WFP News Video

Nepal Earthquake-
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00:00-00:08 Ghorka district
Aerial of collapsed houses in the mountains

00:08-00:35 Kasigau, Ghorka district
2 metric tons of rice being off loaded from WFP helicopter

00:35-00:53 Gumda, Ghorka district
2 metric tons of rice being off loaded from WFP helicopter

00:53-01:22 Ghorka
SOT Zoie Jones WFP Spokesperson
“The World Food Programme is working really hard to reach people that need food after this earthquake... that means the areas that are worst-hit. It also means the areas that are the hardest to reach, so we’re using trucks where we can. Where we can’t, we’re using helicopters. That means landing in villages where, often, they’re on the side of mountains - high up - it’s difficult to land. We’ve found safe areas to land and we’re bringing in food for those villages, mostly rice at this stage, and we’re trying to do as many rotations as we can because we’ve got so many people to reach.”

01:22-01:53 Ghorka
Loading WFP Rice on WFP Helicopter with rice. On this day, WFP delivered 6000kg of rice to 3 villages in the Ghorka district.

01:53-02:26 Kathmandu
50 metric tons of high-energy biscuits being unloaded from WFP plane at Kathmandu airport.
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WFP is pushing ahead to push food into more of the hardest-hit districts with the aim of completing distributions in some six remote districts in the coming days.
WFP was asked by the government to focus on food distributions in the most remote parts of Nepal, and aims to reach a total of 1.4 million people in Central and Western regions. The government plans to focus on food distributions in Kathmandu Valley.

- A WFP-chartered planeload of 50 metric tons of high-energy biscuits arrived in Kathmandu today for urgent distribution to affected people affected by last Saturday's earthquake.

- WFP is distributing food to survivors in some of the hardest-hit districts in Nepal. Food distributions began on Wednesday in Gorkha district and Dhading district, and will roll out to more priority districts in coming days.

- In its emergency response, WFP is also supporting logistics for the entire humanitarian community, and is using a hub at Kathmandu airport to help manage the flow of relief cargo arriving by air.

- WFP needs US$116.5 million to provide food for 1.4 million people in Central and Western Nepal for three months. For common services related to logistics, air transport and telecommunications WFP requires another US$34 million over the next three months.

- You can support WFP's work in Nepal by making a donation at www.wfp.org/nepal.

Rice delivered by a helicopter was distributed to 1,700 people on Wednesday in Gumda and Ghychok localities and neighbouring areas in a hard-to-reach mountainous region in Ghorka district. Low cloud and rain, as well as the rough terrain with few landing zones, make deliveries of assistance by helicopter challenging.

WFP food also reached Dhading district on Wednesday including rice, oil and sugar.

WFP, as lead of the logistics cluster, has contracted an inter-agency fleet of trucks for use by the humanitarian community, as well as a helicopter for areas inaccessible by road.

The UN Humanitarian Response Depot in Dubai, managed by WFP, is also preparing relief items, including blankets, nets, tarpaulins, health kits and water purification units, for dispatch by air to Nepal in the coming days.

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