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WFP News Video:

C.A.R. Violence Continues as WFP Aims to Improve Economy and Farming

Locations: Bangui, Bambari, C.A.R.

Shot: 16-19 June 2015

Language: English, French

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00:00-00:15

Bangui

Shot: 19 June 2015

Various Bangui

00:15-00:24

Bangui

Shot: 17 June 2015

SOT: Joseph, (English) retired school teacher, father of 14 children, fled the fighting in Bangui in December 2013 leaving everything behind. He returned to Bangui a month ago and found nothing.

“I am a retired teacher, I have no field...I have no houses.. all my belongings got burned.”

00:24-00:39

Bangui

Shot: 16 June 2015

WFP food distributions of rice, pulses, and oil. These food distributions in Bangui other areas of C.A.R where markets are functioning are complimented by a newly implemented food voucher programme to assist more than 100,000 people affected by conflict. This innovative form of food assistance allows recipients to choose local foods from shops boosting the local economy.

00:39-01:04

displaced persons camp, Bambari

Shot: 17 June 2015

Various shots of camp

01:04-01:14

Atongo village, (15km from Bambari)

Shot: 17 June 2015

Shows Anique Machede farming. Anique was displaced several times since the conflict started, having to stay in the bush when her village was attacked. WFP provides food to farmers in provinces most affected by the conflict in C.A.R. The food assistance is given together with the seeds and farm tools provided by FAO. WFP is planning to reach 150,000 households with the seed protection ration, which is designed to prevent people from eating the seeds due to hunger.

01:14-01:26

Atongo village

Shot: 17 June 2015

SOT (French): Anique Machede

“The village got invaded by Seleka so we the villagers fled to the bush, abandoning our homes and belongings.”

01:26-01:40

Atongo village

Shot: 17 June 2015

Anique pouring rice into a bowl.

01:40-02:05

Shot: 17 June 2015

SOT (English): Adel Sarkozi

“The farmers, who are now ready to plant again, their lives have been disrupted for the past year, now they are ready to start planting again and by WFP with food and FAO with seeds, they can manage to have enough food to feed their families and also to plant so hopefully the harvest next year will be better and they can resume a normal life.”

02:05-02:35

Displaced persons camp, Bambari

Shot: 17 June 2015

Various shots of cooking, children eating

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- **Violence continues to fuel displacement – with 50,000 people displaced since January - and hamper efforts for internally displaced people and refugees to return. Nearly one million people are still displaced in C.A.R and in the neighboring countries.**
- **The acute and complex emergency affecting C.A.R has resulted in widespread disruption in people’s livelihoods. Nearly a quarter of**

the population is in need of urgent food assistance, with food production about 50 per cent less in 2014 than pre-crisis.

- **As a part of the population strives to rebuild their lives, WFP provides food/voucher assistance to vulnerable groups, including returnees, youth engaged in food for work activities in the capital, and farmers across the country who are able to resume agricultural activities this year.**
- **WFP needs urgent support to continue to provide food and nutritional assistance to displaced and vulnerable communities as well as to support people's efforts to rebuild their lives where this is possible. Only 30% of WFP's funding needs inside C.A.R are met.**

Despite security challenges and unsafe roads, WFP provided food to more than 595,500 people in May 2015, through general food distributions, nutrition programmes and blanket supplementary feeding for children at risk of malnutrition.

WFP has started rolling out a food voucher programme in Bangui and other areas of C.A.R where markets are functioning to assist more than 100,000 people affected by conflict. This innovative form of food assistance allows recipients to choose local foods from shops, giving them a greater sense of normality. The vouchers complement WFP distributions of rice, pulses, and oil.

WFP is engaging with youth in food for work activities in the capital with the aim to support peace, reconstruction and social cohesion

The first returnee food distributions for IDPs who were previously located at M'poko airport site are ongoing. Rations for two months are being distributed, as all IDPs are expected to return to their homes within that time frame. Preparations are underway for the next distributions of vouchers in Bangui for the returnees.

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In order to tackle malnutrition, WFP is providing highly nutritious food (Supercereal & fortified oil) to all children under five, and pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers in severely food-insecure households outside Bangui and in camps for displaced people.

As schools are beginning to reopen after several delays due to security incidents, WFP is setting up an emergency school meals programme, integrated with a national Back-to-School campaign. This has consolidated a partnership with the Minister of Education and UNICEF to address primary education needs in conflict-affected zones. Through the partnership, WFP also launched a deworming campaign in schools countrywide, which will prevent children from being infected with intestinal worms.

WFP is also looking for opportunities to work on recovery and rebuilding, implementing innovative hunger solutions, such as local purchase or voucher programmes, to protect community livelihoods.

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