**WFP News Video:**

**Urgently Needed Humanitarian Aid Arrives at the Border as Gaza Risks Running Out of Food**

**Shot: 14-17Oct23**

**Egypt/Palestine**

**TRT: 3:03**

**SHOTLIST:**

**:00-:31**

**Unloading of Airlift of WFP fortified biscuits and mobile warehouses**

WFP has been airlifting and trucking food and other supplies to the Rafah border from WFP bases in Dubai and Egypt

**Arisha airbase, Egypt**

**Shot: 16Oct23**

**:31-:42**

**WFP trucks on the road to the border area carrying 40,000 Ready to Eat Meals**

**Near Alexandria, Egypt**

**Shot: 16Oct23**

**:42-:57**

**SOT Samer Abdeljaber, WFP Palestine Country Director (English)**

“WFP has tons of food coming in from planes and trucks around the region piled up and ready for the green light to enter into Gaza from any possible entry point. We need access into Gaza and we need to be able to reach the people inside wherever they are.”

**Jerusalem**

**Shot: 17Oct23**

**:57-1:33**

**B-Roll Destroyed Buildings, people picking through the rubble.**

**Abu Al-Kass, Gaza City**

**Shot: 14Oct23**

**1:33-1:44**

**People Crowd in a Supermarket Buying Food With WFP Vouchers**

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**Supermarket Attallah-Gaza**

**Shot:14Oct23**

**1:44-2:11**

**SOT Samer Abdeljaber, WFP Palestine Country Director (English)**

“As people line up to buy what they can with the voucher, the shops are going to run out of basic food items within days. Any existing stock can’t reach the shops, or the people, because of damaged infrastructure and lack of fuel. The number of bakeries we work with is decreasing by the day. They also don’t have enough water or electricity to produce bread. We have had to reduce the ration we are giving to people because while the shelters are overcrowding our ability to reach them is becoming more limited.”

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**2:17-2:26**

**SOT Eyad Khalil, 40 yrs old, 8 people in his family (Arabic):**

“My fear is for my children. My fear is for my relatives. My fear is for my neighbours. I fear for all of Gaza. Children are dying.”

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**2:26-2:30**

**Eyad Khalil shopping**

**Supermarket Attallah-Gaza**

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**2:30-2:56**

**SOT Eyad Khalil (Arabic)**

“We need everything. We need safety. We need peace. We need the necessities of life. Electricity. Water. Food. Drinking. There is no water. There is no water at all. Medicines for children. Food. Drinking. There is nothing.”

**Supermarket Attallah-Gaza**

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**2:56-3:03**

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**ENDS**

**INFO:**

**Food supplies are being stockpiled in the Egyptian city of Al Arish and close to the Gaza border, to be dispatched as soon as border access is granted. The World Food Programme (WFP) needs unimpeded access, and safe passage for desperately needed humanitarian supplies into Gaza.**

* WFP has mobilized 310 metric tons of food that are either at - or on the way to - the Egyptian border (Rafah) - enough to feed 244,000 people for one week.
* Two planes arrived from Dubai to Al Arish airport carrying ready-to-eat food – 20 metric tons of high energy biscuits and 2 mobile storage units for warehousing.
* There are also food supplies on the way to the border procured from regional suppliers - mainly canned food and date bars.

**Gazans fleeing southwards must be afforded safe passage and be protected in areas of displacement. Humanitarian organizations—including WFP—must be allowed to access these people whose needs are increasing by the hour.**

* + We appeal for safe unobstructed passage for all humanitarian workers and the protection of premises where they assist people who have fled their homes
  + We also appeal for civilians to be able to access humanitarian delivery points and services.
  + All parties to the conflict must mitigate the effects of the conflict on them, including the protection of essential infrastructure such as hospitals, water pumping stations and food distribution sites.
  + The massive population displacement will only increase already high humanitarian needs – especially as water supplies run low, with the risk of disease and dehydration.

**WFP plans to provide a vital food lifeline to 805,000 people in Gaza and the West Bank, who desperately need food, water, and essential supplies that are running out fast.** **Despite immense challenges, WFP is providing food and cash assistance each day In Palestine – for a total of 522,000 Palestinians since the start of the crisis.**

* + WFP plans to distribute ready-to-eat food and cash to **805,000 affected people** in the next 30 days.
  + It is critical to ensure the delivery of assistance and avert the further deterioration of a dire humanitarian situation.
  + WFP requires an immediate US$74 million for the next three months to provide this emergency assistance.

**What we know about the food situation in Gaza**

* Current stocks of essential food commodities are sufficient for approximately two weeks. At the shop level, the available stock lasts for less than a week. Retailers struggle to restock from wholesalers due to widespread destruction and insecurity.
* The bread supply is running short. Of the 5 flour mills in Gaza Strip only one mill is operating due to lack of fuel and electricity. Few bakeries are working. People are lining up for hours to get bread.  For WFP, only 5 of the 23 bakeries contracted by WFP to provide fresh bread in shelters, are operational.
* As of 16 October, WFP had provided fresh bread to around 220,000  displaced people in 92 UN-designated shelters. On 16 October, WFP reached 170,000 displaced people spread across 30 shelters - the average number of people per shelter has nearly tripled with tens of thousands of desperate families on the move.
* Warehouses are located in Gaza City, making it more challenging to channel food to the southern region where displaced people are moving.

**Key numbers**

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| People WFP plans to reach in the next 30 days | 805,000 |
| People who have received WFP assistance since 7/10 | 522,000 |
| People who can be fed for a week with the supplies WFP has positioned near the Egyptian border. | 244,000 |
| Funding requirements for the next three months | US$74 million |

**WFP Operations in Palestine:**

In June 2023, severe funding shortfalls forced WFP to suspend assistance for 60 percent of WFP food aid recipients leaving only 150,000 people receiving reduced rations.

* In cities, people usually receive their monthly assistance through an electronic voucher that they can redeem on food items in over 300 local shops across Gaza and the West Bank.
* WFP’s assistance accounts for an average of nearly half what the people receiving it spend on food.
* Nearly one-third of the population of Palestine – **33.6 percent, or 1.84 million people – are food insecure**. **Food insecurity is high among women** – 36 percent of families headed by women are food insecure –**particularly in the Gaza Strip, where 63.3 percent of women-headed households suffer food insecurity.**
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