets, many people cannot afford to buy it, due to high prices and lower incomes.

Mali Crisis in Numbers

Total beneficiaries reached by WFP in Mali in

2012: **1.2 million**

WFP emergency operation 2013 aims to

reach: **564,000**

Malian Refugees in Burkina Faso, Mauritania and

Niger: **150,000**