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WFP News Video

WFP ASSISTANCE RAKHINE STATE IN MYANMAR

TRT: 2:03

Shot: Sittwe, Myanmar – November 2-3, 2012

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B-roll THET KAE PYIN REFUGEE CAMP

:27-:36

DONE TAIK KOUE REFUGEE CAMP

WFP food distribution

:37-1:02

WFP LOGISTICS BASE

Women loading WFP food onto to boats

1:02- 1:38

WFP LOGISTICS BASE

Frances Kennedy, WFP Spokesperson

"WFP has dispatched supplies to the areas affected by the recent upsurge of violence in October in Rakhine state. That means precious one month food rations for around 35,000 people many of them are living in very hard to access communities in fact we are using small boats to navigate on shallow waterways here to get those supplies through... and those supplies also include special nutritious foods for pregnant women, new mothers and young babies to guard against malnutrition among these people."

1:38-2:03

WFP LOGISTICS BASE

Boats loaded with WFP food heading to violence affected areas

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WFP Steps Up Response To Newly Displaced in Myanmar's Rakhine state

8 November 2012

Rakhine state is an extremely remote, undeveloped region where inter-communal violence has forced tens of thousands of people from their homes in recent months.

WFP is providing food assistance to around **100,000** displaced people in Rakhine state.

WFP is despatching and distributing food for more than **35,000** people in all Rakhine townships affected by the surge in violence in October. Most of the affected communities can only be reached by water transport. WFP is moving most of its food on small, boats along the shallow waterways.

WFP continues to provide regular food assistance to about **65,000** people displaced in June, who are now living in camps in and around Sittwe town. Food prices in Sittwe and the surrounding area are reported to have increased dramatically in recent days, putting an extra strain on the resources of people living in this already very poor region of Myanmar.

WFP estimates a requirement of US\$11 million over the next six months to provide for the food needs of over 100,000 displaced people. All food commodities, except oil, can be purchased locally in Myanmar and shipped directly to the affected areas.

Since June, WFP has at all times included rations of Super Cereal – a specialised nutritious food – in the assistance given to pregnant and breast-feeding women and children under five amongst the displaced. This is a preventive measure designed to guard against malnutrition.

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