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WFP News Video

Kafr Battna Convoy, Syria

all shot on: 23rd Feb 2016

TRT: 01:30

Shotlist:

:00-:22

WFP Convoy on the way too Kafr Batna. Damascus - Homs highway. Following trucks at Al-Wafadeen camp check-point to enter the buffer zone. Passing by building with bullet holes inside the buffer zone.

:22-:37

Trucks at warehouse in Kafr Batna. Offloading WFP bags of wheat flour. With this convoy 4565 wheat flour bags were delivered.

:37-1:15

SOT Adeyinka Badejo(English) , WFP Syria Deputy Country Director

“The last time the UN was able to deliver assistance to eastern Ghouta was in May 2014.

Since then the population has been able to survive on the food that they are growing.

However we have been told that individuals often eat one meal a day, therefor assistance that WFP and the UN is delivering today will go a long way in alleviating the humanitarian needs of Kafr Batna.”

1:15-1:30

Offloading family food rations. Each ration is enough to feed a family of 5 for one month, 2160 family food rations were delivered, enough to feed 10800 people.

ENDS

- WFP welcomes the agreement in Munich for a nationwide cessation of hostilities in Syria. Any opportunity to give civilians a break and allow humanitarian agencies to deliver much needed aid is welcome.
- So far – following the Munich agreement - WFP has delivered desperately needed food in a series of inter-agency convoys for more than 113,000 people who have been trapped in six besieged Syrian towns. Plans for additional convoys are underway.
- People need to eat every single day. WFP needs regular and unimpeded safe access to all communities across Syria so we can assess needs, provide life-saving food and monitor the impact of our assistance.
- In an unprecedented response following the London conference, WFP received a record pledge of approximately US\$675 million in support of its Syria-related operations. The funds received will allow WFP to continue providing life-saving support to the millions of people whose lives have been torn apart by the devastating civil war.

- WFP in Jordan has launched an innovative Iris Scan Payment System, which allows Syrian refugees living in camps to purchase food from local shops using a scan of their eye instead of cash, vouchers or credit cards.
- WFP has a vision for Syria that recognizes the critical role of humanitarian assistance in building a bridge towards longer-term, sustainable initiatives. We must support efforts to improve access to education while also opening up economic opportunities for refugees and host communities.

WFP Syria Crisis in Numbers:

- People WFP reached with food inside Syria in **January:** **3.6 million**
- People WFP plans to reach inside Syria in **February:** **4 million**
- Number of refugees registered with UNHCR: **Over 4.7 million**
- Number of refugees who received WFP assistance in **January:** **1.5 million**

IMPLEMENTATION OF MUNICH AGREEMENT

- The UN, WFP and our partners require safe, sustained and unimpeded access for humanitarian operations throughout the country. We remain committed and ready to deliver assistance and protection for civilians in desperate need, wherever and wherever they are.
- Above all, the humanitarian community in Syria needs to see meaningful action on the ground, so that Syrians and their neighbours can start to rebuild their lives and their country.
- WFP will continue to provide its logistical capacities and expertise to the entire humanitarian community to implement the Munich agreement whether through aviation, shipping or our land fleet.
- So far, as part of inter-agency convoys together with other UN agencies and the Syrian Arab Red Crescent, WFP has delivered food to desperate civilians in six besieged cities – Moadamiyeh, Zabadani, Kafr Batna and Madaya in Rural Damascus and Foah and Kefraya in Rural Idleb.
- Each family reached through these convoys received two bags of wheat flour from WFP and other basic good items including rice, bulgur wheat, lentils, canned food and cooking oil. These have all been in extremely low supply in all six locations for months. WFP also sent date bars that are fortified with vitamins and minerals as well as specialized nutritious foods that are used to treat and prevent malnutrition in children.



- **Eye Witness Moadamiyah:** *Humanitarian access to Moadamiyeh was cut off for over one and a half years (since July 2014).*
 - The humanitarian team on the ground witnessed people in Moadamiyeh looking thin and haggard and children looking small for their age.
 - Civilians in the besieged area have been living off grass and limited supplies of rice, which sells at prices up to 50 times higher than in Damascus, which is only a few kilometres away.

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