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The Food Aid Organization of the United Nations

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US first lady, **LAURA BUSH** speaks on high food prices at WFP HQ in Rome

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00:00 -00:17 Laura Bush and Josette Sheeran WFP Executive Director entering the auditorium

00:17 – 00:20 Close up Laura Bush at the WFP Executive Board

00:20 –00:28 Laura Bush and Josette Sheeran at WFP Executive board

00:00:28 –00:33 Wide Shot of auditorium

00:33 – 000:57 Laura Bush statement to WFP Executive board

"The US is proud to work with the WFP and your mission to feed the hungry and to help the hungry feed themselves. Today as all nations face a significant increase in global food prices, higher costs can mean the difference between a daily meal and no food at all for millions of people across the globe"

00:57 –01:01 secret service

01:01 –01:42 Laura Bush statement to WFP Executive board

As the US increases it's food assistance we must also change the way it's delivered. Increasing commodity and freight costs are making it more difficult to provide life saving emergency food aid. President Bush has called on Congress to support a proposal to purchase up to 25% of US food assistance directly from farmers in the developing world. This measure would help build local agriculture and by reducing shipping delays and cost help us get more food to those in need faster."

01:42 –01:47 People listening

01:47 –02:24 Laura Bush statement to WFP Executive board

"President Bush called on the US Congress to provide an additional 770 million dollars to support US food aid and development programs. In addition, the administration authorized an estimated 200 million dollars in emergency food aid in April. These 2 actions bring the US response to rising food prices to nearly 1 billion dollars in new funds that will further ongoing

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US efforts. We project the US will spend at least 5 billion dollars to fight global hunger over the next 2 years"

02:24 – 02:31 Laura Bush and Josette Sheeran at WFP Executive board

02:31 –02:48 Wide of the auditorium

02:48 – 03:05 Laura Bush and Josette Sheeran leaving the auditorium

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