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WFP Scales Up to Avert Famine in Boko Haram Affected Areas of Nigeria and Lake Chad Region

WFP News Video
northeast Nigeria, Chad, Rome
Shot: 21-30Mar17, 05Apr17
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Aerial shot of Dikwa. WFP Rapid Response Teams are flown in by helicopter or by road in convoys to hard to reach areas to distribute food. WFP deploys Rapid Response teams in complex conflict areas like South Sudan and DR Congo. In Nigeria, this approach is credited with a dramatic increase in WFP's ability to reach severely malnourished people in previously cut-off areas due to insecurity with desperately needed food. The week before this was shot on 16, March, a truck carrying WFP food commodities was attacked, damaged and partially looted by suspected armed Boko Haram insurgents around 7 km from Dikwa.

Dikwa, Nigeria

Shot: 21Mar17

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Dikwa resident and father of 12 Baba Gana Mai Abba moving rubble from the burnt out remains of his former home. Baba Gana Mai Abba was driver. His house and belongings were taken by Boko Haram insurgents who burnt the house before leaving Dikwa following a military intervention. Before receiving WFP assistance, he would go into the bush to collect firewood to sell.

Dikwa, Nigeria

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:14 – :27

SOT Baba Gana Mai Abba

“Boko Haram chased me from my home here, and I fled to a nearby village. When I came back I found that they had burned my house with everything in it.”

Dikwa, Nigeria

Shot: 22Mar17

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Baba Gana Mai Abba at WFP food distribution, passing through security, pushing cart loaded with food bags through the rubble.

Dikwa, Nigeria

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Baba Gana Mai Abba at home with children(his teething baby chews on a car mirror for relief), Baba Gana's wife preparing food, family eating.

Dikwa, Nigeria

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1:02-1:26

SOT Denise Brown, WFP Director of Emergencies

“We are pushing back on famine-like conditions in Borno State where we have close to 2 million people who require immediate food assistance. Our major challenge right now across the four countries; northeast Nigeria, Chad, Cameroon and Niger, the first challenge is funding, in the next 4 – 6 weeks in northeast Nigeria we will completely run out of funds.”

Rome, WFP HQ

Shot: 5Apr17

1:26-1:31

Aerial of Lake Chad, near Bol, Chad. Around 345 thousand people affected by Boko Haram violence are in need of humanitarian assistance in Chad.

Lake Chad, Chad

Shot: 27Mar17

1:36-1:53

Nutrition centre, mothers waiting with babies, MUAC (Middle Upper Arm Circumference) tests children for malnutrition, weighing.

Ngarangou, Chad

Shot: 28Mar17

1:53-2:12

WFP Cash distribution. WFP distributes cash in areas where markets are functioning enabling people to buy a wider variety of fresh foods and helps the local economy.

Yakoua, Chad

Shot: 28Mar17

2:12-2:31

Displaced family from Yakoua at Bol market, buying food with WFP cash, cooking at home.

Bol, Chad

Shot: 29Mar17

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Nigeria:

The prolonged humanitarian crisis in the wake of the Boko Haram insurgency has had a devastating impact on food and nutrition security in Northeast Nigeria, with 44,000 people facing famine-like conditions in Borno and Adamawa states. This number is expected to rise during the lean season (starting in May/June) in the three states (Borno, Adamawa and Yobe) most affected by the crisis.

In northeastern Nigeria, some 4.7 million people face acute hunger in three states, likely rising to 5.2 million by June. Millions of people are likely to

remain severely food insecure until October 2017. Some 1.9 million people there are also internally displaced (IDPs).

In March, WFP increased its assistance to reach 1.2 million people in Borno and Yobe states, a ten percent increase from the previous three months when WFP reached roughly a million people monthly. As hunger intensifies during the lean season, WFP hopes to reach up to 1.8 million people as part of a gradual scale up.

In April WFP aims to extend its geographical coverage by expanding its food assistance to Adamawa State, where an estimated 5,800 people have been reported to be extremely food insecure and in need of urgent assistance.

Over the next six months (April-September), WFP urgently needs USD\$242 million for its humanitarian response in Northeast Nigeria to ensure food assistance reaches priority communities in a consistent and timely manner.

Insecurity has prevented farmers from accessing their fields, leading to significantly below-average harvests in recent years — one factor pushing up this annual lean season to as early as May, instead of July. Although conditions have improved, insecurity is also the most significant impediment to humanitarian access to many hungry people. In March, for example, insecurity prevented WFP from reaching roughly 100,000 displaced people in Borno State.

Nonetheless, deliveries of food and nutrition support have contributed to reducing deaths and the prevalence of acute malnutrition in some of the worst-affected areas. Scaling up of food assistance, including hard-to-reach areas, is helping to protect beneficiaries, in particular widows, girls and women who have been at risk of or experienced coercion, exploitation and abuse.

Overall Lake Chad region (Nigeria, Chad, Niger, Cameroon):

2.3 million people have been displaced and 200,000 have crossed borders to become refugees(OCHA)

10.7 million people need immediate humanitarian assistance throughout the region of those, 7.1 million are food insecure and 515 thousand children suffer from severe acute malnutrition.(OCHA)

The UN needs US\$1.5 billion in order to respond with food, medicine, shelter, water and other essential needs.(OCHA)

More regional info here:

<http://gyroconference.event123.no/pop.cfm?FuseAction=Doc&pAction=View&pDocumentId=71202>



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