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**WFP News Video:  
Urgently Needed Food Reaches Besieged Towns in Syria**

**Location: Madaya and Moadamiyeh Syria, Turkish/Syrian border**

**TRT: 02:47**

**Shot: 22, 23, 25 September 2016**

**Shotlist:**

**:00-:22**

**Shot: 25 September 2016**

Convoy on road/entering Madaya

On 25 September, a UN inter-agency convoy reached the besieged towns of Kefraya, Foua, Madaya and Zabadani – covered by the Four Towns Agreement. They had been cut off from humanitarian access since the end of April. WFP delivered enough food and wheat flour for 60,000 people, mostly women and children, for one month.

**:22-:56**

**Shot: 25 September 2016**

**Madaya**

Off-loading WFP food rations: sugar, bulgur, lentil, dry white beans, chickpeas, rice, vegetable oil, and wheat flour.

The amount delivered is enough to feed 39,000 people for one month.

**:56-01:25**

**Shot 25 September 2016**

**Madaya**

**SOT (Eng) Jakob Kern, WFP Syria Country Director**

“Today marks a very important day for since 5 months we were not able to come to the four towns ,we are in Madaya now, and we finally got this convoy rolling into Madaya and we are unloading as you see now. People here complain that winter is coming they don’t have clothes, they don’t have fire wood, they don’t have wood to cook, they’re actually burning carpets, they’re burning furniture just to cook and also to produce fuel.”

**01:25-01:32**

**Shot: 25 September 2016**

**Madaya**

Jakob Kern talking to Madaya residents

**01:32-01:46**

**Shot: 25 September 2016**

**Madaya**

**SOT (Eng) Jakob Kern, WFP Syria Director**

“When I asked what do you want to convey to the world, we want the siege lifted, we want to start a normal life again they’re saying what did we do wrong that we are in this situation”

**01:46-01:56**

**Shot: 23 September 2016**

**Turkish – Syria Border**

40 Trucks carrying WFP food moving into the border area before entering Syria

**01:56-02:11**

**Shot: 22 September 2016**

**Moadamiyeh, Rural Damascus**

Izdihar is a school teacher. She has built a makeshift kitchen in the basement of the building where she lives. She burns whatever she can to cook food including this Styrofoam and her children’s bicycle tires.

**02:11-02:31**

**Shot: 22 September 2016**

**Moadamiyeh, Rural Damascus**

**SOT (Arabic) Izdihar**, Moadamiyeh resident, holding her son’s bike tire

‘We have been forced to use these tires to make fuel, since they contain petroleum although it is a very harmful way to make fuel and causes respiratory problems that could lead to death in children with breathing problems.

And this is in order to keep alive”.

**02:31-02:47**

**Shot 22 September 2016**

**Moadamiyeh, Rural Damascus**

WFP convoy driving through Moadamiyeh, food being off loaded

On 22 September, a cross-line convoy accessed the besieged area of Moadamiyeh in Rural Damascus. WFP delivered 7,000 food rations, sufficient to meet the needs of 35,000 people for one month. Before this delivery, WFP had last reached the area in July this year. On Sep, 24 WFP another 5,000 food rations and wheat flour – enough for 25,000 people for one month was delivered to Moadamiyeh .

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## WFP News Release

26 September 2016

### WFP REACHES FOUR BESIEGED SYRIA TOWNS FOR FIRST TIME SINCE APRIL

**DAMASCUS** – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) yesterday delivered life-saving food assistance to besieged families in the Four Towns of Madaya and Zabdani in Rural Damascus and Foa'a and Kefraya in Rural Idlib as part of a joint interagency convoy with UN agencies and the Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC).

This is the first time that food and humanitarian supplies have reached these areas since April.

“This convoy has brought extraordinary relief for 60,000 people who are in dire need of food and medical supplies, and have been cut off from humanitarian access for five months,” said WFP Syria Country Director Jakob Kern.

WFP sent 45 trucks carrying food rations and wheat flour to the four towns as part of a joint UN-Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) convoy. The food rations contain rice, lentils, bulgur wheat, vegetable oil, sugar, salt, beans and chick peas, and are sufficient for 60,000 people for one month. WFP also delivered a three-month supply of specialized nutritious products for the prevention of malnutrition for 250 children to Madaya and Zabdani.

“Elsewhere in Syria, we are extremely concerned about the more than 250,000 people trapped in eastern Aleppo city who are cut off from food, water, medicine, and other essential supplies,” added Kern. “We call on all parties to this terrible conflict to immediately open transport routes that allow unconditional, unimpeded, sustained and safe humanitarian access to those in eastern Aleppo and every family across Syria that needs our support.”

Last week, a convoy reached the besieged area of Moadamiyet al Sham in Rural Damascus for the first time since July, delivering WFP food for 35,000 people for one month, in addition to other humanitarian assistance. An additional interagency convoy went to Al Wa'er in Homs, providing WFP food for 37,000 people and wheat flour for 70,000 people for one month. A third convoy to Talbiseh in Rural Homs brought enough wheat flour from WFP for 84,000 people for one month, in addition to other food supplies.

Across Syria, WFP provides food assistance to more than 4 million people every month. Thirty per cent of this food is delivered through cross-border, cross-line and air operations to areas that are not reachable through regular road deliveries.

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