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WFP News Video: Funds Needed to Stop Rising Hunger in South Sudan as Rains Strike in June

Location: Kandak, Ayod county, South Sudan

Shot: 2 May 2018

TRT: 01:54

SHOTLIST

:00-:05

Aerials of huts in the middle of the bush in Kandak, Ayod county where people sought safety from fighting.

:02-:20

WFP emergency response helicopter mission landing in Kandak people gathering around the helicopter

:20-:34

SOT Erika Jorgensen, WFP Regional Director, East and Central Africa

“The biggest challenge is... when you look around, accessibility.

There are simply no roads here, people can't go to the market, people can't go to clinics, there is no access to food and the only way we can help out here is by doing airdrops”

:34-:47

WFP Ilyushin-76 plane flying towards drop zone.

WFP drop zone coordinator liaises with the crew making sure the drop zone is clear.

:47-01:11

Ilyushin-76 plane airdropping food.

In total on this day 60 Mt of assorted food commodities were dropped.

01:11-01:23

Community members collecting and preparing the dropped food for distribution.

01:23-01:37

SOT Erika Jorgensen, WFP Regional Director, East and Central Africa

“We have to face it: there is competition for funding, right now. WFP for the next 6 months, if we have to meet every single thing we wanted to meet every single person we wanted to assist we are lacking more than 300 million US Dollars.”

01:37-01:54



Community members collecting food bags

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STORYLINE

- South Sudan's food security situation is alarming with as many as 7.1 million people – more than half the population – expected to experience severe food gaps. Without immediate food assistance, their situation is expected to deteriorate.
This is one of the main findings in a new Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) report. The IPC offers a set of standardized measures to determine the severity and magnitude of food insecurity in a country.
- WFP and its partners are working to scale-up food assistance to reach up to 4.8 million people in the worst affected areas, at the height of the response in June/July.
Unless a sustained and comprehensive humanitarian response is mounted, millions are at risk in this fifth straight year of conflict.
- WFP is pre-positioning food before many communities become inaccessible by road as the May-July lean season arrives during the rainy season which cuts access to 60 percent of the country from mid-May.
WFP has so far prepositioned 105,000 mt - equivalent to 75 percent of the 140,000 mt target and is now racing against time to complete the exercise before the onset of the main rainy season.
- * Since 2014, WFP and key partners have pioneered an Integrated Rapid Response Mechanism (IRRM) whose emergency mobile teams reach people in remote, isolated areas. Traveling usually by helicopter and sleeping in tents, these teams register people in need and clear drop zones so WFP can airdrop food, nutrition supplies and other urgently-needed items from its contracted Ilyushin-76 aircraft where necessary.
- WFP prioritizes its assistance to areas in greatest need and – where necessary – airdrops food when it is impossible to bring food in by road or river because of insecurity or the rains.



- WFP is very grateful to its donors for supporting our activities in South Sudan but urgently needs the international community to dig deeper to ensure that we can continue to reach families struggling to survive.
- WFP gives various kinds of assistance: life-saving emergency food supplies, food in return for work to construct and rehabilitate community assets, food for school meals, and special products for the prevention and treatment of moderate acute malnutrition among children, and pregnant and nursing women.

In Numbers:

- Number of people in need at peak of hunger season: **7.1 million**
- Number of people targeted for assistance by WFP: **4.8 million**
- Number of people assisted by WFP in 2017: **4.8 million**
- Number reached through Rapid Response Mechanism in 2017: **1.8 million**
- Funding gap from May through October 2018: **US\$ 369 million**
- Total number of people displaced in South Sudan (OCHA): **1.9 million**
- South Sudanese refugees in neighbouring countries (UNHCR): **2 million**

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