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WFP News Video:

WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME TO ASSIST LARGEST NUMBER OF HUNGRY PEOPLE EVER, AS CORONAVIRUS DEVASTATES POOR NATIONS

Shot: April, June 2020

Central African Republic, Italy, Haiti, Nigeria

TRT: 4:46

SHOTLIST:

:00-:25

Children being tested for malnourishment at Begoua District Hospital. 8 years of civil conflict has left more than half of the Central African Republic acutely malnourished

Shot: 25June20

Bangui, Central African Republic

:25-:41

This camp for people displaced by the conflict was burnt during fighting between armed group leaving 27,000 people without shelter. In CAR, the security situation is deteriorating as armed groups resort to crime and fuel inter-community tensions. More than 702,000 Central Africans have fled their homes.

Shot: 19Nov18

Batangafo, Central African Republic

:41-:56

Aerials Haiti

In Haiti, struggling economy and lack of security, compounded by climate shocks and natural disasters, have fueled acute food insecurity in recent years.

Shot: 20-16June20

Haiti

:56-1:06



GV's Haiti poverty

People salvaging scraps in a dump/cars and motorbikes queuing at the gas station as fuel supplies are limited .

An estimated 4.1 million Haitians need urgent food assistance; due to the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 . WFP projects 1.6 million of them could be in severe hunger

Shot: 19/16June20

Cap Haitien, Haiti

1:06-1:30

Various shots of a WFP cash distribution with COVID-19 preventative measures in place including, social distancing, wearing masks and hand washing.

Shot: 17-18June20

Grand Riviere du Nord, Haiti

1:30-1:50

Various shots of market place.

In Haiti the cost of staple foods increased by 25% in the last year, while local currency devalued by 30% since 2018.

Shot: 18June20

Grand Riviere du Nord, Haiti

1:50-2:23

SOT David Beasley – WFP Executive Director (English):

“The COVID pandemic has created a hunger pandemic

In fact we’ve gone from now 135 million people on the brink of starvation

To 270 million people and while we’ve got to have a vaccine for COVID

We DO have a vaccine for hunger and starvation and that’s the WFP.

So we need support right now and if we don’t, if we don’t get that support, you can imagine, death rates, starvation, mass migration by necessity, and exploitation by extremist groups. We’ve got the vaccine, we need the food we need to move it now.”

Shot: 26June20



Rome, Italy

2:23-2:50

Aerial footage (no audio) and various shots of Makoko floating slum in Lagos. Some 30,000-40,000 people live here.

Shot: 22/25May20

Lagos, Nigeria

2:50-3:02

Shots of empty classroom in Adekunle Primary School.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a huge impact on school children in Nigeria, with about 39 million children and youth affected by school closures, of which nearly 10 million missing out on school meals.

Shot: 22May2020

Lagos, Nigeria

3:02-3:19

Various shots of David, an 8 year old student. He lives with his grandmother Alice TinsHEME, as his parents are in Cotoneu, Benin.

Shot: 22May2020

Lagos, Nigeria

3:19-3:54

Alice TinsHEME collecting take-home school meals provided and returning home with her grandson, David.

With assistance from WFP, the Federal Government of Nigeria and state governments have rolled out supplemental nutrition programs to reach schoolchildren across the states of Lagos, Ogun and Kano and the capital of Abuja. Support is being provided through take-home rations provided at distribution sites.

Shot: 22May2020

Lagos, Nigeria



3:54-4:17

SOT Alice TinsHEME (Yoruba):

"Our children are not in school because of Corona, but as they are at home, we don't even know what to do with them. If they are in school, they are learning and getting food. It gives me joy that I have received some food items."

Shot: 22May2020

Lagos, Nigeria

4:17-4:46

Various shots of Alice TinsHEME at home preparing food and eating with her grandson David.

Shot: 22May2020

Lagos, Nigeria

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WFP News Release

29 June 2020

WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME TO ASSIST LARGEST NUMBER OF HUNGRY PEOPLE EVER, AS CORONAVIRUS DEVASTATES POOR NATIONS

ROME – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) today announced a massive rise in the number of hungry people it plans to assist around the world, as the devastating socio-economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic push millions more people into food insecurity in low- and middle-income countries.

"The frontline in the battle against the coronavirus is shifting from the rich world to the poor world," said David Beasley, WFP's Executive Director.



“Until the day we have a medical vaccine, food is the best vaccine against chaos. Without it, we could see increased social unrest and protests, a rise in migration, deepening conflict and widespread under-nutrition among populations that were previously immune from hunger.”

To tackle the rising tide of hunger, WFP is undertaking the biggest humanitarian response in its history, ramping up the number of people it assists to up to 138 million from a record 97 million in 2019. But sustained funding is urgently required to respond to the immediate consequences of the pandemic on the most vulnerable, and support governments and partners as they curb the spread of the disease and deal with the fallout from the pandemic. WFP is appealing for a US\$ 4.9 billion over the next six months for its life-saving work in 83 countries.

Earlier WFP projections on the number of people who would be pushed into food insecurity by COVID-19 have now been refined with real-time monitoring and assessments. WFP’s new estimates show that the number of hungry in the countries where it operates could increase to 270 million before the year’s end - an 82 percent increase from before the pandemic took hold.

The crisis unfolds at a time when the number of severely food insecure people in the world had already risen nearly 70 percent over the past four years, compounding the effects of climate change, conflict and socio-economic shocks in regions of the world that had previously escaped severe levels of food insecurity.

The fallout from the pandemic is being felt hardest in Latin America, which has seen an almost three-fold rise in the number of people requiring food assistance, and among urban communities in low- and middle-income countries, which are being dragged into destitution by job losses and a precipitous drop in remittances. Spikes in hunger are also evident in West and Central Africa which has seen a 135% jump in the number of food insecure people as well as in Southern Africa where there has been a 90% rise.

Coronavirus infection levels are climbing at the very moment when food stocks in some parts of the world are already low. At this time of year many farmers are awaiting crops from new harvests. Hurricane and monsoon seasons are getting underway, while record locust invasions in East Africa and outbreaks of conflict are adding to an already challenging outlook for the world’s hungry.

“This unprecedented crisis requires an unprecedented response. If we do not respond rapidly and effectively to this viral threat, the outcome will be measured in an unconscionable loss of life, and efforts to roll back the tide of hunger will be undone,” noted Beasley.

The new face of hunger requires specialised responses, with a big increase in the use of cash-based transfers, and a heavy focus on urban settings. Over half of WFP’s new response plan



will be delivered in cash and vouchers - allowing urban communities to meet their food needs in local markets – while providing a stimulus to economies.

As well as delivering life-saving assistance on the front-lines of hunger, WFP is uniquely positioned to help governments assist and empower vulnerable communities through support to social protection systems, access to basic school-based and nutrition services, and support to food systems.

Photos available [here](#). For Broadcast quality footage contact Jonathan.Dumont@wfp.org

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