WFP News Video: Despite Security Challenges, Humanitarian Efforts are Reducing the Risk of Famine in Boko Haram Affected Areas of Nigeria

Northeastern Nigeria Shot: 12-14March2018 TRT: 3:22

Shotlist:

:00-:33

Memorial service for 3 aid workers (2 from IOM and 1 from UNICEF) killed during Boko Haram attack in Rann, Nigeria on March 1st. Eulogy given by colleague of fallen aid IOM aid worker "He died while serving humanity selflessly with great zeal and bravery in an area many declined to go.: Maiduguri, Nigeria Shot: 12March2018

:33-:56

Aerials camp for displaced persons Dikwa, Nigeria/destroyed village near Dikwa With recent attacks on humanitarians (including an attack on a WFP convoy in December 2017), suicide bomb attacks, new threats from mines and improvised exploding devices(IED) access to isolated villages in increasingly dependent on helicopters. Over Dikwa, Nigeria Shot: 13March2018

:56-1:20 Homes, shops, and cars destroyed, trees burned during Boko Haram attacks Bama, Nigeria Shot: 12March2018

1:20-1:27 Destroyed communications tower Infrastructure like this tower are also being targeted in the attacks Dikwa, Nigeria Shot: 13March2018

1:27-1:33Military PatrolPeople displaced from attacked villages are now living in camps in towns cutoff by insecure roads. Nigeria military forces guard the camps from attacks, kidnappings and suicide bombingsDikwa, NigeriaShot: 13March2018

1:33-1:45

GV's camp for displaced people/vegetable garden With no access to their own fields, WFP helps displaced families and host communities access plots of land, irrigation and training. WFP also supplies tools, fuel efficient stoves to reduce risk to women collecting wood, digs wells and helps with livestock. WFP is planning to gradually decrease the humanitarian assistance in favour of projects that will make families less dependant on food aid and improving resilience and the ability to secure an income. Dikwa, Nigeria Shot: 13March2018

1:45-2:05

WFP Food distribution to displaced families

Despite the security challenges, WFP distributes food like rice, cooking oil, sorghum, salt, and specialized nutritional foods to more than 1.2 million people throughout Boko Haram affected areas of Nigeria. 70% of the food distributed is purchased locally helping Nigerian farmers. It also distributes cash in places where the markets are functioning enabling people to buy a larger variety of fresh foods and helps the local economy.

Bama, Nigeria Shot: 12March2018

2:05-2:28

WFP nutrition testing

Children being tested for malnutrition using Middle Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) tests. The green means they are adequately nourished. The red means they are severely malnourished and should be hospitalized.

The latest data shows that, despite the challenges, efforts of the humanitarian response by WFP, the Nigerian Govt and other organizations, has reduced the risk of famine and overall hunger by 10% since this time last year.

Maiduguri, Nigeria Shot 14March2018

2:28-2:42

SOT Arif Husain, WFP Chief Economist(english) "I think we have been successful so far in averting a famine and we need to continue what we are doing because if we stop today, very very quickly we will back at the verge of a famine." Dikwa, Nigeria Shot: 13March2018

2:42-2:48 GV camp in Dikwa Dikwa, Nigeria Shot: 13March2018

2:48-2:56 Fatmata Ahmad is a widow with six young children. Her husband was killed by Boko Haram 18 months ago. Here she is pounding WFP sorghum Dikwa, Nigeria Shot: 13March2018

2:56-3:08 SOT Fatmata Ahmad (Hausa) "If you saw me before you would pity me...but now I have enough to eat and I am looking healthy" Dikwa, Nigeria Shot: 13March2018

3:08-3:22 Fatmata Ahmad cooking and eating WFP sorghum and vegetable sauce Dikwa, Nigeria Shot: 13March2018

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