WFP NEWS VIDEO

As Conflict in Mosul Intensifies, WFP Reaches over a 100,000 Iraqis with Food Assistance (For the Media)

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Qayyarah
Shot 11 November 2016
Clouds of black smoke shroud the town of Qayyarah, around 60 KM from Mosul
19 oil fields were set ablaze by ISIL when they retreated.
Shows: Oil wells on fire. A flag on the hospital, like everything else in the town, has turned black from the smoke.

19:28
Qayyarah
Shot 11 November 2016
Children playing among the destroyed buildings

28:41
Jadah camp, Qayyarah
Shot 11 November 2016
Since the start of the Mosul offensive WFP has provided food to more than 100,000 people in camps like this one and in newly recaptured areas.
WFP provides ready-to-eat food rations to people in camps and to recaptured areas, as soon as there is safe access.
Then, when families are settled, with access to cooking facilities, WFP provides monthly food rations consisting of staples including rice, chickpeas, wheat flour, sugar, salt and cooking oil.

Shows: Displaced Iraqis living in the camp, boy getting haircut and shave. This is the first thing many men do when they reach the camps, having been forced to grow beards under ISIL.

41:53
Jadah camp, Qayyarah
Shot 11 November 2016
Newly arrived Iraqis wait to get settled in tents.
Women make bread with WFP flour

Ibrahim and his family eat lunch, they arrived few days ago after their village Imam Garbi was recaptured. Ibrahim’s family receive WFP family food rations.

“The World Food Programme follows the frontline and we position ourselves so that we can provide people with food as soon as they reach a safe area. The first thing we do is to make sure they get some food ready to eat so that we meet their immediate needs, and then after that we start providing them with family food rations so that they can start providing with family food rations so that they can cook their own meals.”

There are currently over 31,000 people living at Debaga camp. New arrivals are coming predominantly from Hawija, Namrod and Gayaral. The World Food Programme provides ready-to-eat foods to people upon arrival, then continues to support people with hot meals and monthly family food rations once they are settled and have access to cooking facilities.

Sammah is from Badoush. She fled ISIL along with her husband and daughter and found shelter in the camp. Before fleeing the village she and her family could not afford to buy any food apart from bulgar, rice and bread because of the increased prices. Her daughter, Nabah, was born shortly after their village was taken by ISIL in 2014. After having breastfed her for a year she was fed mainly with bread.

Sammah and her daughter take water into the tent for cooking.
“We only had access to crude oil for cooking, so the food was often inedible and tasted awful. I fed my daughter bread and water, sometimes with tea, but now at the camp, we are able to eat properly - something we never imagined would be possible again.”

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Debaga camp
Shot 13 November 2016
Sammah feeding her daughter

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AS CONFLICT IN MOSUL INTENSIFIES, WFP REACHES OVER 100,000 IRAQIS WITH FOOD ASSISTANCE

ERBIL – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has provided urgently-needed food assistance to over 120,000 people fleeing the conflict in Mosul, including a distribution on Sunday to 25,000 people in Gogjali, the first neighbourhood retaken inside Mosul city. In addition to providing such assistance, WFP and its partners are working tirelessly to reach families that remain trapped in Mosul and newly recovered areas.

While many people have sought safety in newly opened camps, thousands of families remain in their homes or are staying with nearby host communities. WFP is first providing ready-to-eat food rations to families wherever safe access is possible. WFP then provides family food rations giving a family of five a one-month supply of staple foods, including rice, wheat flour, chickpeas, vegetable oil, sugar and salt.

“We are providing food to people who need it regardless of whether they are in camps or have stayed in their homes or surrounding neighborhoods,” said Sally Haydock, WFP Country Director in Iraq. “People have had their lives uprooted – it is our duty to ensure that food is not an additional worry for them at this difficult time.”
Living conditions in many newly retaken areas have been very difficult for the past two years. Vulnerable families have struggled to afford food, or access medical services and functioning local markets.

“WFP is concerned about the food security of people trapped inside Mosul and in areas surrounding the city. Together with our partners, we are monitoring frontlines and working to reach families in need as soon as there is safe access,” Haydock added.

WFP currently has enough stocks of immediate response rations outside Mosul to provide food for 2.1 million people for three days and almost half a million family food rations, which is enough for 2.5 million people for one month.

More than 3 million Iraqis have been displaced by conflict since mid-June 2014. In response, WFP has provided food assistance to more than 1 million vulnerable, displaced Iraqis across all 18 governorates.

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