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## **WFP COVID19-Massive Logistics Response Needed to Reach People in Humanitarian Crisis**

**Shot: April 2020**

**Ethiopia/Norway/Afghanistan/Italy/Somalia**

**TRT: 3:03**

### **SHOTLIST:**

**:00-:27**

Offloading protective equipment and medical supplies from Abu Dhabi at WFP's Addis Ababa Humanitarian Air Hub. This cargo flight arrived in Ethiopia loaded with aprons, face shields, gloves, goggles, gowns, masks and thermometers) for distribution to more than 30 countries in Africa.

**Shot: 13Apr20**

**Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

**:27-:52**

### **Preparation of Covid-19 Treatment Centres**

Various shots of the preparation of treatment centres, assembling AC units. 3D renders of finalized treatment centres. The treatment centres will be shipped to support humanitarian response to the pandemic wherever they are needed.

**Shot: 20Apr20**

**Frogner, Norway**

**:52-1:05**

Aid workers boarding WFP flight at Kabul International Airport, shows WFP Covid-19 preventative measures, including social distancing, hand sanitizing, temperature taking.

**Shot: 5Apr20**

**Kabul, Afghanistan**



**1:05-1:34**

**SOT Amer Daoudi, WFP COVID-19 Corporate Response Director(English)**

*"The scale of this operation is like we've never seen before. This is a global operation that spans almost 120 countries. WFP has been mandated to oversee the delivery of health and medical as well as humanitarian supplies. That's why we've established this lifeline airbridge from China Europe the US and the middle East to all across the world."*

**Shot: 14Apr20**

**Rome, Italy**

**1:34-1:54**

Various shots of off-loading medical supplies and assets from Ethiopia airline flight at Mogadishu Airport.

**Shot: 15Apr20**

**Mogadishu, Somalia**

**1:54-2:14**

Various shots of distribution of E-commerce cards and app training. Shots show enacting of Covid-19 preventative measures.

**Shot: 1Apr20**

**Mogadishu, Somalia**

**2:14-2:27**

Hani Mohamed Abdikadir, receiving food rations delivered to her home through the E-commerce app.

**Shot: 2Apr20**

**Mogadishu, Somalia**

**2:27-2:44**

**SOT Hani Mohamed Abdikadir, 21, mother of 3 (Somali)**

*"The food that we used to go to get from the shops is now being delivered to our homes by car, Masha'allah, I am so happy. It has changed many things in my life"*



*such as bringing the food in to our houses due to precaution taken for coronavirus, so I am very grateful.”*

**Shot: 2Apr20**

**Mogadishu, Somalia**

**2:44-3:03**

Hani Mohamed Abdikadir preparing food for her family and eating with her children.

**Shot: 2Apr20**

**Mogadishu, Somalia**

**ENDS**

- **WFP stands ready to set up the logistics backbone for global COVID-19 efforts, but it urgently needs US\$350 million to do this.**
- If we cannot adequately roll-out essential logistics support services, the response to COVID-19 in the world’s most fragile settings is in jeopardy.
  - WFP’s logistics common services play a pivotal role as they enable humanitarian and health workers on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic to stay and deliver.
  - With adequate funding, WFP will establish a global hub-and-spokes system of air bridges to dispatch essential medical cargo and aid, providing passenger air and Medevac services for frontline workers, and contracting charter vessels for sea transport.
- **A silent hunger pandemic is poised to sweep across the world, sowing seeds of famine in its wake. WFP analysis shows that almost a quarter of a billion people could be pushed into severe hunger by the fallout from COVID-19.**
  - The health crisis threatens to become a global humanitarian catastrophe, with the economic fallout forcing 265 million into acute hunger in 2020, double the 2019 figure of 135 million.
  - Lives and livelihoods will be under severe threat unless swift action is taken to tackle the pandemic, with concern highest for those in Africa and the Middle East.
  - Man-made conflicts, climate change and economic downturns are predominantly the root causes driving hunger, with COVID-19 now threatening to deal a fatal blow to communities already on the edge of survival in lower-income countries.



- **It's vital that at this time of global crisis WFP maintain its food assistance programmes which offer a lifeline to almost 100 million vulnerable people around the world.** WFP's top priority is to ensure it has the resources to meet the food and nutrition needs of the people that depend on its assistance.
  - We are most concerned about the 30 million people living on the edge in fragile countries – people already facing extreme hunger, violence, and disease. They are on life support and would likely die without WFP assistance – if it's not us, there is no one else.
  - WFP has adapted its programmes to limit the spread of COVID-19 and ensure the safety of its beneficiaries, staff and partners.

## IN NUMBERS

WFP total funding requirements for its global logistics network	\$350 million
WFP total funding requirements to sustain 3 months of food assistance	\$1.9 billion
People assisted by WFP operations globally in 2019 (WFP APR)	97 million
People projected to suffer from acute hunger by end 2020 (WFP projection)	265 million
People facing acute hunger in 2019 (2020 Global Report on Food Crises)	135 million

## SUPPLY CHAIN & LOGISTICS COMMON SERVICES

**WFP is pre-positioning three-month-stocks of food in or near the most fragile countries as well as ensuring three-month financing is available for cash transfer programmes.** This means we can minimize disruptions, be flexible, adjusting our response as needs and circumstances change. In some locations, WFP is distributing two-months' worth of assistance to ensure that beneficiaries have sufficient supplies to support them in the near future, and we are also adapting our distribution methods to ensure that we help contain the spread of COVID-19.

**Restrictions on global movements, tighter border controls and commercial transport closures mean that the usual routes for humanitarian and health organizations are being disrupted.** WFP needs to ensure its equipment and staff can rapidly reach the areas where they are most needed. Using its proven expertise in this field, WFP is expanding its common logistics services to support the global humanitarian and health response.



**WFP is ready to set up Global Humanitarian Hubs in Guangzhou (China), Liege (Belgium) and Dubai (UAE) where supplies are being manufactured - but we urgently need the funds to do so.** So far, a request for an additional \$350 million in funding to support this work has received very limited funding (barely 24 percent). The aim is to provide a comprehensive system that enables the entire humanitarian community to respond globally to the COVID-19 pandemic, providing passenger and cargo airlift capacity, and badly-needed infrastructure. A humanitarian response cannot function without support for staff in terms of transport, medical evacuation systems and health centres to treat humanitarian workers, especially in areas where commercial aircraft are not flying and health systems are collapsing due to the impact of the pandemic. WFP also plans to operate a passenger service for humanitarian and health workers from Geneva and Rome to critical locations across Africa.

Since late January, **WFP has dispatched humanitarian and medical cargo to 86 countries to support governments and health partners in their response to COVID-19.** These shipments include Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as masks, gloves and gowns, ventilators, emergency health kits, anaesthetic kits, stretchers, thermometers, body bags, and water purification supplies, as well as logistics equipment. **On 14 April, WFP began dispatching medical cargo - including one million face masks - from its recently completed Regional Humanitarian Hub in Addis Ababa to more than 50 countries across Africa** – the so-called “Solidarity Flights”. A team of 25 WFP aviation and logistics staff is based at the Regional Hub at Bole International Airport, managing the 24-hour operation that transports cargo and humanitarian responders across the continent.

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