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Shotlist:
Location: Hamman Al Alil screening centre/Baghdad, Iraq
Dates: 16, 22, March, 2017
Languages: English
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:00-:38
Hamman Al Alil screening centre
Shot 16 March 2017
General shots of Hamman Al Alil screening centre. Families carrying food to the portable warehouses. Close up of feet walking in mud. It is still the rainy season in this part of Iraq and the nights can be very cold.
Big portable warehouses have been erected to shelter families who have to stay overnight. Close ups of entrance to warehouse. Blankets drying on the fence.

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Baghdad
Shot 22 March 2017
SOT Inger Marie Vennize, WFP Iraq Spokesperson
“When people walk out of West Mosul they are really tired and hungry and fortunately the local NGOs are cooking hot meals for people and they really need that when they arrive at the screening centres... What the World Food Programme is doing is that we are giving people ready to eat food boxes so they have something for a couple of days until they reach camps, but in order to assist people more funding is urgently needed.”

1:03-2:06
Hamman Al Alil screening centre
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Local NGO distributing hot meals.
Families carrying WFP food rations, UNHCR blankets, water.
Children eating.

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• WFP is extremely concerned about an estimated 700,000 people still trapped in the western part of Mosul. WFP calls on all parties to the conflict to facilitate safe access to all those in need.

• Since the (Feb 19) start of the offensive to retake western Mosul, WFP has assisted more than 500,000 displaced people with ready-to-eat food. Of these, almost 90,000 people have also received monthly food rations.

• Families from western Mosul began to arrive at camps six days after the offensive started. Since then, an average of 4,500 people have fled this part of the city every day, with the number of people arriving at screening centres and camps rapidly increasing.

• Since the start of the initial Mosul offensive in October 2016, WFP has provided ready-to-eat food for over 1.3 million people from eastern Mosul and the Mosul corridor. This includes families in camps and those remaining in their homes.

• WFP provides assistance when families arrive at screening centres or camps. When security allows, WFP works to support people in newly retaken areas.

• Reliable information on the food security situation inside western Mosul is limited. However, a WFP telephone survey from 7-8 March found that the situation is rapidly deteriorating as markets are closed and food is no longer available. As many families have been without income for almost three years, people are struggling to feed their families. Accounts from people fleeing western Mosul support the survey results.

• Once displaced families are settled in camps or have access to cooking facilities in host communities, WFP distributes monthly food rations.

• One monthly ration covers the food needs of a family of five with staples such as wheat flour, rice, chickpeas, salt, oil and sugar.

• WFP provides monthly assistance to almost 1.4 million people across Iraq, including 400,000 displaced by the conflict in 2014 and those currently living in camps.

WFP is the world's largest humanitarian agency fighting hunger worldwide, delivering food assistance in emergencies and working with communities to improve nutrition and build resilience. Each year, WFP assists some 80 million people in around 80 countries.

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