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**WFP News Video:  
C.A.R. Conflict Becomes A Regional Hunger Crisis**

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**WFP News Video**

**Shot: 12, 21-23May 2014**

**TRT: 2:33**

**Locations: Chad/Cameroon**

**Shotlist:**

:00-:19

Zafaye camp

Ndjamena, Chad

Shot: 21May2014

More than 220,000 people have fled the fighting in C.A.R. 97,000 to Chad. Over 16,000 were airlifted from Bangui to Chad's capital, Ndjamena. These children are using a wall in the camp where they are living to draw images from their experience of being airlifted.

:19-:38

UNHCR footage: Severely malnourished children

Gbiti Transit Camp, Eastern Cameroon

Shot: 12May2014

Refugees walked 200-300 km to get this camp. UNHCR reports 2 to 3 children dying everyday between the age 2 months to 5/6 years old. They are buried by the community around the clinic area. The nutrition clinic is over crowded with more than 200 mothers and children who need urgent attention but there are only 12 beds.

:38-01:05

SOT: Tiziana Zoccheddu, WFP Chad

(english)

Sahr, Chad

Shot: 23May2014

"The conflict in Central African Republic has created a regional hunger crisis. Over 220,000 people have fled the country into neighboring countries. The majority of them are in Chad and in Cameroon where WFP has had to declare an emergency. Most of these people are women and children and many of the children are malnourished so, basically we need more funds to cope with this emergency."

01:05-01:28

testing children for malnutrition

Sahr, Chad

Shot: 23May2014

In this health center in a camp in Sahr, children from C.A.R. are tested and treated for malnutrition. Those who are moderately malnourished receive a special nutritional food from WFP.

01:28-01:49

SOT: Tiziana Zoccheddu, WFP Chad

(english)

Sahr, Chad

Shot: 23May2014

"The rainy season has already started and these are makeshift camps so every time it rains people have rain in their homes, rain in their huts some of the huts get ruined and we are expecting also that the rainy season might provoke an increase in disease which may in turn also worsen the nutritional stays of children."

01:49-02:00

GV's Sido Camp

Sido, Chad

Shot:22May2014

Staring at the end of December 2013, more than 13,000 people escaped the fighting C.A.R. came to this camp literally on the border with C.A.R.

02:00-02:33

Sido camp: WFP food voucher distribution

Sido, Chad

Shot:22May2014

In order to respond faster to the logistical challenges of sending food to Sido, WFP provides vouchers to families from C.A.R. living in the camp. This enables them to buy a variety of foods from selected vendors and also helps the local economy.

Hadjara Bakary fled Bangui with her 5 children in February. Her 3 month old baby was born in the camp. She does not know where her husband is. If new contributions do not come soon WFP may have to stop providing the vouchers at the end of June 2014.

**ENDS**

## **C.A.R. Conflict Regional Hunger Crisis**

### Key messages:

- Since December 2013, 226,000 people have fled the violence in CAR and have sought refuge in neighboring countries, Chad, Cameroon, Democratic republic of Congo (DRC) and Republic of Congo (RoC). All are in need of humanitarian assistance.
- With the start of the rainy season, WFP anticipates a deterioration of the living conditions in the camps with risk of diseases affecting further the nutritional status of the refugees.

### In Chad:

- More than 97,000 people have arrived in Chad since December 2013.
- WFP is finalizing the second cycle of voucher distributions in southern Chad; 28,000 persons have received voucher assistance so far. With vouchers, US\$13 will feed one person for one month.
- The nutritional state of these people is of great concern. WFP and partners are treating children under 5 years with moderate acute malnutrition.
- WFP continues to provide a 7-day ration to all newly-arrived people in southern Chad. This covers their immediate food needs in the first days of arrivals in the camps.
- In Chad, WFP has launched a six-month emergency response operation and needs US\$2.43 million per month to implement its emergency response.

### In Cameroon:

- WFP is very concerned by the health status of children and women arriving in Cameroon, many who suffer from acute malnutrition and related diseases. Some have walked in the bush for weeks, sometimes months surviving by eating only leaves of wild tubers. 80% are women and children.

- In some camps, global acute malnutrition rates are surpassing 25%, well above the emergency threshold (15%).
- WFP has already distributed food to over 42,000 refugees in camps and border areas, but the growing refugee population scattered in multiple locations puts a strain on WFP resources.
- WFP has started distributing special fortified foods as a complement to the regular food basket in some areas where refugees have settled and at the transit sites.
- In Cameroon, WFP has launched an eight-month emergency response operation to assist refugee populations that targets 100,000 people at a cost of US\$ 15.6 million. So far, no contributions have been received.

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