**Shotlist/Info:**

**WFP News Video: Violence Causing Highest Level of Hunger in Haiti Since 2010 Earthquake**

**Shot: 1March-10April24**

**Locations: Port au Prince, Cap Haitien, La Belle Onde**

**TRT: 3:00**

**:00-:14**

**Roadblocks**

In Port-au-Prince, roadblocks have been constructed throughout the capital both by gangs and by people trying to protect their neighborhoods from gangs. They are made from rocks, tires, debris, scrap metal, abandoned vehicles, tree trunks or whatever can be used.

**Shot: 3April24**

**Port au Prince**

**:14-:45**

**People fleeing gang violence carrying the belongings**

With violence spiralling in the capital Port-au-Prince, thousands of people have fled their homes and found shelter in schools, churches and health centres.

**Shot: 1March24**

**Port au Prince**

**:45-1:02**

**Market**

Food prices are skyrocketing, driving affordable meals out of reach for millions of families. According to a WFP market analysis, compared to March last year, the price of maize increased by 42 percent, and of rice by 35 percent. Since January 2024 only, the price of rice increased by 30 percent and of maize by 17 percent.

**Shot:6April24**

**Cap Haitien**

**1:02-1:15**

**SOT Katia Joseph, trader in Cap Haitien market (Creole):**

“We don’t have enough to send the children to school. Prices vary very quickly; they are out of control. Hunger is growing.”

**Shot:6April24**

**Cap Haitien**

**1:15-1:36**

**WFP School Meals**

In March, WFP distributed over 483,000 hot meals in 48 sites to more than 76,000 people who fled their home because of violence in Port-au-Prince alone. WFP was also able to provide meals to over 250,000 children in schools in several departments through field offices in Cap Haïtien, Gonaïves, Jeremie and Miragoane.

**Shot: 5April24**

**Cap Haitien**

**1:36-1:58**

**SOT Evenie Joseph, (Creole):**

**Evenie, 53 yrs old, is a trader. Her husband is a farmer.**

 “The food is very beneficial to the children. Because some children come here without eating at home. School starts early and they are eager to come. It’s very beneficial to the children and the parents too. Sometimes, it’s the only meal they will have in a day. Sometimes, we don’t have enough to give them to eat at home.”

**Shot: 8April24**

**La Belle Onde**

**1:58-2:04**

**WFP School Meals**

**Shot: 5April24**

**Cap Haitien**

**2:04-2:38**

**SOT Jean-Martin Bauer, Country Director WFP Haiti(English):**

“I'm in Port au Prince where there's been violence since late February. This violence has caused massive displacement. It’s shut down schools. It’s shut down places of work and we're facing a humanitarian crisis here. Right now WFP is trying to provide food assistance to the displaced population. We've been able to provide the 20 and 30,000 hot meals every single day. We’ve provided over a half a million hot meals since the start of this crises. We are going to need more to be able to continue responding. We are going to need funding from our donors, security and access.”

**Shot: 10April24**

**Port au Prince**

**2:38-3:00**

**Distribution of WFP hot meals to people displaced by fighting**

**Shot:20March24**

**Port au Prince**

**ENDS**

**INFO:**

WFP Operational Update

11 April 2024

WFP RAMPS UP FOOD ASSISTANCE IN HAITI AS HUNGER REACHES RECORD HIGHS

Port-au-Prince – Amidst ongoing violence in Haiti, the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has rapidly expanded its food assistance, reaching more than half a million people since the start of the current crisis in March this year. WFP is reaching vulnerable communities with food distributions including hot meals for people living in temporary shelters in conflict-affected Port-au-Prince, cash disbursements and school meals.

Despite efforts to prioritize food purchases from local producers, WFP is concerned that its food stocks risk running out by the end of April. WFP has only enough food in the country to feed 175,000 people for one month. The closure of Haiti’s main port and airport in Port-au-Prince about a month ago has disrupted the flow of supplies into the country.

“WFP is doing everything possible to reach the most vulnerable people, but at the current rate we will run out of food stocks by the end of April. We need the port in the capital to reopen immediately to bring in fresh supplies. We also need unimpeded access to transport food across the country to ensure the continuity of our programmes,” said Jean-Martin Bauer, WFP’s Country Director in Haiti.

Key elements of WFP’s operations in Haiti since 1 March:

- WFP has provided food to over 500,000 people across the country.

- 560,000 hot meals were distributed to over 80,000 people in Port-au-Prince and other locations.

- 290,000 children received hot meals in schools, where WFP has prioritized locally purchased food.

- 80,000 people in the Grand Anse Department, where emergency levels of food insecurity (IPC4) were recently reported, received cash under WFP’s social protection programme.

- WFP purchased over 520 metric tons of food from local producers, valued at approximately US$ 1million, enough to feed more than 160,000 school children.

- WFP has a five-year roadmap to tackle hunger in Haiti, by working with the government to engage local farmers, providing cash transfers that stimulate the local economy and building social safety nets that boost families’ resistance to shocks.

Background:

- Food prices in Haiti are skyrocketing, driving affordable meals out of reach for millions of families. According to a WFP market analysis, the price of maize from March 2023 to March 2024 increased by 42 percent, and that of rice by 35 percent.

- Violence continues to erode food security. More than two in three households saw significant income drops, and seven in ten departments reported higher food prices than in January.

- The first ever IPC acute malnutrition analysis of Haiti found that nearly 277,000 children under 2 are facing or expected to face acute malnutrition by November 2024, including 125,000 children who are severely malnourished.

- Food insecurity in Haiti has reached levels not seen since the 2010 earthquake, with half of the population or 5 million people acutely food insecure, according to the March 2024 Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) report.

Note to the editor:

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Photos available here

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