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**WFP News Video
Nepal Earthquake
Shot: 12May2015
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Chautara, Sindhupalchok District
Aerial of affected areas near the epicenter

00:37-00:43

Chautara, Sindhupalchok District
WFP team on the ground in Chautara

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Kathmandu

SOT Richard Ragan WFP Emergency Coordinator

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01:07-01:23

Kathmandu

GV of people, preparing makeshift shelters

01:23-01:44

Kathmandu

SOT Jasmine Shakya earthquake survivor, Kathmandu

“I felt really scared this time, after so many days I felt there was earthquake (aftershocks) of 4 to 5 (Richter scale) but I didn’t actually feel them, so this time it was very big and I was afraid that, something happened to my house or something hoping nothing happened to my house, I was very scared at that time “

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Kathmandu

GV of people preparing makeshift shelters

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Within hours of the quake, the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) carried out an aerial assessment mission, with the Emergency Coordinator, Richard Ragan, flying by helicopter to the affected area and speaking to officials on the ground.

The WFP team flew to the base of Mt. Everest's Khumbu Glacier and over Namche Bazaar. The assessment team also surveyed Chautara in Sindhupalchok District, where WFP's forward operating hub is located, and Charikot in Dolakha District – these were places heavily affected by the first earthquake. A great deal of damage was visible from the helicopter, but it is not yet clear if this is a result of the first earthquake on April 25 or of Tuesday's quake.

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Funds were already urgently needed to support the survivors of the quake two weeks ago; the needs will no doubt become even more acute now.

WFP has mounted a massive response to meet the needs of the survivors of the April 25 earthquake. WFP has distributed food to nearly one million people in six districts; it has been an immensely challenging operation due to the mountainous terrain and remoteness of the affected locations.

WFP hopes to continue distributing food to earthquake survivors as planned, but this new earthquake and the aftershocks will make the situation even more difficult. Reports are coming in about landslides in various districts, and we will need to determine which roads are still accessible for land transport of relief items. Time is of the essence as we try to reach people before the monsoon rains arrive in just a few weeks.

WFP, as lead UN logistics agency, has been working to provide road and air transportation for other urgently-needed items as well as food, with a relief hub at Kathmandu airport and two forward hubs in Gorkha and Sindhupalchok districts (west and east of Kathmandu respectively). We expect that with the new earthquake, there will be renewed demand for support to search and rescue missions, which will need to be prioritised before the delivery of relief items.

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