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## WFP News Video

Syria Crises: WFP Executive Director Visits Kilis Refugee Camp in Turkey

Kilis Refugee Camp, Turkey

shot 14-15 Jan 2013

TRT: 2:30

### Video Shows:

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Turkey/Syria border at Kilis, Turkey-Syrian refugees crossing border with their belongings

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Syrian opposition flags in Syria.

shot: 15Jan2013

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GV's Kilis refugee camp, Kilis camp currently hosts 14,000 Syrian Refugees mostly from Aleppo. Temperatures at night have been 4-5 degrees below zero (Celsius) and most children have only sandals.

shot:14-15Jan2013

:59-1:11

SOT Syrian refugee girl (name withheld) English

"Here in Turkey we eat and live but, I don't know...life is like nothing here because its not our country"

shot: 14Jan2013

1:11-1:22

GV's market in Kilis refugee camp where WFP electronic food cards are being used.

shot 15Jan2013

1:22-1:33

WFP Executive Director, Ertharin Cousin in Kilis camp market

shot 15Jan2013

1:34-1:47

SOT WFP Executive Director, Ertharin Cousin in Kilis camp market

"This is the WFP card. We put 80 Turkish Lire on here each month and the family can buy all the food they need for themselves each month. They get to choose what they feed their families with this card."

shot 15Jan2013

1:47-1:50

WFP electronic food card being used in Kilis camp market.  
shot 15Jan2013

1:50-2:01

SOT WFP Executive Director, Ertharin Cousin in Kilis camp market  
"This card gives the beneficiaries choice and its also provides financial support to the community that is hosting them. Its a win win for everyone."  
shot 15Jan2013

2:01-2:14

WFP Executive Director, Ertharin Cousin visiting Syrian refugees in Kilis camp.  
shot 15Jan2013

2:14-2:30

Syrian refugees carrying food home from Kilis camp market  
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## **WFP News Release**

15 January 2013

### **WFP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEETS TOP TURKISH OFFICIALS AND VISITS SYRIAN REFUGEES IN TURKEY**

**KILIS** – The Executive Director of the UN World Food Programme (WFP), Ertharin Cousin, has concluded a visit to Turkey this week by meeting Syrian refugees in Kilis camp on the Turkish-Syrian border.

The visit to the camp came after Cousin spent two days in high level meetings with Turkish officials in Ankara and Istanbul, where she expressed gratitude for the generosity of the Turkish people and the government for welcoming displaced Syrians and for Turkey's support to WFP in global emergencies.

"It's because of the compassionate response of the Turkish people and WFP's strong partnership with the government of Turkey that we have been able to rise to the challenge of assisting so many Syrians in need of food assistance during this ongoing humanitarian crisis," she said.

Cousin was accompanied in her visit to the refugee camp by the Turkish Minister of Economy and high level government officials. She met Syrian

refugees and heard stories about the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Syria that forced them to take refuge in neighbouring countries.

WFP's Executive Director stopped at one of the supermarkets in the camp and met women using their WFP electronic food cards to purchase fresh food for their families. The vouchers allow refugees to choose the food they want and prepare it as they wish.

"These families have gone through very difficult moments, losing their loved ones and worrying about the people and homes they left behind," said Cousin. "We have a commitment to continue to support Syrian refugees -- whether in Turkey or in the other neighbouring countries -- with some of them in very precarious conditions this winter."

WFP began providing food assistance in partnership with the Turkish Red Crescent in October 2012 through an electronic food card programme. It plans to expand the project to assist 100,000 Syrian refugees in Turkey by June.

More than 200,000 Syrian refugees in Turkey are in 14 different camps spread out along the Turkish-Syrian border and living in host communities. Kilis camp, 50 kilometres from the Syrian city of Aleppo, was one of the first to be established in Turkey.

WFP has a regional emergency operation to cover the food needs of Syrians who have fled to Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey. About 600,000 Syrians have registered, or are awaiting, registration with office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Needs assessments in these countries have shown that food is a top priority and WFP is scaling up to provide food assistance to as many as 750,000 people.

Inside Syria, working with the Syrian Arab Red Crescent and other partners, WFP is reaching about 1.5 million people a month with vital food assistance.

**For broadcast quality footage of the Executive Director's visit please contact Jonathan Dumont at [jonathan.dumont@wfp.org](mailto:jonathan.dumont@wfp.org) and mobile: +39 340 224 3140**

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