World Food Programme Mounts Emergency Operation to Provide Food for Refugees Fleeing Burundi

Location: Tanzania
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Language: English

00:00-00:22
Kagunga Village
Shot 23 May 2015
This is the first point of settlement for many of the refugees crossing into Tanzania. It is a lakeside village on the shores of Lake Tanganyika. There have been many cases of cholera or suspected cholera at Kagunga with some 30 deaths.

GV of refugees on shore at Kagunga
Health worker washing her hands
Sick boy in tented clinic (suffering from acute watery diarrhea)

00:22-00:32
Kagunga Village
Shot 23 May 2015
SOT (English) Lucien Ndayikengurukiye, Burundian refugee
“I have been a refugee now, today, because in Burundi there is no security and some people nowadays have guns.”

00:32-00:53
Lake Tanganyika
Shot 23 May 2015
Refugees are relocated from Kagunga to Kigoma stadium, using ship MV Lemba, an old German ship from 1914.

Refugees boarding ship, cruising on Lake Tanganyika, getting off at Kigoma and transferred to the Stadium.

00:53-01:20
Kigoma stadium
Shot 22 May 2015
The stadium is a transit point for thousands of Burundian refugees who have come from Kagunga. The refugees at the stadium are being overseen by UNHCR. WFP's partner for providing the hot meals is Caritas. Refugees are moved from the stadium to Nyaragusu refugee camp once space there becomes available.

GV of refugees arriving at the stadium
01:20-01:38
Kigoma stadium
Shot 22 May 2015

SOT Domina Kambarangwe WFP Tanzania
“WFP do provide food, provides three meals a day for all refugees that are hosted in this center and normally they just stay two to three days before they are transferred to Nyaragusu camp so we provide in the morning the porridge and then lunch and supper.

01:38-02:06
Kigoma stadium
Shot 22 May 2015

WFP food distribution, refugees get 3 hot meals per day.

Refugees receiving food, eating

02:06-02:22
Kigoma stadium
Shot 22 May 2015

Woman sheltering from the sun
Kids playing football in the stadium

Storyline

- WFP is concerned that the political crisis in Burundi could lead to a humanitarian crisis. It is already causing tens of thousands of people to flee to neighbouring countries. It is also affecting food security inside Burundi, which is already one of the poorest and most food insecure countries on earth.

- WFP is providing food and nutrition assistance to more than 60,000 Burundian refugees who have fled to Rwanda, Tanzania and DRC and that number is growing. WFP and other humanitarian partners are preparing to assist more if needed.

- WFP has been able to mobilize some emergency funding, allowing us to immediately respond to the initial needs, but this is not enough to sustain assistance, especially if the number of refugees keeps rising. WFP urgently needs funds to meet immediate food needs in the coming months.

- WFP is ready to assist people inside Burundi who are affected by the crisis if needed. We are measuring the impact of the crisis on food security, including internal displacements or disruption of food markets or livelihoods.

In Tanzania:
• More than 26,000 Burundian refugees already receiving WFP assistance:

• Burundian refugees are arriving into Tanzania through more than 30 entry points, and to date more than 46,000 have arrived in the country.

• The vast majority of the refugees arrived at Kagunga, a remote village in northwest Tanzania on the shores of Lake Tanganyika.

• WFP is providing ready-to-eat food (dates) to refugees as they arrive at Kagunga village and to those in transit to Nyarugusu Refugee Camp. On arrival at the camp and Kigoma Stadium, refugees are served with a hot meal and receive High Energy Biscuits once registered, WFP provides them with a two-week dry food ration of maize, beans, oil, salt and Super Cereal (fortified Corn Soya blend). They will be incorporated into WFP’s ongoing General Food Distribution and other programmes once they are settled in a camp.

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