UN Says Women at Marked Risk in Ebola-affected Countries

Food Vital to Response

WFP News Video: Ebola Crisis
Sierra Leone, Liberia, Italy
Shot 12, 19, 20 Nov. 2014
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Shotlist:
:00-:40
GV's women in market
Monrovia, Liberia
Shot: 20Nov2014

:40-01:04
SOT: David Nabarro
UN Special Envoy on Ebola
Rome, Italy
Shot: 19Nov2014
"There are some reports that in the countries affected by the Ebola that women are particularly at risk. Partly because of their role as healers, partly because of their role as carers in the home and also they are most involved in household activities and this puts them at particular risk of getting infected"

01 :04-01 :15
Ferry Junction, Freetown Sierra Leone
Shot : 12Nov2014
Hawanatu Kamara looking at family photos. She is an Ebola survivor who lost 3 members of her family. Two children were just released from the hospital having survived Ebola.

01 :15-01 :31
SOT : Hawanatu Kamara (Kyro dialect)
Ferry Junction, Freetown Sierra Leone
Shot : 12Nov2014
"When were in hospital, we couldn't go anywhere. We stayed inside, lying down in our bed. But at home, I feel fine. I can walk where I want. I cook. I feel fine. So I thank God for that."

01 :31-01 :55
Ferry Junction, Freetown Sierra Leone
Shot: 12Nov2014
Hawanatu Kamara looking prepares food provided by WFP for family members including 2 children who were just released from the hospital having survived Ebola.

01:55-02:03
SOT David Nabarro
UN Special Envoy on Ebola
Rome, Italy
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“good nutrition is a key requirement to enable people to be strong and to fight against the impact of Ebola on their health”

02:03-02:15
Ferry Junction, Freetown Sierra Leone
Shot: 12Nov2014
Family of Hawanatu Kamara, Ebola survivor eating

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EBOLA OUTBREAK
18 November 2014

- Supporting the medical response to stop the spread of Ebola, that has killed more than 5,100 people, WFP is focusing on meeting the basic food and nutrition needs of affected families and communities in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. Nearly 1.5 million people have received WFP food assistance since April.

- WFP is using innovative methods including cell phone surveys to assess how the Ebola outbreak is disrupting farming and markets and eroding people’s purchasing power, to help prevent this health crisis from becoming a food and nutrition crisis.

- As WFP helps to fight the most severe public health emergency in modern times, we now require US$ 213.2 million to provide food and common humanitarian services until April 2015. So far, US$106 million has been received.

- WFP is grateful to all donors supporting our work to help stop Ebola but more funding is needed. The top six donors to WFP’s Ebola response are Germany, the World Bank (through the Governments of Sierra Leone, Guinea and Liberia), Canada, the United States, the UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) and Japan.

KEY DATA
wfp.org

- WFP has distributed food to 1.48 million people since April in urban and rural areas. For October alone, WFP distributed food to more than 894,000 people.

- WFP needs US$213.2 million for its overall Ebola response - US$126.2 million is to provide food assistance until April 2015. We have received US$106 million to date.

- World Health Organization, latest figures (12 November): 5,177 deaths and 14,413 Ebola cases in the three most affected countries with three confirmed and two suspected Ebola deaths in Mali.

- WFP is the world’s largest humanitarian agency fighting hunger worldwide, delivering food assistance in emergencies and working with communities to improve nutrition and build resilience. In 2013, WFP assisted more than 80 million people in 75 countries.

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