WFP News Video: WFP Warns that Ignoring C.A.R. Risks Renewed Chaos That Will Spill Across Borders  
Location: Central African Republic  
TRT: 02:54  
Shot: 24-28 April 2017

:00:10  
Koui town  
Shot: 27, April 2017  
UN MINUSCA Peacekeepers driving passed conflict damaged village

:10:25  
Yade  
Shot: 27, April 2017  
Marcel Hamat, 52 years old, salvaging household articles from his home that was recently burnt in an attack. He found refuge in Makounzi Ouali, a nearby town hosting many people displaced by the conflict.

GV of burnt village

:25:36  
Yade  
Shot: 27, April 2017  
SOT (Sangho) Marcel Hamat  
“I see only problems and destruction. What is left is crumbling with the rains.”

:36:01:11  
Ndim  
Shot: 26, April 2017  
About 90 Fula people, a mainly Muslim ethnic group, displaced by attacks in Feb 2017 are living with Roman Catholic Priests here in Ndim. WFP provides them with food.

Father and son sitting by the fire, woman cooking, kids standing by a WFP rice bag recently distributed, mother washing baby.

01:11-01:42  
Makounzi Ouali  
Shot: 27, April 2017  
WFP food distribution to the most vulnerable members of the community displaced by the ongoing conflict. WFP is only 7% funded in C.A.R. and has had to scale back its food and nutritional assistance. Here WFP is distributing half rations of rice, oil, sugar, salt, lentils and Supercereal, a fortified blend of cereals, vitamins, oil and sugar.

GV at food distribution
01:42-02:07
SOT (english) Denise Brown, WFP Director of Emergencies
Rome, Italy
Shot: 3 May 2017
“We are only 7% funded right now. There is an opportunity for the Central African Republic some of the most vulnerable people in the world live in that country, 40% of the children there suffer from chronic malnutrition which means they don’t have regular access to food. We need to invest in the Central African Republic, we need to do it for tomorrow and for the longer term, so that in the future our job will be done.”

02:07-02:54
Primary school, Paoua
Shot 24 April 2017
This school participates in WFP’s school meals programme WFP buys some of the food that it provides to attending students from local cooperatives. Student’s mothers cook the food for the students.

Children in class, preparation of rice and chick peas, students washing hands and eating.

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Despite tremendous needs, the Central African Republic (C.A.R.) counts among the world’s most forgotten crises and receives ever-shrinking humanitarian funding. WFP’s humanitarian response plan for 2017 is only 7 percent financed.

- Half the country’s people require humanitarian assistance; more than two million are hungry; one in every five Central Africans is either internally displaced or a refugee in neighbouring countries.

- C.A.R. has some of the world’s highest chronic malnutrition rates, with 40 percent of children ages 6-59 months suffering from stunting, as well as some of the highest rates of maternal and early childhood mortality.

- Insufficient funding has forced WFP to halve food rations distributed to the most vulnerable Central African families – for many, this is the only thing they get to eat.

- Renewed violence, including clashes between armed groups and attacks on civilians has forced thousands to flee. Between February and March, the number of displaced people rose 6% to 426,000.
• WFP immediately requires US$ 12.5 million through October 2017 to meet the most urgent needs of extremely vulnerable people.

WFP and other humanitarian groups warn that ignoring CAR, means risking the country spiraling back into chaos that will spill across its borders.

WFP is the world’s largest humanitarian agency fighting hunger worldwide, delivering food assistance in emergencies and working with communities to improve nutrition and build resilience. Each year, WFP assists some 80 million people in around 80 countries.

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