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**Iraq/Syria: Two Anniversaries, Too Many Going Hungry
Domiz Refugee Camp, Iraq/Al Shaddadi, Syria**

Shot: Iraq: 12-13 March 2013

TRT: Iraq- 2:31

(English, Arabic, Kurdish)

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WFP operations in Domiz Refugee Camp, northern Iraq

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GV's Domiz refugee Camp, northern Iraq

shot: 12 March 2013

:07-:23

Syrian Refugee from Qamishly singing a song he wrote in Kurdish about being a refugee. Lyrics say: "Until I die, I will never forget what it's like to be a refugee, Until I die I wont stop singing"

Domiz refugee Camp, northern Iraq

shot: 13 March 2013

:23-:35

kids sliding down hill on plastic bottles

Domiz refugee Camp, northern Iraq

shot: 13 March 2013

:35-:49

SOT : Alaa, 10 yrs old from Qamishly, Syria. (Arabic):

"Here's the camp...there's our tent...when the wind came it blew inside our tent...the tent was about to blow over..and when the rain comes it floods the tent"

Domiz refugee Camp, northern Iraq

shot: 13 March 2013

:49-01:13

GV's Domiz refugee camp, northern Iraq

shot: 12March2013

01:13-01:35

SOT: Matthew Hollingworth, WFP Dep. Regional Emergency Coordinator (english):

"We are here in the Domiz camp in northern Iraq where most of the people have fled from Qamishly and rural Qamishly in northern Syria. We are actually functioning inside northern Syria as well, so we are supporting the families that these people have left behind inside Syria as well as the people who have sought refuge here in northern Iraq."

Domiz refugee Camp, northern Iraq

shot: 13March2013

01:35-02:10

Mariam, from rural Qamishly, Syria shops with WFP vouchers. She, her husband and 6 children fled Syria 4 months ago because of the conflict. In Domiz camp, WFP gives 30,000 refugees mostly from northern Syria food vouchers worth US\$31 per person, per month. She recalls helping Iraqi refugees during the war.

Domiz refugee Camp, northern Iraq

shot: 12March2013

02:10-02:23

SOT Mariam(Arabic):

"Now, I feel the same way they [iraqi refugees] must have felt when they fled and lost family members in the war. They came to us as refugees. Now I feel like they did."

Domiz refugee Camp, northern Iraq

shot: 12March2013

02:23-02:36

Mariam and family eating a meal bought with WFP vouchers

Domiz refugee Camp, northern Iraq

shot: 12March2013

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Iraq/Syria: Two Anniversaries, Too Many Going Hungry

Iraq:

March 15, 2013 is the second anniversary of the start of the Syrian civil war and 20 March marks a decade since the conflict began in Iraq. Many Syrians who have taken refuge in northern Iraq in recent months recall hosting Iraqi refugees in earlier, more peaceful times.

WFP started a voucher programme in Domiz camp in northern Iraq in November and is currently providing 30,000 Syrians in Domiz camp with food vouchers worth US\$31 per person, per month. Food vouchers can be redeemed against a list of items, including fresh produce, and because they are spent in local shops they provide a boost for the local economy.

At the end of December, WFP started providing food assistance to Syrian refugees in the Iraqi border town of Al-Qaim and has reached more than 7,500 refugees so far. WFP will also introduce wheat flour, which can be exchanged for bread at bakeries, in its next round of distributions in Al-Qaim Camp.

WFP is reviewing plans to provide both food and voucher assistance monthly for 90,000 Syrian refugees through to June 2013. This will cover 25,000 people in Al-Qaim and 65,000 in the Kurdistan region of northern Iraq.

Other Neighboring Countries:

WFP is also responding to the needs of vulnerable Syrian refugees who fled to neighbouring Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey and Egypt, primarily through food vouchers.

So far, WFP has distributed over one million food vouchers and half a million food parcels so Syrian refugees living in the neighbouring countries. Over three million meals were distributed to Syrian refugees in the Zaatari refugee camp in Jordan over the course of three months.

Inside Syria:

WFP started its emergency operation inside Syria in August 2011 and has since distributed over 83,000 metric tons of food to millions of Syrians in over 400 different locations across the country, using 5,000 trucks and 55 ships.

WFP delivers food to areas under both opposition and government control. On average 40 to 45 percent of the areas that WFP has been reaching are controlled by the opposition.

In February, 1.7 million people inside Syria received WFP food boxes. The UN food agency is scaling up food assistance to reach 2.5 million in the country in coming months.

Funding Shortfall:

Two years into a crisis that left millions of displaced Syrians hungry and in need of humanitarian assistance, the United Nations World Food Programme faces severe challenges in expanding its emergency operation to feed millions of people affected by the conflict as a result of funding shortages.

The UN food agency's plans to reach 2.5 million people inside Syria and over a million refugees in neighboring countries are threatened by the lack of resources. WFP needs an urgent US\$156 million to continue its life support line to feed Syrians from now until June.

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