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Lack of Funds May Force WFP to Halt Essential Humanitarian Airlifts and Passenger Flights To Countries Isolated by COVID-19 Pandemic

Shot: May, June 2020

Nepal, South Africa, Ethiopia, Ghana, Afghanistan

TRT: 2:26

SHOTLIST:

:00-:20

Various shots humanitarian cargo flight from Kuala Lumpur at Tribhuvan Airport, containing medical supplies, including PPE, masks and sanitizer to be reloaded onto trucks and sent to COVID-hit provinces.

Shot: 3June20

Kathmandu, Nepal

:20-:30

Humanitarian workers departing from OR Tambo Airport Johannesburg to Addis Ababa.

Shot: 17June20

Johannesburg, South Africa

:30-:50

Various shots of Addis Ababa Humanitarian Response Hub.

Shot: 27May20

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

:50-1:01

Shot of COVID-19 hospital construction near Kotoka international Airport and completed main tent with hospital beds.

Shot: 16/28May20

Accra, Ghana



1:01-1:21

Various shots of Kotoka International airport, arrival of C-17 from UAE containing last consignment for hospital construction, WFP Executive Director visit to the Humanitarian Response Hub.

Shot: 28May20

Accra, Ghana

1:21-1:41

SOT David Beasley – WFP Executive Director (English):

“The Covid pandemic has created chaos and disrupted the supply chain all over the world, and this is why the World Food Programme is stepping up to fill in the gaps; because the supply chain breaking down we can’t move supplies whether its food, medical supplies - All the things that are needed out there in the field to help people stay alive and keep the economies going as well.”

Shot: 28May20

Accra, Ghana

1:41-1:56

Various shots of cash distribution in Kabul with COVID-19 measures in place including, social distancing, masks and hand washing. Around 18,000 families receive WFP cash assistance in Kabul, most of whom lost their jobs as a result of quarantine and lockdowns and have nothing or very little to survive.

Shot: 7June20

Kabul, Afghanistan

1:56-2:26

Various shots of Zahra registering, receiving cash distribution and returning home, in the kitchen and greeting her children. Zahra, mother of five, relies on the cash assistance to pay rent and feed her family.

Shot: 7June20

Kabul, Afghanistan



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HEALTH AND HUMANITARIAN AIR LIFELINE UNDER THREAT AS FUNDS RUN OUT

ROME – With much of the world’s commercial transport systems, particularly airlines, grounded by COVID-19, WFP - the world’s largest humanitarian organization fighting hunger and a global leader in logistics – has stepped in to move passengers and huge volumes of health and other supplies needed in the fight against the global pandemic.

Just as demand for this service is reaching its peak, it could grind to a halt before the end of July unless substantial funding can be secured to keep WFP’s transport fleet moving. Of the **\$965 million needed** to maintain the operation through to the end of the year, **only \$178 million** has so far been confirmed or advanced.

Here’s what Common Services have achieved so far:

- **375 passenger and cargo flights flown to destinations across Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East.**
- More than **2,500 responders from more than 80 aid organisations** flown to destinations where their assistance is urgently needed.
- **45 humanitarian partner organisations** supported with air freight
- **130 cargo and passenger destinations** reached so far
- Enough **cargo to fill 120 Jumbo Jets waiting** to be transported in coming weeks

Using a **network of global and regional transportation hubs**, WFP Aviation has over recent months transported huge volumes of urgently-needed medical supplies – including PPE, masks and ventilators – as well as staff from scores of aid organisations. And it’s not just aircraft – WFP also has large numbers of ships and trucks transporting goods on behalf of other UN agencies and non-government organisations.

Other Common Service facilities which WFP has helped set up for the humanitarian and health community include **two field hospitals**, one in East and the other in West Africa, and to date **16 medical evacuations** have been carried out, including with WFP-contracted air ambulances.

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