WFP News Video: South Sudan Faces Record Hunger

Shotlist
Location: South Sudan
Shot: 23-26 July 2019
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:00-:26
Gondokoro
Shot: 25 July 2019
Farmers walking to the field, clearing ground from the weeds.
These farmers are part of the Cash and Food for Assets programme activities.
The programme, run by WFP in collaboration with the cooperating partner AAH-I (Action Africa Help International), involves 1,500 households.
The beneficiaries work on farming and agricultural activities in exchange of cash.

:26-:37
Lologo, Juba
Shot: 25 July 2019
Porters off-loading truck at the logistics cluster warehouse in Lologo.
This is a shared facility for humanitarian partners and NGOs for the storage of non-food items.

:37-:50
Buluk, Juba
Shot: 26 July 2019
People attending a training at the Juba Urban Safety Net Project.
In collaboration with World Vision, WFP engages the beneficiaries in activities and trainings to develop their skills, improve nutrition and hygiene practices.
The beneficiaries receive cash in exchange for their participation in the trainings.

:50-01:19
Juba, WFP Office
Shot: 24 July 2019
SOT (English) Rejoice Itana, WFP Programme Assistant
“I was a refugee in Kenya, in Kakuma and I benefitted from WFP service. Now I work with WFP South Sudan, I love to work with the community, I love to deliver good quality service to the community. They deserve, they deserve safety, they deserve integrity, they deserve dignity from me.”

01:19-01:34
Ganyiel, Unity State
Shot: 23 July 2019
Aerials view.
WFP helicopter landing.
Young women waiting to receive WFP food assistance.

01:34-01:43
Ganyiel, Unity State
Shot: 23 July 2019
SHERP vehicles driving
To overcome the challenges of reaching difficult locations, WFP is using a new amphibious all-terrain vehicle, called SHERP, which can easily overcome any obstacle in its way, float and move out of the water. These vehicles can hold 1 ton of cargo, have very low fuel consumption and can run for around 500–600 km on a full tank.

01:43-01:53
Ganyiel, Unity State
Shot: 23 July 2019
People gathered at WFP food distribution.

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WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY

- Every day, humanitarian workers stand on the front lines of war and disaster, braving tremendous dangers and difficulties to deliver assistance to those who need it most. World Humanitarian Day is the day on which we honour humanitarian workers who have lost their lives, and those that continue to take risks every day in order to provide aid to people in need.

- The United Nations General Assembly designated 19 August as World Humanitarian Day to mark the date in 2003 when 22 people died in the bombing of the United Nations Headquarters in Baghdad, Iraq. The day has a mandate to honour aid workers, and to remind the nations of the world of their obligations to protect those who have devoted their lives to providing aid for others.

HUNGER IN SOUTH SUDAN

- A record number of people – 6.9 million, or more than 60 percent of South Sudan’s entire population – do not know where their next meal will come from. The food crisis stems from conflict since 2013, poor harvests, the displacement of millions of people within and outside the country, economic crisis and years of people's assets being depleted.

- Despite a peace agreement signed in September 2018 and some improved access for humanitarian workers into difficult to reach areas, hunger continues to deepen and has now reached unprecedented levels in the country with more and more people struggling to survive.

- This year, food insecurity has increased for various reasons including delayed rainfall, drought conditions over most of East Africa and the Horn and displacement. This is coupled with economic stagnation due to the longer-term effects of the conflict.

- Assessments carried out in June show that as many as 21,000 people -- particularly in the worst-hit areas of Jonglei, Lakes and Upper Nile regions -- face famine-like conditions. Without immediate food assistance, their situation is expected to deteriorate further.

IN NUMBERS
- WFP Funding needs from August to January 2020: US$ 481 m
- People in need of humanitarian assistance in 2019: 7.1 million
- People in need of food assistance: 6.9 million
People WFP aims to assist in 2019: 5.1 million
People WFP assisted in 2018: 5.3 million
People displaced inside South Sudan: 1.9 million
South Sudanese refugees in neighbouring countries: 2.3 million

WFP IN SOUTH SUDAN

The World Food Programme (WFP) is ramping up its response to reach up to 5.1 million people this year with urgent humanitarian support. All indications are that greater numbers of people will need life-saving humanitarian assistance in 2019 to avert a worsening situation.

The extremely high levels of hunger across South Sudan are entirely man-made – caused by conflict. WFP food assistance saves lives, and with donor support, can build communities’ resilience and allow them to sustain themselves once fighting ends.

WFP provides life-saving food distributions to the most vulnerable, along with food assistance to enable communities to construct or rehabilitate assets (Food Assistance for Assets), food for school meals and special products for the prevention and treatment of malnutrition among children, and pregnant or breastfeeding women. We integrate gender and protection in our work, including involving the people we serve in the design and delivery of assistance.

WFP and key partners pioneered an Integrated Rapid Response Mechanism, operational since 2014, where mobile teams reach people in remote, isolated areas. Traveling usually by helicopter and sleeping in tents, teams register people, so WFP can transport food, nutrition supplies and other assistance by road, river or airdrops, where there is no alternative access.

It is crucial that in 2019 we meet immediate food security needs while supporting people to produce their own food, through both farming and through selling produce whenever surplus crops are available to generate revenue and stimulate local markets.

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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