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WFP News Video

WFP relief to Typhoon Haiyan Survivors

TRT 2'18"

Shot on the 14th of November 2013

Tacloban, Philippines

00:00-00:46 Tacloban

Various of destruction in the center of town dead bodies in plastic bags

00:46- 01:01 Tacloban

SOT Silke Buhr WFP spokesperson

"The World Food Programme is continuing with aid distribution in the areas affected by typhoon Haiyan."

Today helicopter flights took place to delivery high energy biscuits to islands in the outlying areas and there were distribution of high energy biscuits also at Tacloban airport where hundreds of hundreds of people have been waiting to leave the affected areas for several days."

01:01-01:50 Tacloban

kids eating high energy biscuits at Tacloban airport people waiting to be evacuated

01:50-01:56 Cebu airport

US Air Force V-22Osprey aircraft flying humanitarian people from Cebu to Tacloban. Osprey aircraft preparing to take off from Cebu airport

01:56-02:18 Tacloban

US Air Force Osprey aircraft flying aerals of destruction in Tacloban

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Storyline

WFP's operation is now gearing up and WFP rice rations have now reached more than 170,000 people. The rice is being distributed by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) as part of family food packs.

WFP and the DSWD distributed High Energy Biscuits (HEBs) to 5,000 people at Tacloban airport on Thursday. Deliveries to other communities including Guiuan, Eastern Samar, and other parts of Leyte are due to start today.

WFP is working closely with the Philippines government to bring in food and other relief items by air, road and sea. But the logistics are challenging.

WFP is seeking a total of US\$101 million to provide emergency food assistance to more than two million people as well as logistics, and emergency telecommunications support to the whole humanitarian community.

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Latest

- Some 200-300 boxes of High Energy Biscuits (HEBs) were flown Thursday by Philippines military helicopters to two areas that have not yet been reached by assistance – the island of Homonhon and the Sulgod area. HEBs are used in emergencies because they are nutritious, light to transport and need no cooking.
- WFP is seeking a total of US\$101 million for its Typhoon Haiyan response for 6 months: US\$88.2 million for food assistance, and an estimated US\$12.8 million for logistics and emergency telecommunications operations.
- Over the next six months, WFP plans to implement food distributions, emergency food-for-assets, and cash-for-assets activities for 2.5 million people in the path of Typhoon Haiyan.

- In response, the following governments have announced contributions: the United States (US\$10 million), Denmark (US\$3.2 million), Italy (US\$400,000) and Iceland (US\$100,000). WFP expects further announcements from major donors in the coming days.

LOGISTICS

WFP is mobilizing planes and helicopters to serve the humanitarian community with passenger and cargo flights. WFP has contracted three helicopters to be based in Cebu to serve the humanitarian community.

WFP has accepted the generous offer of the use of two C130s (Hercules transport planes), courtesy of the New Zealand Air Force and the Swedish Air Force. These will be based in Cebu and managed by the UN Humanitarian Air Service (WFP-UNHAS), to ensure that the needs of the humanitarian community are served.

The Swedish C-130 has begun rotations into Tacloban under WFP's tasking. The C130 has airlifted HEBs and US Food For Peace stocks to Tacloban.

Tacloban port is now operational and the main road in Tacloban has been cleared.

First shipments have arrived on a commercial container vessel with two mobile storage units, prefabs and life-support kits for staff (30).

We have secured a 2,000 metric ton (MT) barge in Cebu. It was due to leave Friday night with cargo for WFP, Food for Peace and items for other agencies. Due to arrive in Tacloban on Sunday morning.

We have contracted a large (>5,000MT) Ro-Ro (Roll on Roll Off) vessel to move our cargo and that of the humanitarian community and it will arrive in Cebu on Monday.

WFP has deployed 8 trucks from WFP warehouses in Cotabato, on the island of Mindanao, and will bring food to Tacloban City from different points. 160 MT of rice from Cotabato are on their way to Tacloban via truck and ferry, and is expected to arrive in Tacloban on 15 November. Additional trucks are being loaded.

We are also boosting storage capacity in Cebu and Tacloban as more and more agencies start forwarding cargo.

Emergency Telecommunications



Communications is still a major need in the disaster zone, and WFP is helping set up information and communications systems at the Tacloban City Hall, stadium, and airport. In the UN system, WFP coordinates the efforts of the humanitarian community in the areas of logistics and emergency telecoms.