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## **WFP NEWS VIDEO**

### **POPE FRANCIS URGES INCREASED COMMITMENT TO THE FIGHT FOR ZERO HUNGER**

**Location: World Food Programme Headquarters, Rome, Italy**

**TRT: 03:40**

**Shot on: 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

#### **shotlist**

##### **:00-:03**

Pope Francis arriving at WFP headquarters, WFP's Executive Director Ertharin Cousin welcoming Pope Francis.

##### **:03-:20**

Pope Francis praying in front of memorial to fallen WFP staff  
Looking at drawings by children of WFP staff

##### **:20-:38**

Pope Francis and WFP Executive Director

##### **:38-:44**

Executive Board staff in the WFP's Auditorium

##### **:44-01:10**

**(English) WFP Executive Director Ertharin Cousin addressing the Pope**

*"Your Holiness, Your call for the elimination of hunger and malnutrition for a different societies, built on peace, stability and security speaks directly to the World Food Programme's mission to enable and empower the world's most vulnerable people, those living on the front lines of our planet's most difficult challenges."*

**01:10-01:22**

Cutaway WFP's Executive Board staff

**01:22-01:57**

**( Spanish) Pope Francis addressing WFP staff and Executive Board**

*“Qué importante sería que la voluntad política de todos los países miembros consienta e incremente decisivamente su real voluntad de cooperar con el Programa Mundial de Alimentos para que este, no solamente pueda responder a las urgencias, sino que pueda realizar proyectos sólidamente consistentes y promover programas de desarrollo a largo plazo.”*

English translation:

*“it is the responsibility of member states to decisively increase their commitment to cooperate with the World Food Program. In this way the WFP will not only be able to respond to urgent needs, but also to carry out sound projects and promote long-term development”*

**01:57-02:02**

Wide of the auditorium

**02:02-02:50**

**( Spanish) Pope Francis addressing WFP staff and Executive Board:**

*“En una palabra, el PAM es un valioso ejemplo de cómo se puede trabajar en todo el mundo para erradicar el hambre a través de una mejor asignación de los recursos humanos y materiales, fortaleciendo la comunidad local. A este respecto, les animo a seguir adelante. No se dejen vencer por el cansancio, ni permitan que las dificultades los retraigan. Crean en lo que hacen y continúen poniendo entusiasmo en ello, que es la forma en que la semilla de la generosidad germine con fuerza.”*

English translation:

*“In a word, the WFP is an excellent example of how one can work throughout the world to eradicate hunger through a better allotment of human and material resources, strengthening the local community. In this sense, I encourage you to move forward. Do not grow weary or let problems dissuade you. Believe in what you are doing and pursue it enthusiastically. That is how the seed of generosity grows and bears abundant fruit.”*



**02:50-03:17**

Pope Francis greeting WFP staff and children's staff

Pope Francis addressing WFP staff

(Italian) *“Grazie ad un piccolo lavoro ad un piccolo sacrificio un nascosto sacrificio vostro piccolo o grande tanti bambini possono mangiare tanta fame viene risolta, vi ringrazio tanto.”*

English translation

“Thanks to a little effort, a little sacrifice - your hidden sacrifice, big or small - so many children can eat, so much hunger is satisfied - I thank you all deeply.”

**03:17-03:22**

WFP staff listening to the Pope's address

**03:22-03:34**

Pope Francis greeting WFP staff

**03:34-03:40**

Pope Francis embracing WFP's Executive Director

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**WFP News Release**

13 June 2016

**ROME** – In the first papal visit to the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), Pope Francis today gave his full support to the goal of eradicating hunger and paid tribute to the organization's staff, including those who had lost their lives at work.

“Do not grow weary or let problems dissuade you,” the Pope told WFP’s governing Executive Board and staff at WFP headquarters in Rome. “In implementing this urgent priority of ‘Zero Hunger,’ I assure you of our complete support and encouragement.”

On arrival, he saw brass plaques with the names of staff members who have died in service.

“I prayed before the Memorial Wall,” he said. “It is a testimony to the sacrifice made by members of this organization, who gave their lives, so that, in complex and difficult situations, others would not go hungry. We remember them best by continuing to fight for the great goal of ‘Zero Hunger.’”

“WFP is an excellent example of how one can work throughout the world to eradicate hunger through a better allotment of human and material resources by strengthening the local community,” the Pope said.

He called for member states of the UN to decisively increase their commitment to cooperate with WFP. “In this way, the World Food Programme will not only be able to respond to emergencies, but also implement sound and consistent projects and promote long-term development programmes, as requested by each of the governments and in keeping with the needs of their peoples,” he said.

He spoke of the impact of conflict, where food supplies were prevented from being distributed in war zones, in violation of international law. “In some cases, hunger itself is used as a weapon of war,” he said.

And he highlighted the issue of food waste. “Food discarded is, in a certain sense, food that is stolen from the tables of the poor and the starving.”

He said an “information overload” was leading to people becoming insensitive to extreme poverty. “In other words, little by little we are growing immune to other people's tragedies. We perceive them as something 'natural,’” he said. “We are bombarded by so many images that we see pain but do not touch it, we hear weeping, but do not comfort it, we see thirst but do not quench it.”

“Without faces and stories, human lives become statistics and we run the risk of bureaucratizing the suffering of others. Bureaucracies shuffle papers, compassion deals with human beings,” he added.

The Pope's visit shone a powerful and timely spotlight on the urgent need to end hunger, which affects 1 in 9 people on the planet. It came in the first year of work towards the

landmark Sustainable Development Goals. At the core of WFP's work is a drive to achieve Goal 2, Zero Hunger, by the year 2030.

WFP's Executive Director Ertharin Cousin described Pope Francis as "our Zero Hunger hero" and said that his call for the elimination of hunger and malnutrition spoke directly to WFP's mission to enable and empower the world's most vulnerable people.

"The truth is, the world possesses, as you've just said, the food, the knowledge, the capacity and the skills not only to confront the challenges of food insecurity and malnutrition but to end hunger," she said. "What we need, what we are missing, is the requisite global public will to embrace the fierce urgency of now to address this great failure in our common humanity."

The Pope spoke to WFP staff in an address webcast live to country and field offices around the world. Some 1,000 staff were present at the open-air address in Rome, and up to 14,000 WFP staff members around the world were given the opportunity to watch online.

He ended his two-hour visit by asking staff to pray for him: "Thank you and please pray for me so that I too can do something against hunger in the world," he said.

He met three WFP staff – Jok Kuol from South Sudan, Alessandra Piccolo from Italy and Sara Adam from Somalia. Kuol received WFP school meals as a child, and later received WFP food in Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya where he and his family fled after civil strife. Now, Kuol supports WFP's work to bring food to vulnerable, war-affected families in South Sudan.

"I was so excited – this was the happiest moment in my life," said Kuol. "I wanted to tell him there are people in need, for him to know about people who face hunger and my people facing hunger. I was a beneficiary and I was helped by WFP and look how I am now – I'm now working for WFP."

In an exchange of gifts, Cousin gave Pope Francis a drawing by a Sri Lankan child, Sritharan Sharukan, who receives WFP school meals and drew his vision of a world without hunger.

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