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Syria: Record Hunger From Conflict, Economic Crisis and COVID-19

Shot: April, June 2020

Deir Ezzor, Damascus, Idlib

TRT: 3:37

SHOTLIST:

:00-:36

GVs of Deir Ezzor including destruction and sparsely stocked markets. Approx. 110,000 people lived under siege in Deir Ezzor between 2015 – 2017. WFP performed over 300 high altitude airdrops over a 1.5 year period. By the end of the conflict, 80% of the city was destroyed and today, families struggling to re-build their lives and meet their basic needs.

Shot: 20June20

Deir Ezzor

:36-1:06

Various shots of WFP distribution of food and oil using protective measures and COVID19.

WFP currently provides food to over 142,000 of the most vulnerable people in Deir Ezzor

Shot: 9-10June20

Deir Ezzor

1:06-1:39

SOT Corinne Fleischer – WFP Syria Country Director (English):

“The food prices have never been as high as that over 9 years of conflict. And people tell us that they can’t afford to buy food on the market, they have to wait to buy food on the market until prices come down. Imagine, they are not waiting to buy a television or sports shoes, they are waiting to buy food. Parents can’t afford to feed their children anymore. They are cutting meals they are selling all their assets, and they are giving them less to eat.”

Shot: 22June20



Damascus

1:39-1:49

Various shots of makeshift shelters for people displaced from fighting in Idlib. Around 1 million people have been displaced by fighting in Idlib since December 2019

Shot: 7Apr20

Al-Dana camps, Idlib

1:49-1:59

Various shots of bakery, freshly baked bread made from WFP fortified wheat flour, bread being packaged and stacked for distribution.

Shot: 22Apr20

Sarmada, Al-Dana sub-district, Idlib

1:59-2:09

Various shots of bread distribution directly to people living in tents displaced from fighting in Idlib tents.

Shot: 7Apr20

Al-Dana camps, Idlib

2:09-2:36

SOT Um Tayyem – displaced from Mount Zawiya (Arabic):

“Because of the continuous bombing, we were displaced many times until we arrived at this camp.”

Shot: 6Apr20

Al-Dana camps, Idlib

2:36-2:46

Um Tayyem’s children studying and playing inside the family tent.

Shot: 6Apr20

Al-Dana camps, Idlib



2:46-3:06

SOT Um Tayyem – displaced from Mount Zawiya (Arabic):

“During this coronavirus pandemic, when we receive our monthly food basket, WFP staff take precautionary measures by wearing masks and disinfecting everyone’s hands and keeping safe distances between people.”

Shot: 6Apr20

Al-Dana camps, Idlib

3:06-3:37

Various shots of food distribution at Dalama camp with COVID-19 preventative measures in place.

Shot: 15April2020

Dalama camp, Idlib

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WFP News Release

25 June 2020

AFTER BOMBS AND GUNFIRE SYRIANS NOW FEAR A SILENT AND DEADLY ENEMY: HUNGER

NINE YEARS INTO THE CONFLICT, MORE SYRIANS THAN EVER BEFORE IN THE GRIP OF HUNGER AND POVERTY

DAMASCUS – Syrians today face an unprecedented hunger crisis as the prices of basic foods reach levels unseen even at the height of the nine-year conflict and millions of people are



pushed deeper into poverty the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) says, on the eve of a donors pledging conference for Syria.

WFP estimates that 9.3 million Syrians are now food insecure – with an increase of 1.4 million in the last six months alone.

A toxic cocktail of conflict, economic standstill, the freefall of the Lebanese economy - which is a vital bridge to Syria's - and COVID-19 lockdown measures, has pushed food prices more than 200% higher in less than a year.

Food prices are 20 times higher than their pre-crisis levels with the price of a basic package of foodstuffs 4,000 Syrian Pounds pre-conflict and now 76,000 SYP. Families are forced into painful survival choices such as cutting meals, reducing portions, selling assets and going deeper into debt. Even before schools shut due to COVID-19, many parents took their children out of school as they could no longer afford to send them.

"Families in Syria have already been through more than they can handle, they have exhausted their savings and often fled their homes and now face a downward spiral into poverty and hunger," says WFP Country Director in Syria Corinne Fleischer. "They are running out of options" she said,

Each month WFP provides food assistance to 4.8 million vulnerable people across all 14 governates of Syria and supports mothers and young children to improve their nutrition, while also providing school meals and snacks to students and helping families to restore their livelihoods.

WFP urgently requires US\$200 million to continue to provide food assistance in Syria until the end of the year. Unless new funding is available by August, WFP will be forced to drastically cut rations as well as the number of people reached with food as of October 2020.

"Food from WFP is a life-line for families who have lost everything; their homes, their jobs and they are now in a situation where food is beyond their reach," said Fleischer. "We are grateful for our donors in Syria, but the needs have never been greater, and we simply cannot let Syrians down," says Fleischer.

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