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WFP News Video
Moadamiyeh, Syria
all shot on: 17Feb2016
TRT: 1:55

Shtlist:

:00-:23

WFP Convoy on the road/arriving in Moadamiyeh/people looking thin watching arrival of convoy

:23-:34

Convoy unloading food by torchlight and headlight

:34-:43

Children under a truck collecting and eating chickpeas spilled from the convoy

:43-1:09

SOT Jakob Kern(English) , WFP Syria Country Director

“This is the first convoy since July 2014 and the World Food Programme is now providing family rations for all the 45,000 citizens that are remaining here. A lot of them are internally displaced and it’s appalling to see how their living conditions are, even the people that live here are living in buildings that are half destroyed”

1:09-1:15

C/A Jakob Kern examining an improvised bean garden in the street

1:15-1:43

SOT Abo Mohammed(Arabic), Moadamiyeh resident

“The living conditions are too bad, living basics aren't available. No food, no water, no electricity, no fuel. We have nothing at all.”

WFP: How do families manage to survive?

Abo Mohammed : “They live from hand to mouth relying on growing some leaves in small gardens created at their homes. Even water they have to get it out from wells using buckets and ropes to irrigate vegetables. We don't have any of living basics.”

WFP: do you have generators?

Abo Mohammed : “We don't have petrol or fuel at all.”

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WFP food being loaded by torchlight into storeroom for distribution to people of Moadamiyeh

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WFP News Release

18 February 2016

BREAKTHROUGH IN HUMANITARIAN ACCESS AS WFP DELIVERS LIFE-SAVING FOOD TO FIVE BESIEGED TOWNS IN SYRIA

DAMASCUS – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) delivered desperately-needed food for over 80,000 people who have been stranded in five besieged Syrian towns, in a series of UN interagency convoys that took place throughout the night and were completed this morning.

“This marks a major humanitarian breakthrough in Syria, but we must remember that one-off and sporadic convoys can only provide temporary relief to hungry, desperate people,” said WFP’s Syria Country Director Jakob Kern. “People need to eat every single day. We hope that we can continue these deliveries and keep bringing relief to the most vulnerable people in all parts of the country.”

The humanitarian team on the ground witnessed people in Moadamiyeh looking thin and haggard and children looking small for their age. Moadamiyeh has been inaccessible for over a year and a half. Civilians in the besieged area have been living off grass and limited supplies of rice, which sells at prices up to fifty times higher than in Damascus, which is only a few kilometres away.

“We appeal to all parties to the conflict to continue facilitating full, sustained and unimpeded access to people in need across the country,” Kern added.

The interagency convoys also delivered medical supplies and equipment, vaccines, water and sanitation items in addition to WFP food to families who have been suffering the heavy burden of the conflict. The convoys arrived Wednesday night to Moadamiyeh, Zabadani and Madaya in Rural Damascus and Foah and Kefraya in Rural Idlib.

Each family in the five locations received two bags of wheat flour from WFP and other basic food items including rice, bulgur wheat, lentils, canned food and cooking oil – all of which

have been in extremely low supply in all five locations for months. WFP also sent date bars that are fortified with vitamins and minerals as well as specialized nutritious foods that are used to treat and prevent malnutrition in children.

Across Syria, WFP continues to provide food to more than 4 million people every month and remains concerned about the humanitarian suffering of all Syrians living in hard-to-reach areas across the country.

RESOURCES:

Video: <http://content.jwplatform.com/videos/eojXHy2E-owG8ISvN.mp4>

For broadcast quality video contact Jonathan Dumont: jonathan.dumont@wfp.org

Photos: <https://www.hightail.com/download/ZWJWVWRwTlFuSlIzZU1UQw>

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