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WFP News Video:

**Conflicts Creating Hunger for those Forced to Flee on World Refugee Day 2014
20 June 2014**

Locations: Syria, Jordan, Iraq, Ethiopia, Cameroon

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Syria:

Baba Amr, Homs, Syria

Shot 11 March 2014

Over 6.5 million people have been displaced within Syria and another 2.7 million have fled to neighboring Turkey, Jordan, Lebanon and Iraq.

Here in the Baba Amr area of Homs, displaced people have found life so difficult in other parts of Syria that they have chosen to return to their destroyed neighborhood.

00:35-00:52

SOT Ertharin Cousin, Executive Director, WFP

Zaatari refugee camp, Jordan

Shot 18 June 2014

“They all want to go home but they can’t until there is peace and there is opportunity. Until then, it’s our responsibility to continue to do the work that will ensure that they can live with dignity and the possibility for themselves and the children of tomorrow.”

00:52-01:26

Iraq:

Khabat camp, Erbil, Iraq

Shot 15 June 2014

In the last week 500,000 people have fled fighting in Mosul, Iraq. WFP is distributing food rations to displaced families who fled fighting. WFP monthly food rations for a family of 5 the rations is composed of wheat flour, rice, bulgar, pasta, lentils, beans, vegetable oil, sugar for a total of 65.1 kg

01:26—01:51

South Sudan:

Gambella, Ethiopia

Shot: 2 April 2014

Over 1 million people have fled their home within South Sudan and another 380,000 fled to neighbouring countries. Most of them to Ethiopia (145,000) Here, South Sudanese refugees wait on the border of S. Sudan and Ethiopia to be brought to camps.

Kule refugee camp, Ethiopia



South Sudanese refugees

01:51-02:41

C.A.R.:

Gbiti camp, Cameroon

Shot: 28May2014

More than 220,00 people have fled fighting in C.A.R. to neighbouring countries. More than 100,000 are currently in Cameroon coping with the rainy season. Up to 30 percent of the children who fled here from C.A.R. are malnourished

Lolo camp, Cameroon

Shot: 29May2014

Children being measured and examined for malnutrition

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WFP News Release

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NEW HUMANITARIAN CRISES MARK THIS YEAR'S WORLD REFUGEE DAY

ROME – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) marks another sombre World Refugee Day tomorrow (20 June) as renewed violence in Iraq has driven half a million people from their homes to join an estimated 45.2 million people forcibly displaced around the world, according the UN refugee agency, UNHCR.

“The world already faces three crises of devastating proportions that have turned millions of schoolchildren, farmers and shopkeepers into refugees,” said WFP Executive Director Ertharin Cousin, a day after visiting the Zaatari refugee camp in Jordan. “As Iraq now violently unravels, the world needs to remember that conflicts like Iraq, Syria, South Sudan and Central African Republic not only destroy the lives of those who flee but also deplete the often limited resources of host communities who take them in. Today provides another opportunity to remind the world of these challenges.”

Cousin was in Zaatari camp to hear stories from some of the 85,000 people living there while still waiting for an end to the violence in Syria.

Working with the UNHCR and other partners, WFP assisted 4.2 million refugees and 8.9 million internally displaced people around the world in 2013. The majority of those refugees

and displaced people were from ongoing crises in Syria, South Sudan and Central African Republic (C.A.R.).

“As the newly displaced join the ranks of those already forced from their homes by conflict or natural disaster, no one should feel alone and without help. No refugee should ever feel forgotten,” Cousin said. “Together with our colleagues at UNHCR, partner organizations and donor governments around the world, we are diligently responding to their urgent and life stabilizing needs.”

Refugees fleeing Syria

Today, over 2.7 million Syrians have found refuge in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey. To provide for their families, individual refugees face increasing hurdles. One way WFP eases the burden on both refugees and host communities is by providing food vouchers redeemable in local shops. For Rana El-Boqaa, a Syrian refugee and mother of four in Egypt, the vouchers provide much-needed nutrition and food support: “We don’t have to worry about saving up money to buy food. Whatever money we manage to get we spend on other vital essentials such as medication.”

Funding shortfalls in South Sudan

Despite facing a US\$475 million six-month funding shortfall for emergency operations in South Sudan, WFP provides a life-line to more than 1 million internally displaced and hard-to-reach people within the country. Among them is Achuol Yaae who fled her home with her four children when violence erupted. After a five-day walk, Achuol and her kids made it to Mingkaman on the White Nile, where WFP and partner organizations provide food and other assistance. “WFP is giving us food, which is fine, but for how long will they continue feeding us?” Achuol asked. “What we want is peace so we can go back to our home, plant our own food and have our children drink milk.”

Crisis in C.A.R.

Violence in C.A.R. began in December and continues uprooting more people every day, with more than 226,000 sheltering in neighbouring Cameroon, Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo and Republic of Congo. Up to 2,000 C.A.R. refugees flee to Cameroon every week, joining more than 100,000 already there. They arrive exhausted, hungry and often sick – and unfortunately too often without many loved ones who did not survive the journey. Many refugees arrive fighting the life-threatening effects of malnutrition, with up to 30 percent of young children acutely malnourished. WFP distributes specialized nutritious products for all children under five years of age.



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