WFP News Video

WFP in Urgent Need of Funds to Help Refugees from South Sudan

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29 Jan 2014
Uganda, South Sudan
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SHOTLIST

00:00-00:37
Adjumani, Uganda
Shot: 26/27 Jan 2014
refugees from South Sudan w/ their belongings arriving at camp.

00:37-01:01
Adjumani, Uganda
Shot: 26/27 Jan 2014
WFP truck carrying food/distribution of food to refugees.

01:01-01:22
Adjumani, Uganda
Shot: 26/27 Jan 2014
SOT Gloria Anywalali, WFP field monitor
“Most of the population coming are children and mothers, so food is a crucial necessity at the moment because as you can see some of them have tracked a long distance they hardly had anything to eat, so their one of the most important need is food at the moment.”

01:22-01:28
Adjumani, Refugee Baratuku Camp, Uganda
Shot: 26/27 Jan 2014
WFP food distribution

01:30-01:33
Shot: 26/27 Jan 2014
Adjumani, Refugee Baratuku Camp, Uganda
SOT Khot Achilota, from Bor, 36 years old, a mother of six.
“I had nothing to feed my children, only this ration that has been given to me. This what I will offer to my family”

01:33-01:38
Shot: 26/27 Jan 2014
Adjumani, Refugee Baratuku Camp, Uganda
Refugees bringing food to the camp

01:38-01:59
Shot: 26/27 Jan 2014
Adjumani, Refugee Baratuku Camp, Uganda
Children eating

01:59-02:21
Shot: 25 Jan 2014
Juba, South Sudan
WFP food distribution to internally displaced people

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- WFP is assisting tens of thousands of refugees who have arrived in the neighbouring countries of Uganda, Ethiopia and Kenya since fighting erupted in South Sudan in mid-December.

- At reception centres in Uganda, WFP is working with UNHCR to provide cooked meals to the influx of newly arriving refugees. Around 60,000 refugees have crossed the Ugandan border since mid-December when the crisis broke out. About 87 percent of the refugees are women and children.

- WFP is providing high energy biscuits at Elegu border entry point. In addition, WFP is providing cooked meals at four transit centres (Dzaipi, Ocea, Nyumanzi and Kyirandongo) and monthly family rations when the refugees are resettled.

- In Uganda, WFP has been prioritizing the new arrivals, ensuring that the most vulnerable get 100 percent assistance. WFP’s budget for providing food for refugees in Uganda last year was about US$29 million; this year, it is US$52
million, but so far donors have committed only US$8 million in funds. WFP is funded entirely by voluntary contributions.

- In total in Uganda, WFP is assisting an estimated 250,000 refugees, the majority of them from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and South Sudan. All refugees who arrived prior to October 2013 have been receiving only half rations from January because of a lack of funding.

- **Inside South Sudan**, WFP and partners have so far provided food for more than 185,000 people displaced by the violence.

- WFP has launched an emergency operation to expand assistance to people affected by the crisis in South Sudan. The three-month, US$57.8 million operation will provide emergency food assistance to up to 400,000 internally displaced people (IDPs), including specialized nutritional support for new mothers and young children who are most at risk from a disruption in their food supply.

- **Aircraft from the UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)**, which is managed by WFP, are flying aid workers and urgently needed humanitarian cargo to areas around the country that have been extremely difficult to reach during the conflict. Recent cargoes flown have included urgent supplies of measles vaccines, flown to the war-torn town of Bor on behalf of UNICEF.

- The South Sudan crisis has forced more than half a million people to flee their homes in search of safety, and WFP fears that the impact on food security will be significant for some time even if the fragile cessation of hostilities agreement holds. Food insecurity was a major challenge for South Sudan even before the conflict erupted, and the unrest has disrupted commercial supplies to local markets in much of the country.

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