WFP News Video
Location: Hajjah, Aslam and Sanaa, Yemen
TRT 02:48

SHOTLIST

:00-:13
Road from Sanaa to Hajjah
Date: 15 November 2018
GV’s Villages on the Sanaa-Hajjah road
Bombed bridge

:13-:23
Hajjah hospital
Date: 15 November 2018
Exterior of hospital, pediatric department

:23-:32
Hajjah hospital
Date: 15 November 2018
Severely malnourished child Asia Mohammed and her mother.
Asia is 2 months old and weighs 2.2 kg.

:32-:37
Hajjah hospital
Date: 15 November 2018
SOT Hussein Abdo (Arabic) father of 10 years old Afaf (in shot with her mother) They are from Aslam.
“Life for us is brutal, especially there (Aslam)”

:32-:49
Hajjah hospital
Date: 15 November 2018
Severely malnourished Afaf with her parents.
Afaf is 10 years old and weighs 9.6 kg.
She comes from Aslam, and has been hospitalized since November the 10th.

:49-01:12
Alsam Clinic
Date: 16 November 2018
GV’s of the clinic, mothers and children waiting to be screened for malnutrition
Alsam Clinic
Date: 16 November 2018
Severely malnourished baby, Wael Abdo Elaslemy, from Aslam.
He is 2 months old and weighs 2.5 kg.

01:12-01:29
Alsam Clinic
Date: 16 November 2018
Malnourished baby with his mum

01:29-02:01
WFP Rome
Date: 6 December 2018
SOT (Eng.) WFP Executive Director, David Beasley

“This report is devastating, it realizes our worst fears that people are starving to death, in Yemen they need our help and we are on the ground doing everything we can, in fact that report is showing that the number of people on the brink of starvation is doubling, we plan to scale up to about 12 million people as fast as we can depending upon the access and the money that we get from people around the world. So we need help and we need it now, otherwise innocent families little girl and little boys are going to die.”

02:01-02:19
Aslam
Date: 16 November 2018
GV’s of WFP food distribution, beneficiaries receive wheat, pulses, oil and salt.

02:19-02:31
Sanaa
Date: 12 November 2018
SOT (Arabic) Sabra Ali Shadah, 70 years old, she and her family are getting WFP food vouchers.

“Before, there was meat, there was food, there was salad. Everything. Today, there is nothing. Nothing. Now there’s only hunger”

02:19-02:48
Sanaa
Date: 12 November 2018
WFP Commodity Voucher through Trader’s Network Site (CV-TN)
Families redeeming vouchers for commodities in urban and peri-urban areas with functioning markets to support local business and the economy. Each family receives 50 kgs of flour, 5 kg of pulses and 4 liters of oil every month.

WFP beneficiaries redeeming food vouchers.

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Rapidly worsening food insecurity situation threatens nearly 20 million people in Yemen, according to the latest Integrated food security Phase Classification (IPC) analysis, which is released today by the Government of Yemen, United Nations and humanitarian partners.

WFP continues to press for sustained access to all areas of Yemen, without which the numbers in Phase 5 could rise to 237,000. The last IPC in March 2017 found that 17 million people were in Phases 3 and 4. There were none in Phase 5 last year.

WFP FOOD ASSISTANCE IS THE ONLY THING THAT’S PREVENTING MASSIVE FAMINE

1. The IPC results show us that what is happening in Yemen is an ever-deepening crisis with 15 million people severely hungry, among them 65,000 people facing levels of hunger described as “catastrophic”.
   There is Phase 5 Catastrophe in nine governorates (provinces). Without urgent humanitarian action, this could spread to nearly a quarter of a million people in 14 governorates.

2. WFP is running a massive humanitarian operation in Yemen. We’ve been reaching more than 7 million severely hungry people every month with food assistance.
   WFP’s food assistance is all that has been preventing a massive outbreak of famine in Yemen. But fighting, high prices and a failing economy are pushing people to the brink.

3. Because of the deteriorating food security situation, WFP is scaling up its response to reach as many as 12 million people in need of emergency food and nutrition assistance.
   WFP is aiming to reach 10 million people this month, scaling up to 12 million in the New Year. Among these are some 3 million women and children who need special support to treat and prevent malnutrition. Where possible, WFP will provide cash-based transfers to inject desperately-needed liquidity into the economy.

4. WFP’s biggest challenge is access. We have been able to avert famine in areas that we’ve been able to reach. The areas in which people are facing famine are mostly in conflict zones to which we have not had regular access.
   The scale-up will also require substantial financial resources. WFP has enough food stocks in country for now but will need US$152 million a month to sustain its scale-up into next year.

5. It’s vital for there to be a positive outcome to the peace talks in Sweden this week.
The IPC report makes it clear that conflict is the main driver of conflict. And, for as long as there is fighting, WFP will have challenges in gaining access to the people most in need.

Famine Criteria:
The three criteria necessary for famine have not been met. The famine criteria are: near-total lack of food consumption by at least 20% of people; at least 30% of children under five are acutely malnourished (wasted); and a mortality rate of more than two deaths per 10,000 people. However, even if it’s not famine, those living in the worst-affected areas are experiencing horrific levels of hunger, with little or nothing to eat or to feed their families.

IMPORTANT: For those who want to donate, go to: wfp.org/yemen

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