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WFP News Video Central African Republic (CAR)

WFP Airlift

TRT 2:25

Shotlist

00:00-00:46

Bangui Airport

12 February 2014

A WFP-chartered Boeing 747 cargo plane from Douala, Cameroon lands in Bangui with 82 metric tons of rice. The airlift operation will consist of 25 flights and deliver a total of 1,800 metric tons of cereals – sufficient to feed 150,000 people for a month

Cargo plane landing next to IDP camp at Bangui airport

Off loading the Cargo

00:46-01:03

Bangui Airport

12 February 2014

SOT Alexis Masciarelli, WFP Spokesman in CAR

‘This is a lifeline that will allow us to bring, immediately, emergency food relief to the people who’ve been affected by the conflict here in the Central African Republic, and will also allow us to start pre-positioning food all across CAR before the rainy season starts and make most of the roads impassable.’

01:03-01:12

Bangui

8 February 2014

Muslim men gather in PK12 neighborhood, on the main road leading towards the north of the country.

01:12-01:17

6 February 2014

Bangui

SOT Nana Hamidou, 34yrs, from Bouali. Fleeing CAR for Chad

“There is nothing, nothing for us here. We are only suffering – us, our wives, our children”



01:17-01:22

Bangui

6 February 2014

Families on a truck waiting for departure towards the Chad border

01:22-01:50 Bangui

6 February 2014

WFP warehouse

Children waiting to receive a nutritious ready to eat food for children.

01:50-02:10

Bangui

5-6 February 2014

Young women cooking in an alley of the Castors IDP Camp

Internally displaced people inside Castors Church

02:10-02:25

Bangui

5-6 February 2014

Various shots of houses and shops looted at Km5 neighborhood in Bangui, formerly bustling with Muslims traders and shoppers, now completely deserted.

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WFP News Release

12 February 2014

**WFP STARTS AIRLIFTING FOOD INTO CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
FACING DEEPER HUNGER CRISIS**

BANGUI – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) began to airlift food into the Central African Republic (CAR) today as the country faces a deepening hunger crisis with its roads too insecure to move in enough food for 1.25 million people affected by violence.

A WFP-chartered Boeing 747 cargo plane from Douala in neighbouring Cameroon landed in Bangui with 82 metric tons of rice. In total, 1,800 metric tons of cereals – sufficient to feed 150,000 people for a month – are due to arrive by air on about 25 flights over the next four weeks.

The food will be distributed to people forced to flee their homes. Food is also urgently needed to be pre-positioned across CAR before the start of the rainy season in May when many roads will be impassable. In addition, the annual “lean season” when hunger usually starts to peak is expected to start as early as this month.

“With the cycle of violence unstopped and the economy disrupted, CAR faces an even harsher nutrition and food crisis. These airlifts are a lifeline so we can bring food to the most vulnerable wherever we can reach them,” said WFP Regional Director for West Africa Denise Brown.

“We are launching these airlifts at a high cost but we have no choice. It is vital for us to be able to meet immediate needs for life-saving food for people affected by violence while we replenish WFP stocks in remote places during the lean season and before the rainy season.”

Insecurity has had a disastrous impact on WFP’s food stocks since the start of the year. At one stage, 51 trucks carrying WFP food were blocked at the Cameroon border for weeks. With escorts by troops from the African-led International Support Mission in CAR (MISCA), two large road convoys with WFP food aboard have arrived in Bangui but the route remains too unreliable to transport all the food assistance needed.

In addition, WFP has only received 27 percent of the nearly US\$107 million it needs to assist 1.25 million people in CAR until August. Urgent new funding is needed for displaced people to receive food in the immediate and for some food aid to be pre-positioned before May.

“It is not only the amount of funding, but the timing of contributions that is critical if we hope to head off a devastating nutrition crisis during the lean season and rains,”

said Brown. “We need more contributions now or even much larger numbers of people will go hungry.”

With escalating violence since early December, WFP distributes food to all communities affected when secure access is possible. In December 2013, WFP and its partners distributed food to nearly 260,000 displaced and severely vulnerable people. In January, food assistance was provided to 280,000 people in the Bangui, Bouar, Bossangoa and Kaga-Bandoro areas.

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