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WFP News Video: Haiti November 2019

**Location: Gonaives, Chansolme,
Nord-Ouest department, Port au Prince Haiti**
Shot: 23rd, 25th – 26th, 29th November 2019
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GV's trash covered streets in Gonaives.

Gonaives, Haiti

Shot: 26 Nov 2019

:07-:26

Shots of health centre waiting room. Nutritionist Myriam Dumerjusten attends to 25 year-old mother of four Alectine Michael and checks her youngest child, 8 month-old Jacqueline for malnutrition.

Gonaives, Haiti

Shot: 26 Nov 2019

:26-:30

SOT Nutritionist Myriam Dumerjusten (French)

"It's a lack of food and a lack of economic means."

Gonaives, Haiti

Shot: 26 Nov 2019

:30-:40

A convoy of 9 WFP trucks carry emergency food for a distribution to vulnerable people living in a remote rural area in Haiti Nord-Ouest department. The department is considered one of the most food insecure in the country according to a recent government study. Trucks arrive in Chansolme's school compound where a large crowd awaits for the food distribution.

Nord-Ouest department, Haiti

Shot: 23 Nov 2019

:40-:52



WFP food is off-loaded from the trucks and organised by WFP staff to facilitate the distribution by groups of 4 people.

Chansolme, Nord-Ouest department

Shot: 23 Nov 2019

:52-1:07

People line up to confirm their ID before distribution. Priority is given to elderly people, pregnant women and handicapped who will be the first in line to receive the food assistance.

Chansolme, Nord-Ouest department

Shot: 23 Nov 2019

1:07-1:19

Vixama Dianise, 24-year-old, mother of two, from Nan Moro village outside Chansolme collecting food assistance. At the moment she is out of work and her husband is occasionally employed on a daily basis for farm work.

Chansolme, Nord-Ouest department

Shot: 23 Nov 2019

1:19-1:36

SOT Vixama Dianise, (Creole)

"We didn't have anything left. Thank God we have some now. Some days, I don't know what I will give my children to eat. I am proud to be able to share this food with my family."

Chansolme, Nord-Ouest department

Shot: 23 Nov 2019

1:36-1:46

General shots of the open-air market of Plateau, outside Gonaives, in the Artibonite department. Clip Rosalie Limage, coordinator of OFDAD, a local women's organisation for development, discussing with a trader at the market.

Due to the recent insecurity Plateau market, one of the biggest in Haiti, has been affected.

Gonaives

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1:46-1:59

SOT Rosalie Limage, Coordinator of OFDAD (French)

"The most vulnerable families are in distress. They have no recourse. Only families who have the opportunity to have cultivate something in their fields could feed the children."

Gonaives

Shot: 26 Nov 2019



1:59-2:08

Osená Previlon, a 42-year-old woman, mother of two, who grows vegetables in the Plateau area, at her stall in the market place.

Osená Previlon, a 42-year-old woman, mother of two, grows vegetables in the Plateau area, close to the town of Gonaives. Osená is member of a group of 250 men and women small holder farmers working with a local WFP partner to provide fresh food for the school feeding programme. But schools have been closed since the start of the academic year in September, due to the recent unrest. Osená continues to work in her farm, growing a variety of products: spinach, okra, eggplants, papayas, citrus, basil and peppers. Given that the schools are closed, she goes to a large market outside Gonaives to try and sell her products. Sheshe says that traders are offering her half of what she used to receive before the crisis started in September. To improve her income, she also prepares meals for other local farmers who work on improving the network of water irrigation ahead of the tomato planting season. She also owns a few goats and chicken that she sells on the market when she needs to raise money.

Gonaives

Shot: 26 Nov 2019

2:08-2:31

SOT Alexis Masciarelli, WFP Communications Officer (English)

"Vulnerable Haitian families face a very serious situation. They've seen prices rising, their currency devaluate and more recently social economic unrest barricades in the streets and many schools and businesses closing and. With our partners, we are doing the utmost to reach a growing number of these people with food assistance and also cash so they can buy on local markets, like this one, to feed their family."

Port au Prince

Shot: 29 Nov 2019

2:31-2:42

Osená Previlon, peeling eggplants picked from her field and various shots preparing lunch for the family.

Gonaives

Shot: 25 Nov 2019

2:42-2:57

SOT Osená Previlon, Farmer (Creole)



"We are not living well. We are not eating well. We don't sleep well. We can't even move around because of the insecurity in the country. We have paid the school fees for our children but they are closed and they have not gone to class."

Port au Prince

Shot: 25 Nov 2019

2:57-3:12

Various shots of Osená and her family eating.

Gonaïves

Shot: 25 Nov 2019

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WFP News Release

6 December 2019

WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME RAMPING UP TO REACH 700,000 WITH EMERGENCY OPERATION IN HAITI

PORT-AU-PRINCE - The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has announced it is scaling up its operation to provide emergency food assistance to 700,000 people. To reach them and deliver common humanitarian services, WFP is appealing for US\$62 million.

One in three Haitians, or 3.7 million people, need urgent food assistance, including 1 million suffering severe hunger according to a nationwide study conducted in August by the CNSA (National Coordination for Food Security) with support from WFP and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

"Poor Haitian families face a very dramatic situation. WFP and its partners are doing their utmost to reach a growing number of vulnerable people with emergency assistance," said Miguel Barreto, WFP Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, who is currently on a field mission to Haiti from the 5th until the 7th of December.

Millions of Haitians have been hit hard by rising prices, a weakening local currency, and a drop in agricultural production. Social and civil unrest over the past three months rendered many main roads impassable too, further restricting access to food for poorer households. Recently, a slight improvement in security allowed WFP to deliver food assistance to families cut off since September.



Over the past three weeks, nearly 23,000 people have received emergency food assistance in the Nord-Ouest department, defined by the government's report as the most food insecure in the country. WFP provides families with enough food for a month.

WFP is also expanding distributions and providing cash and vouchers to other departments affected by food insecurity. In November, 67,000 people were given cash so as local markets recover, households can purchase food locally. So far in 2019, WFP has met the emergency food needs of 138,000 people across the country. New distributions and deliveries will be organized whenever the security situation allows.

The unrest has hampered humanitarian organizations' efforts too. Transport of WFP food to many vulnerable communities, particularly using the main roads between the capital Port-au-Prince and Artibonite and across southern Haiti has been affected.

"Despite these challenges, we are committed to ensure the continuity of our assistance. It's heart-warming to see schools reopening and children able to attend class, as we also provide them with a hot meal. For poor families, it is often the only meal they eat in a day," said Barreto.

WFP's school feeding programme provides meals to 300,000 children annually in 1,200 schools nationwide. It is considered the largest food safety net in Haiti but only 60 percent of schools have reopened since the turmoil began three months ago.

To reach areas difficult or impossible to access by road, WFP launched a three-month air operation in late November. A chartered Mi8-AMT helicopter is providing reliable transport for cargo and staff from the entire humanitarian community. It can carry up to 22 passengers or 4 tons of cargo.

For WFP, investing in sustainable solutions is key to addressing the root causes of food insecurity in Haiti. WFP significantly increased its support to local agriculture in line with Government plans to revitalize the agriculture sector as a means of tackling food insecurity.

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