WFP News Video: Deir Ezzor, Syria airdrop – Madaya Convoy
Locations: Syria, Jordan
TRT: 02:23

Shotlist:

:00-:07
Jordanian air-space
Shot: 2 May 2016
WFP completed over 22 airdrop rotations delivering food commodities mainly chickpeas, beans, rice, vegetable oil, lentils, bulgur wheat, salt and sugar to around 100,000 people besieged in Deir Ezzor city.

WFP charted plane, Ilyushin 76, flying through the clouds, front view

:07-:26
Syrian air space (Deir Ezzor)
Shot: 2 May 2016
WFP food pallets going out from the back of the plane (high altitude drop)
Parachutes opening

:26-:49
Damascus, Syria
Shot: 3 May 2016
SOT (English) Jakob Kern, WFP Syria Director
“WFP is trying to reach Syrians in need, in besieged and hard to reach areas no matter where they are and no matter how much it takes us, being by land or like in this case in Deir Ezzor by air, where we dropped from high altitude food on parachutes into the city to support the 100,000 people that still live there.”

:49-01:05
Amman, Jordan
Shot: 28 April 2016
WFP staff re-bagging the food for airdrop, mainly lentils, bulgur, sugar, salt rice, chickpeas, beans.

01:05-01:25
Amman, Jordan
Shot: 27 April 2016
Preparation of parachutes and pallets for the high altitude airdrop

01:25-01:44
Amman, Jordan
Shot: 28 April 2016
Pallets loaded on the plane
WFP plane taxiing
On 30 April, two simultaneous inter-agency convoys accessed the besieged towns of Madaya and Zabadani in rural Damascus and Foah and Kifriyeh in rural Idleb. WFP has delivered wheat flour enough to feed 60,000 vulnerable people living in these areas. The wheat flour will complement food rations delivered by ICRC. WFP has already delivered nutrition supplies for the prevention and treatment of acute malnutrition for more than 6,800 children.

In the last few weeks, WFP and its humanitarian partners reached more people in besieged areas than at any other time since the beginning of the conflict, providing life-saving support including food and nutrition products to thousands of families.

WFP has carried out over twenty two airdrops over the besieged eastern Syrian city of Deir Ezzor, dropping urgently needed food assistance – mainly rice, chickpeas, vegetable oil, sugar, salt, bulgur and beans -- to meet the immediate needs of over 100,000 people. WFP will continue to send food and other humanitarian supplies by air in the next few weeks.

WFP is concerned about the humanitarian crisis unfolding in Aleppo and appeals for immediate access to people in need of humanitarian assistance. WFP calls on all parties to the conflict to enable unconditional humanitarian
access to all people in need without discrimination; to lift sieges imposed by all parties on civilians; and to ensure the safety of humanitarian staff.

- The suffering of millions of people will only be alleviated when a viable political solution to the conflict is reached, allowing families to return to rebuild lives and livelihoods.

- WFP has delivered food assistance for almost 3.9 million people during the month of April.

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