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WFP News Video

Syrian Refugees In Jordan In Need of Food to Fight off a Harsh Winter

Zaatari Refugee Camp, Jordan

Shot 5/6Dec2012

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(English/Arabic)

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Zaatari refugee camp, Jordan

shot 5/6 Dec2012

30,000 Syrians in Zaatari refugee camp facing a harsh winter.

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Zaatari refugee camp, Jordan

shot 6 Dec2012

15day old baby born in Zaatari refugee camp

:31-1:00

Zaatari refugee camp, Jordan

shot 6 Dec2012

WFP bread distribution

1:00-1:22

Zaatari refugee camp, Jordan

shot 6 Dec2012

SOT Laure CHADRAOUI, WFP Spokesperson

"Its already winter in this camp..its very cold..the temperature drops here as low as minus 2 or minus 3 sometimes..especially at night and WFP is providing food to these refugees,,to every family here in this camp. They can get a nutritious meal every day and it helps them fend off the cold."

1:22-1:40

Zaatari refugee camp, Jordan

shot 6 Dec2012

Um Rand fled Daraa, Syria with her 3 sons and 2 daughters when shelling burned their house down. Every two weeks she recives a ration of rice, bulgur, pulses, pasta, sugar and salt.

1:41-1:47

Zaatari refugee camp, Jordan

shot 6 Dec2012

SOT Um Rand (Arabic)

“My son has only a short sleeved shirt..the clothes we had on when we escaped our country”

1:47-1:52

Cut away stirring pasta

1:52-1:55

Zaatari refugee camp, Jordan

shot 6 Dec2012

SOT Um Rand (Arabic)

“..its cold..unbelievably cold..”

1:55-2:20

Zaatari refugee camp, Jordan

shot 6 Dec2012

Um Rand feeding her family

Winter Presents New Challenges for Syrian Refugees

ZAATARI REFUGEE CAMP, JORDAN -- Thousands of refugees who fled the conflict in Syria to Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey, and Iraq are now facing a harsh winter. WFP continues to provide food assistance to vulnerable Syrian families to help them fend off the cold.

In Zaatari refugee camp in Jordan, more than 30,000 Syrian refugees have already sought refuge and every day new families risk their lives crossing the border. Over the past week, an average of 300 people arrived in the camp daily. WFP is covering their food needs through the distribution of a monthly food basket containing a variety of items including rice, bulgur, pulses, pasta, sugar and salt. WFP also conducts a daily bread distribution providing six metric tonnes of bread each day. Newly arriving families also receive WFP ready-to-eat meals.

WFP food rations combined with UNHCR complimentary goods provide nearly 2,400 kilocalories per person on a daily basis, the necessary energy requirement to help them through the cold.

During October, WFP discontinued hot meals in Zaatari following the opening of communal kitchens where refugees can now cook their own meals using WFP dry rations. More than 100 communal kitchen are now ready and one hundred more kitchens are still under preparation.

Elsewhere in the country, WFP is assisting Syrians living in host communities through food vouchers or distributions of food baskets. The food voucher has a value of US \$31 per person per month (or 22 Jordanian dinars) which refugees can redeem at local shops. In November, over 38,000 Syrian refugees in Jordan received WFP food vouchers.

The conflict in Syria is also affecting food prices in Jordan. The reduction of food imports from Syria and an increased demand from new Syrian arrivals have increased food prices by nearly 50 percent. This, coupled with poor harvests this year led to a steep increase in vegetable price. WFP plans to increase the food voucher value by 2 JD per person per month to respond to food prices increases.

More than 465,000 Syrian refugees are currently registered or awaiting registration in Syria's neighboring countries. Joint needs assessments in these countries showed that food was a top priority. WFP has provided food assistance to close to 160,000 refugees during October, using food vouchers and in-kind food distributions and continues to scale up assistance.

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