WFP News Video of S. Sudan Crises: Escalating Hunger Underscores Critical Funding Needs at Oslo Funding Conference
Location: Pagak border crossing, Ethiopia, Maban/Juba South Sudan
Shot: 12, 14, 19 May 2014
TRT: 02:10

SHOTLIST:

:00-:25
Refugees arriving in Ethiopia from South Sudan
Pagak border crossing, Ethiopia
Shot: 12May2014
New refugees arriving from South Sudan

:25-01:10
Arrival/Unloading of aircraft.
Maban, S. Sudan
Shot: 14May2014
WFP is using aircraft – airlifts and airdrops - to bring additional food stocks to refugees in Maban area who fled Sudan before the current conflict.

01:10-01:40
SOT: George Fominyen, WFP Spokesperson
Juba, South Sudan
Shot: 19May2014
“World Food Programme is currently undertaking a major airlift and airdrop operation in Maban, this is to enable and re supply the refugee camps in this location. The resupply routes by road and by river have been affected by ongoing conflict, due to fighting and insecurity it had forced WFP and it’s partners to provide reduced rations to the refugees. By using airdrops and airlifts we will be able to provide much needed assistance to these people.”

01:40-02:10
WFP food distribution
Maban, S. Sudan
Shot: 14May2014
More than 125,000 Sudanese refugees living in 4 camps in Maban County. Each month WFP needs 2300 metric tons to feed these refugees and vulnerable host communities. Re-supplying refugee camps in Maban County has been complicated by continued insecurity and fighting along the supply routes, preventing WFP from conducting regular delivery of critical food supplies to refugees. As a result, the agency and its partners have been forced to distribute reduced rations in March, April and May to refugees who depend largely on this food assistance for their survival.

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WFP is concerned that the crisis in South Sudan is pushing the country toward a hunger catastrophe. The fighting has led to an alarming deepening of food insecurity in areas isolated by conflict. A disaster can still be prevented, but is absolutely critical to stop fighting and other obstacles that prevent lifesaving aid deliveries.

WFP and partners have so far provided lifesaving food and nutrition support to more than 866,000 people affected by the conflict in more than 125 locations in South Sudan, and we are overcoming enormous challenges to reach more people every day.

WFP needs significantly more donor support to continue providing food assistance to at least 3.2 million people through the end of the year. The agency currently has a funding shortfall of US$412 million and is revising its funding requirements to assist the growing number of people affected by the conflict.

WFP is assisting more than 300,000 people who have fled across South Sudan’s borders into neighbouring countries. Many arrive in refugee and transit camps in very poor condition with alarmingly high levels of malnutrition.

WFP is the world’s largest humanitarian agency fighting hunger worldwide. On average, WFP reaches more than 90 million people with food assistance in 80 countries each year.

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