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WFP News Video

Location: Argo, Badakshan in Northern Afghanistan

Shot: 5 May 2014

TRT 02:22

SHOTLIST:

00:00-00:13

Aerials of mountains and valleys

00:13-00:36

Various of people staying in a makeshift camp near Argo

00:36-00:53

WFP food distribution

00:53-01:20

SOT Marcus Prior WFP Programme officer

"the World Food Programme has delivered supplies into the landslides zone in Argo district of Badakshan province, and is now being delivered to 700 needy families here. Some of them have lost their homes entirely, others simply can't go back to them because it's just too dangerous. The important thing is today they are getting food assistance which will help them through the next few weeks as they seek to reestablish their lives"

01:20-01:38

WFP food distribution

01:38-02:09

SOT local villager

English translation from Dari:

"We appreciate that WFP has come here to help us. They came despite all the difficulties here and now they are with us. We are very grateful to WFP – people are very satisfied with the food we have received"

02:09-02:22

People leaving with food rations

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STORYLINE

- WFP has distributed food to 700 families who have lost their homes in Friday's landslide in Badakshan province.
- The two-month ration consists of wheat and vegetable oil, and will be supplemented with pulses and oil.
- WFP is monitoring the situation to assess further need for humanitarian assistance, and also to identify ways in which to support on the longer term, people who have lost their livelihoods.

WFP has been on the ground since early Saturday morning (3 May 2014).

Rescue efforts were officially suspended on 4 May and details of the number of casualties remain unclear. Many hundreds of families have been displaced by the catastrophe.

Large tracts of agricultural land have been lost in the landslide, therefore putting communities' future food security and source of livelihoods at risk.

Badakhshan is susceptible to recurrent natural disasters. This adds to the province's chronic poverty and the high vulnerability of its people. WFP was already responding to floods in neighbouring provinces in northern Afghanistan when this latest disaster hit.

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