

WFP Video News Release

EXCLUSIVE VIDEO SHOWS FOOD REACHING HUNGRY IN NORTHERN MALI AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO FEED DISPLACED PEOPLE

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English

Shotlist:

00:00-00:28 Gao, Northern Mali Shot November 2012

people gathered at WFP food distribution point

00:28-00:58 Mopti Shot 4 December 2012

SOT Jane Howard, WFP spokesperson

“The situation in the north of Mali is very worrying from a food point of view, in particular we are quite concerned about high rates of malnutrition among young children. So we are working with partners to provide those children with the kind of special food that they need to boost their nutrition and we are actually shipping tons of specialized nutrition products, called Plumpy Sup for example, up the river to Timbuktu”

00:58-01:11 Mopti Shot 4 December 2012

Porters carry bags of WFP food onto local boats, “pinasses” which will carry food to Timbuktu up the Niger river. The boats can carry 30 – 90 metric tons. Food includes rice, Plumpy Sup and cooking oil fortified with vitamin A.

01:11-01:38 Mopti Shot 4 December 2012

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“The World Food Programme is providing food for thousands of people who fled from the fighting in northern Mali. Most of them are staying in families, a few of them in camps in quite bad conditions, but it’s putting all the country in quite a lot of strain because Mali is just getting over a very bad drought, the economy is not in very good shape and in the markets there is food now, but the prices are really quite high and many people just can’t afford to feed their families”

01:38-01:53 Mopti Shot 4 December 2012

WFP food distributions. Beneficiaries receive a monthly ration of cereals, split peas, oil, salt and fortified blended Super Cereal.

01:53-02:16 Sevare IDP, Mopti Shot 4 December 2012

GVs of the camp, families eating

02:16-02:57 Wailirde school, Sevare, Mopti Shot 4 December 2012

WFP Emergency School Feeding programme

The school is host to 272 IDP children and 8 displaced teachers. The school has had to construct a makeshift classroom made from a hessian tent to accommodate the extra students.

Children eat a meal of couscous with chickpea sauce at lunchtime. As part of its programme of school feeding in an emergency situation, WFP has begun providing breakfast for children as well as their usual lunch. Some of the children come from the nearby IDP camp.

GV of school children eating

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BAMAKO – Recent video and stills photos highlight the plight of conflict-affected people in Mali, West Africa, where the United Nations World Food Programme is working to provide food and fight malnutrition.

Insecurity following a coup earlier this year has displaced an estimated 200,000 people in Mali, while about the same number have fled to neighbouring countries. Mali is also recovering from a severe drought.

The situation has made it challenging for humanitarian organizations to maintain full access to the North of the country. Video images show people lining up to receive food assistance in the North, displaced people living in a tented camp near the central town of Mopti and displaced children eating school meals.

For recent photo images from Timbuctu region, click on this link (please credit Omar Barry/Islamic Relief):

<https://www.yousendit.com/download/WUJiYUlpVnNCSnB2TzhUQw>

In the coming months, WFP is aiming to help more than 400,000 food-insecure people in the North who are struggling to feed their families, and more than 130,000 people in the South, of whom most have been displaced for months or are hosting displaced families. This year, WFP has reached 1.2 million people in Mali with assistance, including 260,000 people in conflicted-affected areas. This includes internally displaced people (IDPs).

WFP is working with nine international NGO partners in Timbuktu, Gao and Kidal: ACTED, Action Contre la Faim, Africare, CARE, Handicap International, Islamic Relief, OXFAM, Solidarités International and Norwegian Church Aid.

WFP is especially concerned about preventing malnutrition in the North and launched a programme in September to boost nutrition among children aged six months to five years old. So far, more than 30,000 children have been provided with specialized, ready-to-use, nutrition products such as Plumpy'sup and around 10,000 pregnant women and nursing mothers have also received specialized nutrition support.

WFP also runs an Emergency School Feeding programme, responding to increased numbers of children from displaced families in primary schools. Children receive breakfast as well as their regular school lunch.

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