**Shotlist/Info:**

**WFP News Video: Food and Fuel Running Out in Gaza as Bakeries Shut Down**

**Shot: 25-27Oct23**

**Locations: Gaza/Egypt**

**TRT: 2:16**

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**People salvage their belongings in the rubble of destroyed homes.**

**Shot: 25Oct23**

**Nuseirat, Gaza**

**:31-:53**

**SOT: Umm Ibrahim Qanenish (Arabic):**

“I was in the living room and suddenly everything was falling down. I couldn’t see anything…dust and smoke filled the air and all the glass in the house shattered and fell where I was sitting.”

**Shot: 25Oct23**

**Nuseirat, Gaza**

**:53-1:15**

**Displaced people living in a school**

**About 4500 displaced people are living in this school**

**Shot: 25Oct23**

**Khan Yunis Joint Primary School, Gaza**

**1:15-1:47**

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

“In Gaza, bakeries are struggling to meet the demand due to lack of fuel. Mills are not operating also due to lack of fuel. People are risking their lives and cuing for hours in the bakeries that are functioning to secure bread. Many of them are going home empty handed. The concept of the hot meal in Gaza doesn’t exist for the time being. The bakeries contracted by WFP before the crises were around 24…today there are only 2 operating and simply we are not able to meet the demand of all the people that are residing in the shelters.”

**Shot: 26Oct23**

**Cairo, Egypt**

**1:47-2:16**

**WFP Bread Distribution**

On average 200,000 people in shelters receive the fresh bread provided by WFP every day but the fuel shortage is radically reducing the capacity of bakeries to operate. On Wednesday, only 150,000 people received bread. Currently, only two WFP-contracted bakeries are operational.

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**Khan Yunis Joint Primary School, Gaza**

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WFP Operational Update

27 October 2023

**FOOD LIFELINE FOR DESPERATE FAMILIES IN GAZA AT RISK WITHOUT FUEL, WFP SAYS**

**ROME** – The catastrophic conditions facing hundreds of thousands of Palestinians in Gaza risk getting worse still, due to severe fuel shortages which threaten to bring food and other humanitarian operations to a standstill.

“Without additional fuel supplies, bakeries working with WFP will no longer be able to produce bread. Only two of our contracted bakeries have fuel to produce bread at the moment and tomorrow there might be none,” said WFP Representative in Palestine Samer Abdeljaber. “This would be a terrible blow to the thousands of families living in shelters who have been relying on the daily bread deliveries.”

“The people of Gaza need continuous aid delivery at a level that corresponds to the enormous needs. To ease the suffering and enable the delivery of life-saving assistance, we echo the Secretary General’s appeal for a humanitarian ceasefire,” he added.

Here is the latest information on WFP’s operations in Palestine since the start of the crisis:

* WFP has already assisted close to 630,000 people in shelters and in communities across Gaza and the West Bank. The assistance includes emergency food supplies, mainly canned food and fresh bread, and electronic vouchers where shops are open and have food supplies.
* On average 200,000 people in shelters receive the fresh bread provided by WFP every day but the fuel shortage is making it ever harder for bakeries to operate. On Wednesday, only 150,000 people received bread.
* Currently, only two WFP-contracted bakeries are working, compared to 23 at the start of the operation. They are usually producing around six times their usual quantity of bread.
* Fuel is not only critical for bakeries. It is also needed for the trucks that receive the supplies entering through the Rafah crossing and to distribute those supplies across Gaza. In addition, fuel is critical for hospitals and for water desalination and pumping stations.
* Essential food commodities are rapidly running out in Gaza’s shops. Despite more food being available at wholesalers, shops are not able to re-stock due to damaged roads, safety concerns and shortage of fuel. Around 10 percent of WFP-contracted shops have run out of food supplies.
* WFP is continuing the distribution of electronic food vouchers in Gaza and so far 88 percent of people who received the vouchers have redeemed them. But the capacity of shops to run the voucher program is diminishing as the stocks run out.
* Nine WFP trucks carrying 141 metric tons of food supplies have already crossed into Gaza since the opening of the Rafah crossing point on Saturday 21 October. Thirty-nine WFP trucks are at or near the Egyptian border with Gaza awaiting entry.
* For WFP to scale up its operation to reach the planned 1.1 million people in the next two months, 40 trucks need to enter the Gaza Strip daily.
* As needs soar, WFP is revising its funding requirement upwards and estimates that it will need at least USD 100 million for the next 90 days to sustain the emergency response.

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