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Shotlist:

WFP News Video: Deir Ezzor, Syria airdrop

Locations: Syria, Jordan

Shot: 9-10 April 2016

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:00-:17

Syrian air space (Deir Ezzor)

Shot: 11 April 2016

High altitude parachute food drop

WFP food pallets drop out the tail of WFP-chartered plane (Ilyushin 76). Total 20 metric tons of urgently needed food supplies – mainly beans, chickpeas and rice, and enough to feed 2,500 people for one month – were dropped from high altitude by a WFP-chartered aircraft on Deir Ezzor.

:17-:43

Damascus, Syria

Shot: 11 March 2016

SOT (English) Matthew Hollingworth, WFP Dep Regional Director

“People there [Deir Ezzor] have been besieged for more than two years now, by the so-called Islamic State and this is a major step forward. Saying that, it is just the very first airdrop and we managed to get food to a little bit more than two thousand people today. But we are going to be coming back over the next days and week and even months to continue this airdrop lifeline operation.”

:43-:55

Damascus, Syria

Shot: 11 March 2016

Matthew Hollingworth and Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) staff looking at map

:55-01:09

Amman, Jordan

Shot: 10 March 2016

Shows preparation of parachutes and 26 pallets (mainly beans, chickpeas and rice) for the high altitude airdrop

01:09-01:31

Amman Civil Airport, Jordan

Shot: 10 March 2016

Shows loading the pallets on the plane

01:31-01:41

Syrian air space (Deir Ezzor)

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WFP food pallets going out from the back of the plane (high altitude drop)
Parachutes opening

01:41-01:51

Amman Civil Airport, Jordan

Shot: 11 April 2016

WFP plane taxiing

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WFP News Release

10 April 2016

WFP FOOD ASSISTANCE ARRIVES BY AIR FOR BESIEGED PEOPLE IN DEIR EZZOR

ROME – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) delivered food by air today for hungry people trapped in the besieged eastern Syrian city of Deir Ezzor.

A total of 20 metric tons of urgently needed food supplies – mainly beans, chickpeas and rice, and enough to feed 2,500 people for one month – were dropped from high altitude by a WFP-chartered aircraft on Deir Ezzor.

Out of 26 pallets loaded with food contained in platforms attached to high altitude parachutes – 22 pallets were collected by the Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC), WFP's partner in the city. WFP is working to find out what happened to the four other pallets.

Over 200,000 people have been living under siege in Deir Ezzor since March 2014 in dire need of humanitarian assistance. Critical food shortages have been reported. The airdrop was the first time WFP food assistance has reached besieged parts of the city since March 2014.

WFP is working closely with partners on the ground organizing food distributions, which should take place immediately after every drop. More airdrops are planned for the coming days to meet food and other humanitarian needs for the besieged population.

The aircraft flew from Amman, Jordan airport in Jordan. Airdrops are always a last resort, as land access is easier and the most cost-effective way of delivering food.

On 24 February, WFP carried out its first high-altitude airdrop ever, dropping 21 tons of food assistance on Deir Ezzor. But technical problems meant some of the pallets missed the drop zone and some were damaged as their parachutes failed to function properly.

Across Syria, WFP provides food to more than 4 million people every month and remains very concerned about the suffering of all Syrians living in hard-to-reach and besieged areas.

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