

WFP News Video:

Location: DPR Korea

Shot:9-10-11 May 2018

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SHOTLIST

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Pyongyang

Shot 10 May 2018

views of the city

:21-:50

Sinwon County

Shot 9 May 2018

GV of water reservoir, maize fields .

WFP supported the construction of a water reservoir in Komchon Ri, Sinwon county, South Hwanghae province, in the autumn of 2017. Before, all water for irrigation came from a small stream at the bottom of the valley, but this wasn't enough when the water levels were low. Now the reservoir irrigates about 1,100 hectares of land and has led to an increase in agricultural production. 2,944 people worked on the construction for 40 days, receiving maize and pulses for themselves and their families, thus providing food for a total of 11,482 people. In addition to food, WFP also contributed necessary equipment such as shovels, pickaxes, wheelbarrows, boots and gloves, while the community provided cement and stones for construction.

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SOT David Beasley, WFP Executive Director

DPR Korea

Shot 11 May 2018

“There’s good news and bad news, like there is in almost every nation that we’re in. The good news is: there’s improvement. We’re making a difference. People are working hard to truly be food secure. The bad news is only 15% of the land in this country is arable. Also they face floods and droughts and malnutrition. So we’re working with them to address their food security issues. And I do believe with a lot of work and a lot more support around the world, we’ll be able to make a difference.”

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Hasong Kindergarten in Sinwon County

Shot 9 May 2018

WFP’s Executive Director, David Beasley visiting Hasong kindergarten, school meal preparation, children singing

Children under the age of five receive biscuits and blended food fortified with vitamins and minerals from WFP. But, many at this school no longer receive WFP assistance since last November due to funding shortfalls.

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Storyline

The Executive Director of the World Food Programme (WFP), David Beasley, has concluded an official visit to the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea from 8-11 May.

During his visit, Beasley spent two days in the capitol city Pyongyang meeting with senior government officials and two days visiting a number of WFP projects in different parts of the rural areas of the country. He travelled to Sinwon County in

South Hwanghae Province where he saw a food-for-assets project in Komchon Ri village and visited a WFP-supported children's nursery. He also travelled by vehicle from Pyongyang to Sinuiju City in North Pyongan province, visiting a local factory where WFP produces fortified biscuits for its projects.

WFP aims to assist 650,000 women and children in DPR Korea every month, providing highly nutritious, fortified cereals and biscuits that can address their nutritional needs. Funding shortfalls have meant that rations have had to be reduced and suspended in some cases.

Hundreds of thousands of young children, pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers in DPRK face undernutrition.

In all 10.3 million people are undernourished out of total population of 24.8 million (SOFI 2017)

Around one-in-three young mothers and children under five suffer from anaemia (32.5 percent mothers 29 percent under-five SOFI 2017)

Sustained funding is needed to ensure WFP can continue providing support to vulnerable communities in DPR Korea.

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