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## WFP NEWS VIDEO

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**Location: Yemen**

**Sana'a shot: 11, 12 March 2017**

**Aden shot: 28 Feb, 8 March 2017**

**TRT: 02:29**

**:00-:21**

**Al Huswah area, Aden**

**Shot: 28 Feb 2017**

People living in makeshift shelters.

**:21-:38**

**Aden, Al Basateen health facility**

**Shot: 8 March 2017**

WFP provides treatment for malnourished children and pregnant and lactating women in the health facility.

Children being screened.

**:38-:54**

**Walan Health Facility Belad Al Roos district, Sana'a Governorate**

**Shot: 12 March 2017**

WFP provides treatment for malnourished children and pregnant and lactating women in the health facility.

Children being screened for malnutrition.

WFP Executive Director Ertharin Cousin visiting the centre.

**:54-01:03**

**Sana'a**

**Shot: 12 March 2017**

**SOT Ertharin Cousin, WFP Executive Director**

*"The situation today in Yemen is nothing less than dire, the numbers tell us the story, there are over 17 million people who are food insecure"*

**01:03-01:15**

**Al Sabeen General Hospital, Sana'a**

**Shot: 11 March 2017**

Amen Fawaz, 10 months old, acutely malnourished, weighing six kilograms. His parents came from Taiz one week ago.

**01:15-01:26**

**Al Sabeen General Hospital, Sana'a**

**Shot: 11 March 2017**

Nour Ahmad Ali, one year old, acutely malnourished, weighting 6 kg, fed through a nasogastric tube. She was hospitalized three weeks ago.

**01:26-01:41**

**Sana'a**

**Shot: 12 March 2017**

**SOT Ertharin Cousin, WFP Executive Director**

*"The root cause of the situation here in Yemen is a conflict that should end. Without peace we can't address sufficiently the food security situation in this country. People can't feed themselves when there is an ongoing conflict in this country."*

**01:41-01:46**

**Sana'a**

**Shot: 12 March 2017**

View of Sana'a

**01:46-02:00**

**Al Hamzi retail outlet, Sana'a city**

**Shot: 12 March 2017**

WFP implements a voucher programme, each voucher provides a one-month supply of wheat grain, pulses, vegetable oil, salt and sugar as well as Wheat Soya Blend – a protein-rich blended food provided by WFP through the local supplier. The monthly entitlement is enough to cover the food needs of a family of six people.

WFP beneficiaries redeeming vouchers, getting food from local trader's network.

**02:00-02:04**

**Sana'a**

**Shot: 11 March 2017**

Abdullah Mohammed Jabar, displaced from Hajjah. He, his two brothers and their families arrived in Sana'a one year ago.

They fled because of the conflict and live in one apartment of 22 people.

They receive food assistance through the WFP voucher program.

Abdullah's family and children outside their house.

**02:04-02:15**

**Sana'a**

**Shot: 11 March 2017**

**SOT (Arabic) Abdullah Mohammed Jabar, displaced person from Hajjah**

*"There were times we couldn't find anything to eat. We have a lot of obligations, like paying the rent and feeding our children. I had no salary for five months."*

**02:15-02:29**

**Sana'a**

**Shot: 11 March 2017**

Children eating.

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# WFP News Release

13 March 2017

## WFP APPEALS FOR ACCESS AND RESOURCES TO PREVENT FAMINE IN YEMEN

**ADEN/SANA'A** – The Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), Ertharin Cousin, who has been visiting Yemen, urged the international community to help prevent a famine by providing resources to meet the immediate needs of the severely food insecure.

Cousin also pleaded with the warring parties and authorities in Aden and Sana'a for access to reach hungry people who will die if they do not receive food and nutrition support.

“Humanitarians and aid workers are making a difference in Yemen as they have prevented Yemen from slipping into a famine until now,” said Cousin. “The challenge is that there are areas that are inaccessible where people are severely food insecure. These are the pockets that are at serious risk of people dying of hunger.”

Cousin, who went to Aden and Sana'a on a three-day trip, visited nutrition centres, health facilities and food distributions, where she met families struggling to feed their children.

Yemen, Somalia and northeastern Nigeria are each on the brink of a famine. Last month, famine was declared to be affecting parts of Unity State in South Sudan.

Cousin described the situation in Yemen as heartbreaking.

“The numbers tell us the story, with over 17 million people who are food insecure and approximately seven million people severely food insecure,” said Cousin. “It is a race against time, and if we do not scale up assistance to reach those who are severely food insecure, we

will see famine-like conditions in some of the worst-hit and inaccessible areas which means that people will die.”

Despite considerable access challenges, WFP reached a record number of 4.9 million food insecure people in Yemen in February. Because of inadequate funding WFP reduced the food ration to stretch assistance to more people.

Plans are in place to further scale up to reach all the seven million people who cannot survive without external food assistance but urgently needed resources -- and access by sea and land – is required to reach those people.

One of the women who receives food vouchers from WFP told Cousin, during her visit to a food distribution centre: “We survive now on the WFP voucher and if we do not receive it then we have nothing to put on the table and we will go hungry.” The single woman lives with her father, who had previously received cash assistance as part of the government social safety net programmes, though this support had stopped since last September.

As the poorest country in the region, Yemen has suffered from decades of chronic food insecurity, and the situation has deteriorated rapidly in the last two years due to the ongoing conflict.

“The root cause of the situation in Yemen is a conflict that should end. We cannot address the food security risks in the country efficiently without peace and security,” Cousin added. “We need peace in Yemen.”

WFP appealed for US\$950 million to support over seven million people in Yemen this year. Of this, WFP urgently requires nearly US\$460 million from March to August to fully cover the food needs of the people it hopes to reach.

**High-resolution photos** are available to download [here](#).

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