**WFP News Video:** **WFP Food Distribution to Displaced People Staying in a School in Gaza**

**Shot: 9-10Oct23**

**Gaza/Jerusalem**

**TRT: 2:53**

**SHOTLIST:**

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**Explosions(night)**

**Gaza**

**9Oct23**

**:21-1:16**

**Destroyed buildings, streets (day)**

**Gaza**

**10Oct23**

**1:16-2:05**

**SOT Samer Abdeljaber, WFP Palestine Country Director (English)**

“The situation is devastating. We are on the ground doing everything we can to be sure the people in need, the ones who fled their homes, the ones living in shelter, are getting the food and help they need to survive. Today we set out to reach 180,000 together with UNWRA that are residing on shelters with ready to eat food including fresh bread from bakeries that are still able to operate in Gaza. We will be rolling out our assistance through electronic vouchers so people can buy food from shops that are still operating. We are doing everything we can but very soon the food supplies and basic needs in Gaza are going to run out. We need the humanitarian corridor to be able to support the people who are affected and their numbers are rising every day. We need safe and unimpeded access and we need funding support now more than ever.”

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**Jerusalem**

**2:05-2:53**

WFP bread distribution at UNRWA school that is a designated shelter in times of emergency, The school is currently hosting more than 60 displaced families (750 people) who were forced to flee their homes. These families evacuated their homes without any food or belongings.

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**Gaza**

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**Latest Info:**

**ROME –** The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has launched an emergency operation to provide critical food assistance to over 800,000 people in Gaza and the West Bank who are facing dire circumstances, lacking access to food, water, and essential supplies. WFP calls for the establishment of humanitarian corridors to facilitate the entry of aid and humanitarian assistance into Gaza and appeals for the safe and unobstructed passage for its staff and essential commodities. WFP urgently requires access and funding to reach  those in need. A total of US$17.3  million is needed in the next four weeks to address this critical situation.

An update from Palestine where WFP is rapidly expanding the distribution of emergency food assistance:

On Monday, WFP together with UNRWA distributed ready-to-eat food to 73,000 people displaced in shelters in Gaza amid concerns that the city is running out of critical resources like food, water, and electricity, with damaged infrastructure severely impeding both food production and distribution networks.

WFP is continuing the distributions of ready-to-eat food and plans to distribute to 180,000 people today, as shelters – often UNRWA schools - are opening  to take in people fleeing the shelling.

In the next few days, WFP will roll out food assistance to 300,000 people in host communities with food rations - 205,000 of those previously supported by WFP with food and cash assistance; and making available and setting up cash-based-platforms to assist other humanitarian partners who are also distributing cash/vouchers to vulnerable families.

The conflict has disrupted food production and distribution networks, leaving civilians, including vulnerable children and families, struggling to access essential food supplies.

All borders and check points between the West Bank and Gaza are closed, which is further exacerbating the crisis by preventing much-needed assistance from entering.

Before the escalation, WFP was compelled to suspend assistance for 60 percent of its beneficiaries in West Bank and Gaza due to funding shortfalls. Prior to June, WFP consistently provided crucial food assistance, serving approximately 350,000 Palestinians monthly and extending aid to nearly one million Palestinians in collaboration with other humanitarian partners through its cash-based transfers platform.

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