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# WFP News Video

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## WFP SCALES UP ITS SYRIA EMERGENCY OPERATION AS GROWING NUMBERS STRUGGLE FOR FOOD

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**Shot: 3/15Dec 2013**

**TRT: 2:41'**

Shotlist

**00:00-01:01 Jaramana, Damascus Shot 15 December 2013**

Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) and local communities are working together to provide hot meals to displaced families with WFP food rations of rice, oil, salt, lentils, pasta, pulses, burglar.

People queuing to get their daily hot meal

Volunteers cooking WFP food

People getting their hot meal

**01:06-01:33 Damascus Shot 16 December 2013**

**SOT Matthew Hollingworth, Director WFP Syria**

“In recognition of a worsening situation here in Syria, in 2014 the World Food Programme is going to be focusing on supporting 7 million people in the region, that’s refugee population as well as the 4,25 million people that we are supporting here in Syria. We are going to have particular focus on children of school age, young mothers and mothers to be as well as babies from the age of 6 months to 23 months “

**01:33-02:11 Jaramana, Damascus Shot 15 December 2013**

WFP food distribution in a Syrian Arab Red Crescent center for displaced families.

WFP provides, pulses, lentil, canned beans, vegetable oil, salt, pasta, sugar, and rice.

SARC staff off-loading WFP food from the truck

People receiving WFP food rations

**The following FOOTAGE was shot on 3 December in Adra Oumaliya now the area has seen intense fighting and humanitarian aid workers can no longer access displaced populations in these areas.**

**02:11-02:26 Al Tanaya Village in Adra**

**Shot 3 December 2013**

Syrian mother, making, mujadara, a dish made with bulgur and lentils with food from WFP.

**02:26-02:41 Al Tal village in Rural Damascus Shot 3 December 2013**

WFP provides food to internally displaced families at this shelter in Al Tal village, which is now home to 1,000 people, mainly women, children and elderly from Eastern Ghouta and other parts of Rural Damascus. All families in this shelter have been displaced more than 3 times.

- **As fighting in Syria continues, WFP is appealing for close to US\$2 billion to assist over 7 million Syrians in urgent need of food assistance in 2014.**
- **These include 4.25 million people inside Syria and over 2.9 million refugees in neighbouring countries in need of food, making this WFP's most challenging, complex and largest emergency worldwide.**
- **WFP reached 3.4 million people inside Syria with food in November, is planning to feed 4 million people in December and ramping up logistics and operational capacity to feed 4.25 million people by January.**
- **WFP is concerned that up to 6.5 million people inside Syria might be severely food insecure and would require external food assistance to survive. The UN food agency is coordinating with other partners and agencies to ensure the urgent food needs of the displaced Syrians are met.**
- **WFP needs to raise \$US41 million dollars every week to meet the food needs of people affected by the conflict in Syria.**

**WFP Syria in numbers:**

- **People WFP plans to reach in Syria in December: 4 million**
- **WFP dispatched food in the November distribution cycle to: 3.4 million**
- **Syrian refugees registered/awaiting registration (UNHCR): over 2.3million**
- **Of whom, refugees who received WFP assistance in November: over 1.3 million**
- **Weekly food assistance requirements for Syria and region: US\$41 million**

### Syria Updates:

- **As Syrians face a harsh winter amid civil war for a third consecutive year, WFP has begun distributing close to 10,000 litres of fuel to internally displaced families living in ten shelters in Damascus. The fuel is used in stoves for both cooking and heating. Further distribution of fuel is planned for an additional 35 shelters in Homs, Hama and Rural Damascus in the next few days.**
- **Over the last few days, WFP has continued to send food to civilians suffering in hard-to-reach areas. The UN food agency delivered 3,000 family food rations – enough to feed 15,000 people for one month – on 10 and 12 December through two joint interagency cross-line missions to Khan Shaykhoun in Idlib Governorate. The area saw intense fighting through all of last year and could not be reached.**
- **Elsewhere, food distributions are underway despite bitter weather. WFP’s plans to provide food to 4 million people this month across Syria are on track. But humanitarian needs and food insecurity are growing as the conflict exhausts the most vulnerable Syrians.**
- **WFP has started airlifting urgently needed food aid from Erbil, Iraq, to Qamishly in northeast Syria for displaced families using a WFP-chartered plane. WFP started airlifting over 400 metric tons of food with 12 return flights between the two countries. Humanitarian agencies have not been able to reach Al Hassakeh governorate consistently for over five months because of insecurity on the roads.**
- **The first WFP-chartered flight landed on 15 December in Qamishly airport from Erbil with almost 40 metric tons of food. The family food rations being flown in include wheat flour, pasta, oil, sugar, salt, rice, canned beans and bulgur wheat and will help people get through the coldest months of the year. WFP will continue to try to reach Al Hassakeh and other northeastern governorates by road.**
- **The closure of the Damascus-Homs Highway has also resulted in significant delays in sending food to Homs and Hama Governorates. WFP had to use alternate and longer routes to deliver food in hard-to-reach areas. In some cases, food trucks had to be re-routed over the**

**Lebanese border and then back into Syria, to reach some of these areas.**

- **Despite significant challenges, WFP gained access over the last few weeks to 9 difficult to reach areas in November and December mainly in rural Homs, Deraa, and Idleb.**
- **Needs in Syria are increasing rapidly as families continue to be displaced across the country. The dire conditions coupled with massive needs are causing NGOs and SARC branches to distribute food rations to different families once every two or three months in order to reach everyone in need. In some areas, WFP's partners are also splitting rations.**

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