NEW: WFP Video from Ebola Affected areas
TRT 02:38
Location: Liberia, Sierra Leone

00:00-00:22
UNHAS passenger plane, Liberia
Shot 15 October 2014
Landing Monrovia airport, US Osprey preparing for take off. WFP manages the UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) to fly humanitarian workers and light cargo within and between the three affected countries and regional hubs. On 25 September, the air ‘humanitarian corridor’ from Dakar to the affected countries was re-opened. Flights link the three countries to Dakar and Accra. UNHAS has so far transported 819 passengers and about 9.7 metric tons of light cargo for 34 organizations.

00:22-00:48
Emergency Treatment Units contruction
Monrovia, Liberia
Shot 20 October 2014
WFP teams work through the night to build this emergency treatment unit near the stadium in Monrovia. WFP is building 4 treatment centres in Monrovia.

00:48-01:19
Ship unloading
Freetown, Sierra Leone
Shot 20 October 2014
WFP charted ship (MK Falkenberg) being off loaded. It was loaded in Cotonou with 7000 tons of rice + 12 tons of Corn Soya Blend. First stop now in Freetown. It will then proceed onto Monrovia with the rest of the cargo. It is the biggest quantity of food moved by a WFP-chartered vessel since the start of Ebola crisis.

01:19-01:34
Vehicles arriving
Freetown airport, Sierra Leone
Shot 18 October 2014
Off-loading of WFP cargo flight carrying 13 ambulances and 2 burial vehicles funded by World Bank, purchased and airlifted from Dubai to Freetown by WFP.

01:34-01:43
WFP logistic hub,
Monrovia, Liberia
Shot 18 October 2014
GV of people working in the logistic hub
01:43-02:19
SOT Martin Penner WFP spokesperson,
WFP logistic hub, Monrovia, Liberia
Shot 18 October 2014
“This hub was built by the World Food Programme a few weeks ago and it is already running at full stretch, it works as a kind of giant sorting house for the tons and tons of cargo and equipment that are coming into the airport every day...planes arrive bringing protective gear, medical supplies, food, generators and it’s all brought here where it’s stored in the warehouses and then dispatched to any part of the country wherever is needed, and it is a crucial part of the response because there’s one thing we really need to get right in this emergency and that is getting the right equipment to the right places as soon as possible.”

02:19-02:39
WFP logistic hub, Monrovia, Liberia
Shot 18 October 2014
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**EBOLA OUTBREAK**
Guinea - Sierra Leone – Liberia - DRC
20 October 2014

**Key Messages**

- **Supporting the medical response to stop the spread of Ebola**, WFP is focusing on meeting the basic food and nutrition needs of affected families and communities – over 1 million people – in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

- **Besides food**, WFP is providing crucial transport and logistics support particularly to medical partners, building Ebola treatment centres and storage hubs for the whole humanitarian community in capital cities and other areas.

- **As WFP ramps up to help fight the most severe acute public health emergency in modern times**, it requires US$179.6 million to provide food and common humanitarian services until February 2015. Just over a third (US$66.2 million) has been received.

- **WFP is very grateful to all donors supporting our work to help stop Ebola but more funding is needed.** The top five donors to WFP’s Ebola response are the World Bank (through the Governments of Sierra Leone, Guinea and Liberia), the United States, the UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), Japan and China.
The spread of Ebola is disrupting food trade and markets in Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia and the region. So far impacts on food prices have been mixed. WFP is gearing up to prevent this health crisis from becoming a food and nutrition crisis.

KEY DATA

- WFP has distributed food to 534,000 people since April in urban and rural areas, often on the basis of house-to-house and one family at a time.

- On Friday, 17 September, WFP and partners started distributions to an additional 265,000 people on the outskirts of Freetown, Sierra Leone, through 700 aid workers providing over 800 metric tons of rice, pulses, vegetable oil and salt.

- The 30-day rations were provided through 60 distribution sites, which were each sub-divided on average into five smaller sites to avoid the risks of large crowds.

- WFP needs US$179.6 million for its overall Ebola response - US$92.6 million is to provide food to an estimated 1.3 million people over six months.

- WHO - latest figures (17 October) 4,555 deaths and 9,216 Ebola cases.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

- Equipment is being airlifted in the affected countries this week to build logistics bases in more remote areas to be exclusively dedicated to the Ebola response.

- A ship contracted by WFP for the Ebola response (MV Falkenberg) carrying 7,000 metric tons of rice has arrived in Freetown, Sierra Leone, from Cotonou, Benin. It will unload part of its cargo in Freetown before proceeding to Monrovia, Liberia.

- WFP is supporting the Sierra Leone Government by procuring 74 World Bank-funded vehicles including ambulances, mortuary vehicles and pickup trucks. The first batch of 30 vehicles arrived in the country on 18 October.
WFP is the world’s largest humanitarian agency fighting hunger worldwide, delivering food in emergencies and working with communities to build resilience. In 2013, WFP assisted more than 80 million people in 75 countries.

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