WFP News Video
Ebola Crises
Location: Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Mali
TRT 2:47
Shot 19, 24, 25, 28 October

00:00-00:13
Voinjama, Liberia
Shot 24 October 2014
Aerials of Voinjama, a rural area where WFP is building one of the many logistic bases.

00:12-00:31
Voinjama, Liberia
Shot 24 October 2014
WFP staff building logistic hub

00:31-00:53
SOT Victoria Cavanagh, WFP spokesperson
Shot in Monrovia, Liberia 28 October 2014
“Speed is of the essence right now, and the entire humanitarian community is working around the clock to get on top of this crisis. WFP is using its logistics expertise to build Ebola Treatment Units, to transport huge amounts of cargo into the affected countries and then once it’s here, making sure its stored, managed properly so it can be sent out to remote areas where is really needed “

00:53-01:22
Bofossou, Macenta, Guinea
Shot 24 October 2014
WFP Food distribution. 1270 people received rice, split peas, salt, vegetable oil and highly nutritional cereal formula.

01:22-01:39
SOT Victoria Cavanagh, WFP spokesperson
Shot in Monrovia, Liberia 28 October 2014
“The spread of Ebola is disrupting food trade and markets not just in Sierra Leone, Guinea and Liberia but also the surrounding region. Many families have already seen their livelihoods affected. WFP is working to make sure that this health crisis does not become a food and nutrition crisis as well”

01:39-02:09 Rally Town Market, Monrovia, Liberia
Shot 19 October 2014
Various market scenes

02:09-02:27
Bamako, Mali
Shot 24 October 2013
off loading a UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) aircraft that flew one metric ton of critical medical supplies to Mali on behalf of the World Health Organization
(WHO) after the first case of Ebola was identified in the country. The flight landed in Bamako with the supplies, including personal protection equipment kits, globes, face shields and buckets.

02:27-02:47
Kissidougou Airport in Forest Guinea
Shot the 25 October 2014
UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) plane Conakry- Kissidougou
Humanitarian workers getting on board.
Passengers on the UNHAS flight wear surgical masks and clean their hands before boarding the plane in order to ensure hygiene standards and prevent transmission of the Ebola virus on board.

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EBOLA OUTBREAK
Guinea - Sierra Leone – Liberia - DRC
27 October 2014

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

- On 24 October, a UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) aircraft flew one metric ton of critical medical supplies to Mali on behalf of the World Health Organization (WHO) after the first case of Ebola was identified in the country. The flight landed in Bamako with the supplies, including personal protection equipment kits, globes, face shields and buckets.

- On Tuesday, 21 October, WFP handed over 30 vehicles (20 ambulances and 10 burial vehicles) purchased with World Bank funding to the government of Sierra Leone. The vehicles were airlifted to Freetown by WFP from its logistics hub in Dubai. Another 44 vehicles, also funded by the World Bank, are expected to arrive in Freetown by sea in the forthcoming weeks.

- A ship contracted by WFP for the Ebola response (MV Falkenberg) carrying 7,000 metric tons of rice arrived in Freetown, Sierra Leone, from Cotonou, Benin. It is unloading part of its cargo in Freetown before proceeding to Monrovia, Liberia.

- Two of the four Ebola Treatment Units (ETU) that WFP is building in Monrovia have been completed. One of the units is expected to be handed over to WHO this week. In response to a government request, WFP will also build three ETUs in Guinea.

- On Friday, 17 October, WFP and partners started its biggest food distribution so far, to 265,000 people in Waterloo on the outskirts of Freetown, Sierra
Leone, through 700 aid workers, providing over 800 metric tons of rice and Super Cereal. The distribution of the 30-day rations should be completed within days.

**WFP EBOLA RESPONSE**

- Supporting the medical response to stop the spread of Ebola, WFP is focusing on meeting the basic food and nutrition needs of affected families and communities – over 1 million people – in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

- The spread of Ebola is disrupting food trade and markets in Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia and the region. Many families have seen their livelihoods affected. WFP is working to prevent this health crisis from becoming a food and nutrition crisis.

- Besides food, WFP is providing crucial transport and logistics support particularly to medical partners, building Ebola treatment centres and storage hubs for the whole humanitarian community from capital cities to remote areas.

- As WFP ramps up to help fight the most severe acute public health emergency in modern times, it requires US$179.6 million to provide food and common humanitarian services until February 2015. So far, US$81.3 million has been received.

- WFP is very 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 the World Bank (through the Governments of Sierra Leone, Guinea and Liberia), Canada, the United States, the UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), Japan and China.

**KEY DATA**

- WFP has distributed food to **776,000 people since April** in urban and rural areas, often on the basis of house-to-house and one family at a time.

- World Health Organization - latest figures (19 October) **4,877 deaths** and 9,936 Ebola cases in the three most affected countries.

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

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