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# **WFP News Video:**

## South Sudan: WFP Airdrops and Airlifts Reach **People in Cut-off Areas as Hunger Increases**

Locations: Haat, Jonglei state, South Sudan Shot: 18-19 June 2015 Language: English, Nuer **TRT 2:07** 

00:00-00:29 Haat, Jonglei state Shot: 19 June 2015 Ilyushin-76 plane airdrops WFP cereals and pulses in Haat. Close-up of Drop Zone Coordinator. Women loading and carrying 50kg bags on their heads.

#### 00:29-00:43 Haat, Jonglei state Shot: 18 June 2015 SOT: Owen Davies, WFP South Sudan

"We've been receiving airdrops of cereal and pulses, we're also receiving oil and nutritional supplements via helicopter. Our intention is to begin distribution of the commodities tomorrow in support of roughly 6300 people."

00:43-00:57 Haat, Jonglei state Shot: 19 June 2015 Helicopter landing. Women collecting food boxes from helicopter. WFP airlifted vegetable oil and special nutritious foods for around 1,300 children

#### 00:58-01:11 Haat, Jonglei state Shot: 18 June 2015 SOT: Owen Davies, WFP South Sudan

"Some of them have some truly troubling stories about their experiences here they have very few resources, they are basically living off the land and so we are just trying to provide whatever support that we can."



#### 01:12-01:22 Haat, Jonglei state Shot: 18 June 2015

Angelina Nyabor and her children escaped fighting in Leer and are now living in this shelter in Haat. She gave birth to the baby (Majok) on a raft while crossing the White Nile River as they escaped Leer.

### 01:22-01:52 Haat, Jonglei state Shot: 18 June 2015 SOT (Nuer): Angelina Nyabor

"When we fled from Leer we escaped to the bush. While in the bush we were only surviving on wild fruits until we decided to come Haat. We ate water-lily while on the river. I had stomach problems because of the water-lily and the wild fruits.

(Close-up of lily-pad bulb.)

"I had my baby while we were travelling on the river. We had no clothes, no bed sheets, no mosquito nets to protect the baby. As you can see, the situation is still the same here. We don't have blankets, mosquito nets and bed sheets."

01:52-02:07 Haat, Jonglei state Shot: 18 June 2015 Woman grinding sorghum into a paste using a stone. Children playing with sorghum near a tin of vegetable oil. ENDS

The footage was shot in Haat, Jonglei State on 18 and 19 June 2015. A WFP emergency response team has been in Haat as part joint rapid response mechanism to hard-to-reach areas with UNICEF and other partners. They registered over 6,000 people, including several IDPs who have fled fighting in neighbouring Unity State. The food commodities – cereals, pulses, vegetable oil and nutrition products were delivered by air through airdrops and airlifts.

As the peace talks have been unsuccessful and the rainy season starts (May/June to October), fighting intensified in Upper Nile and Unity states since April. Over 2 million people are currently either internally displaced or sought refuge in neighbouring



countries. More than 120,000 are sheltered in UN compounds, the highest level since the start of the conflict in December 2013.

Further, the country's macro-economic situation has deteriorated and is manifested by sharp inflation and currency depreciation. This is resulting in disrupted market supply, increased crime and an additional burden on the population, especially the urban poor.

- WFP and its partners assisted about 2.2 million people in South Sudan between the start of January and end of May this year.
- About 1.1 million of these people were provided life-saving food and nutrition assistance through our emergency operation for people directly affected by conflict, mainly in the states of Jonglei, Upper Nile and Unity, as well as Protection of Civilians areas (PoCs) and other large IDP-hosting centres.
- About 1.1 million people were assisted across the country through our protracted relief and recovery operation that supports people's resilience-building activities and refugees in South Sudan.
- In 2015 WFP aims to assist 3 million people in South Sudan. This includes lifesaving emergency assistance for 1.4 million people directly affected by conflict and 1.6 million people through our recovery operation.

- 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. Each year, WFP assists some 80 million people in around 75 countries.
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