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WFP News Video

Nepal Earthquake-

WFP Expanding Relief Operation in Hardest Hit Areas

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Nepal Earthquake
TRT 2:38
Shot: 2-4, May 2015

00:00-00:24
Chautara Municipality, Sindhupalchok District
Shot 4 May 2015
GV collapsed buildings
old man searching through the rubble

00:24-00:39
WFP Relief Hub, Kathmandu
Shot 2 May 2015
WFP Executive Director, Ertharin Cousin visiting WFP's run logistics at Kathmandu airport

00:39-00:58
WFP Relief Hub Kathmandu
Shot 3 May 2015
SOT: Ertharin Cousin, WFP Executive Director
"We prepared for this disaster, so we are ahead of the game of providing the support that is necessary. What we need is to continue to ensure that we receive the resources that are required, so that no person goes hungry and no person goes without the assistance that they need "

00:58-01:14
Kubinde Ward 9, Chautara Municipality, Sindhupalchok District
Shot 4 May 2015
WFP rice distribution to people affected by the earthquake

01:14-01:31
Kubinde Ward 9, Chautara Municipality, Sindhupalchok District
Shot 4 May 2015
earthquake affected people returning to their temporary shelters with WFP rice

01:31-01:55

Kubinde Ward 9, Chautara Municipality, Sindhupalchok District

Shot 4 May 2015

Bimala Tamang, her husband and three children survived the earthquake but their house and all their belongings were destroyed. They are now living in a makeshift shelter. Here she prepares a meal for her family with wild greens, potatoes and WFP rice.

01:55-02:25

Kubinde Ward 9, Chautara Municipality, Sindhupalchok District

Shot 4 May 2015

SOT Bimala Tamang

"When the earthquake happened we hadn't yet eaten. My husband and my son were fixing a light. My daughter (Sangmaya) was inside and tried to escape, but the house collapsed on her. The only reason she survived is because her leg was caught and she was trapped under the stairs. We thought she was dead..after 3 hours we heard her screaming and finally was rescued from the rubble."

02:25-02:38

Kubinde Ward 9, Chautara Municipality, Sindhupalchok District

Shot 4 May 2015

Children receiving food

Sangmaya Tamang (Bimala's) daughter that was trapped in the rubbles for three hours) eating

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- **Just over a week after the earthquake, WFP has distributed food to more than 196,000 people, and has positioned supplies to feed about half a million people, in the worst-affected areas.**
- **The coming monsoon season means the clock is ticking to provide assistance to people who have lost everything. WFP is boosting its air and land assets to urgently reach more people, with both food and shelter, in the coming days.**
- **At the outset, vast inflows of aid threatened to overwhelm the airport. WFP, on behalf of the whole humanitarian community, is working closely with the government and partners to hasten clearances for planes to land and for relief supplies to move. The situation is improving each day.**
- **WFP urgently needs US\$116.6 million to provide food for 1.4 million affected people for three months. For common services related to logistics, air transport and telecommunications, WFP requires another US\$34 million over the next three months.**

- **You can support WFP's work in Nepal by making a donation at www.wfp.org/nepal.**

Updates:

- WFP, working together with local government authorities, has distributed rice and High Energy Biscuits (HEBs) to more than 196,000 people in Dhading, Gorkha, Nuwakot, Rasuwa and Sindhupalchok districts. Food is being sent to Kabhre today (4 May) while Dolakha will be reached in the next days.
- We're also moving hospital equipment, medical supplies, much-needed shelter material and other urgent relief needs to hard-to-reach districts, in collaboration with our humanitarian partners.
- WFP logisticians are working closely with various armed forces taking part in this very complex relief effort, including the US Marine Corps which has brought in specialized aircraft to support relief deliveries.
- A total of 230 metric tons of High Energy Biscuits - 'more than 3 million packets of biscuits' - will be flown to Kathmandu from Dhaka in the coming days. These biscuits are produced in Bangladesh with flour donated by the US Department of Agriculture, and are usually distributed to Bangladeshi school children. Because of the urgency of the situation in Nepal, WFP is sending 230 tons of these biscuits over for earthquake survivors as they are nutritious, light to transport and do not need cooking facilities. We will replace the supplies in Bangladesh so Bangladeshi students keep receiving their biscuits.

Operations Overview

- WFP was asked by the government to focus on food distributions in the most remote parts of Nepal, and aims to reach a total of 1.4 million people in the Central and Western regions. The government is focusing on food distributions in Kathmandu Valley.
- WFP is also providing logistics support for the entire humanitarian community, and is using a relief hub at Kathmandu airport to help manage the flow of cargo arriving by air.
- WFP, as lead UN logistics agency, has contracted an inter-agency fleet of trucks for use by the humanitarian community, as well as two helicopters for areas that are inaccessible by road. Low cloud and rain, as well as the rough terrain with few landing zones, make deliveries of assistance by helicopter challenging.
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