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BURKINA FASO AT EPICENTRE OF DRAMATIC HUMANITARIAN CRISIS GRIPPING CENTRAL SAHEL

WFP News Video

Shot: 9-14Nov2019/March2019

Location: Yirgou, Kaya, Pissila Burkina Faso / Rome, Italy

TRT: 3:59

SHOTLIST:

:00-:08

GV drone desert near Kaya (no audio)

1/3 of drought stricken Burkina Faso is currently considered a conflict zone as an armed insurgency spreads south from Mali and Niger displacing ½ million people in less than a year.

Near Kaya, Burkino Faso

Shot: 13Nov19

:08-:16

Military patrol

Yirgou, Burkina Faso

Shot: March2019

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Homes, motorcycle burned during insurgent attacks. People fled leaving everything behind

Yirgou, Burkina Faso

Shot: March2019

:27-38

Displaced people on the road carrying whatever belongings and livestock they could salvage.

Yirgou, Burkina Faso

Shot: March2019



:38-:55

61yr old, Zore Youssouf with his wives and children walking to their makeshift shelter in a displaced persons camp. Shows food he received from WFP.

Zore Youssouf was a successful farmer with 3 hectares of land in a village called Goeba. He and his 24 family members fled on foot some 90 kilometers to Pissala where more than 36,000 displaced people have taken refuge since May.

Pissila, Burkina Faso

Shot: 14Nov19

:55-1:23

SOT Zore Youssouf (More')

"When they killed my brother, Boureima, I hid in a river bed and came back in the morning to save my family//I left everything behind, no bicycle, no clothes, just the clothes I am wearing now."

Pissila, Burkina Faso

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Newly arrived displaced people take shelter under a tree

Kaya, Burkina Faso

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1:32-2:12

Sawadogo Ousmane and his wives fetching water, foraging wild growing leaves for food, cooking lunch

Sawadogo is a 26 yr old farmer from Tongomael who fled 200km to Kaya on foot with his wives and children. They are supplementing their diet with foraged leaves.

Kaya, Burkina Faso

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Children waiting for lunch

Malnutrition and illness is skyrocketing in Burkina Faso. Many have distended stomachs from malnutrition and parasites.

Kaya, Burkina Faso

Shot: 14Nov19



2:29-2:46

SOT Sawadogo Ousmane(More')

"What we need now is Food. Everything else is can wait. Once we get food then we will worry about clothes"

Kaya, Burkina Faso

Shot: 14Nov19

2:46-3:06

Children being tested for malnutrition at health clinic. Malnutrition rates are well above the emergency levels. When the band shows red in the measuring tape it means the child is severely malnourished.

Kaya, Burkina Faso

Shot: 13Nov19

2:46-3:31

SOT: David Beasley, WFP Executive Director(English)

""As we speak, millions of people are desperately hungry in the Sahel, hundreds of thousands are being displaced, thousands of people are being killed because of extremism and violence. In Burkina Faso alone there has been a 500% increase in displacement and one third of the nation is now a conflict area. This is a catastrophe – we've gotta act, and we gotta act now."

Rome, Italy

Shot: 12Nov2019

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Unloading WFP food at warehouse

Pissila, Burkina Faso

Shot: 13Nov19

3:47-3:59

Zore Youssouf eating with hjs family

Pissila, Burkina Faso

Shot: 13Nov19

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OUAGADOUGOU – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) today warned of an escalating humanitarian crisis driven by widespread violence and the long-term impact of climate change that has gripped Burkina Faso and neighbouring countries in the Central Sahel region of West Africa. WFP said the humanitarian response needed to be rapidly escalated to protect and save lives in Burkina Faso and the wider region.

“A dramatic human crisis is unfolding in Burkina Faso that has disrupted the lives of millions. Close to half a million people have been forced from their homes and a third of the country is now a conflict zone,” said WFP’s Executive Director, David Beasley. “Our teams on the ground are seeing malnutrition levels pushed well past emergency thresholds – this means young children and new mothers are on the brink. If the world is serious about saving lives, the time to act is now.”

There has been a sharp increase in violence in Burkina Faso – the number of attacks in the first half of 2019 surpassed the total for 2018, with reported civilian deaths four times the total recorded in 2018. The escalating levels of insecurity have led to schools being closed and farmers abandoning their fields in search of safety – this in a country where 4 out of 5 people rely on farming for their livelihoods.

The impact on the now 20 million people living in conflict areas across the region is dramatic. At least 486,000 people have been forced to flee their homes in Burkina Faso alone, bringing the total number of internally displaced people across the three Sahelian countries to 860,000 people. Meanwhile, 2.4 million people need food assistance in the Central Sahel - a figure that could rise due to continued displacements.

WFP and other humanitarian agencies are facing the growing crisis at a time when funds to support relief efforts are running low and a substantial injection of new resources is required to meet the growing needs.

Even without the exacerbating impact of insecurity, the Sahel is on the forefront of climate change, and many communities are already having to adapt to an unpredictable climate .



WFP is faced with the immense challenge of simultaneously responding to immediate humanitarian needs, while protecting investments made in community resilience and self-sufficiency to ensure that all the gains made in recent years are not lost.

WFP has stepped up its response, providing more than 2.6 million people with food and nutrition assistance so far this year in the three Central Sahel countries, focusing its efforts on areas where humanitarian needs are most severe and where large-scale population displacements have taken place.

WFP urgently needs US\$150 million for operations across the Central Sahelian nations of Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso, under existing programmes that include both emergency activities and resilience-building programmes.

Recent broadcast quality footage from Burkina Faso available [here](#), photos [here](#), feature story [here](#).

WFP's Director of Emergencies and Country Directors in Burkina Faso and Mali will be available for additional interviews

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