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**WFP News Video  
Northern Mali Hunger  
Released 16 April, 2013  
Timbuktu/Mopti regions, Mali  
(English/Songhay)  
Shot 28-30 March 2013  
TRT: 2:12**

**Storyline:**

1 and 5 household are food insecure in northern Mali. Many vulnerable conflict affected people in Bambara Maounde village in Timbuktu region were too poor to pay for transportation to flee during the conflict and were forced to stay with little access to food. In addition to continuing insecurity they are now facing high food prices.

**00:00-:16**

People on the road between Timbuktu and Mopti heading home with urgently needed food from WFP food distribution.  
Shot: 30 March 2013

**00:16-00:21**

WFP food distribution to vulnerable people affected by conflict in Bambara Maounde village in Timbuktu region  
Shot: 28 March 2013

**00:21-00:26**

WFP food distribution Bambara Maounde village  
**HAMADOUN AFO** is 80 years old. He is too old to farm and doesn't have any support. WFP food assistance is Hamadoun's only hope to feed his 6 grandchildren and 16 other dependents.  
Shot: 28 March 2013

**00:26-00:43**

WFP food distribution  
Bambara Maounde village  
Shot: 28 March 2013

**00:43-00:59**

**HAMADOUN AFO** receives food rations  
Bambara Maounde village  
Shot: 28 March 2013

**00:59 – 01:09**

**SOT HAMADOUN AFO** – ( Songhay language)  
Bambara Maounde village  
"I survived thanks to God and donors , now I have something to eat."  
Shot: 28 March 2013

**01:09-01:17**

Transporting food rations home after distribution

**01:17 – 01:38**

SOT Emilia Casella-WFP Spokesperson

Shot 16 April 2013, Rome (English)

“Access is difficult because security is still really difficult.

Families are feeling in danger..they don't have enough food. They don't have enough money to buy the little food that is available in the markets. Fuel prices are high, so the economy is still in very rough shape and they really need the international community's help to survive.”

**01:38 – 02:12**

Preparing, cooking and eating food rations. Final shot of **HAMADOUN AFO** eating with his grandchildren.

Shot: 29 March 2013

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# WFP Operational Update

16 April 2013

## WFP WORKING TO BRING URGENTLY-NEEDED FOOD TO NORTHERN MALI AS FOOD SECURITY WORSENS

**BAMAKO** – The United Nations World Food Programme ([WFP](http://wfp.org)) is urgently working with partner organizations to reach families in northern Mali whose access to food has been reduced by the on-going conflict and is expected to worsen with the oncoming lean season, from April to June.

“I was able to go to Timbuktu last week and see how critical the humanitarian situation really is,” said Sally Haydock, WFP Country Director in Mali. “The areas around Timbuktu are unsecured and difficult to access, markets are not functioning properly, food prices are high, fuel prices are high, and there is a lack of liquidity, which means that people are not able to buy the basic necessities.”

- In the northern regions of Timbuktu, Gao and Kidal, one household out of five faces extreme food shortages, with a significant deterioration of household food consumption in over the past weeks, according to recent analysis by the humanitarian community.

- WFP is stepping up its efforts to transport food, both by road and river. Deliveries by road to Kidal resumed last week; with 24 trucks carrying 700 metric tons of food successfully reaching the region.
- Emergency school feeding is underway in 128 schools in Gao to assist 28,100 school children. Additionally, the school feeding programme has begun in Timbuktu this month in 76 schools.
- New video footage from Timbuktu, showing food distributions by WFP and its partner Islamic Relief, is available at the following link, with shot-list included: <https://www.>
- A link to 24 high-resolution photos from Mali, with captions and copyright is here: <http://www.>
- In April, WFP is planning to provide food assistance to 145,000 people in Timbuktu; 86,700 in Gao; 34,500 in Kidal and 130,000 in Mopti, In other parts of the country WFP is planning to reach 37,000 vulnerable people in Ségou and 4,100 in Kayes.
- Under its current emergency operation, WFP plans to support 564,000 people in Mali on a monthly basis, including about 360,000 in the North. WFP also plans to assist 163,000 Malian refugees on a monthly basis in Burkina Faso, Mauritania and Niger.
- WFP operations in Mali and neighbouring countries require around US\$312 million. The overall shortfall is US\$159 million. The operation is currently 51 per cent funded.

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