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**WFP News Video:**

**WFP MAKES URGENT PLEA FOR INCREASED HUMANITARIAN ACCESS TO GAZA AS FOOD RUNS OUT**

**Shot: 2-5Nov23**

**Gaza/Egypt**

**TRT: 2:28**

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**Explosions**

**Shot: 2Nov23**

**Gaza City**

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**Trucks moving at Rafah border crossing**

**Shot: 4Nov23**

**Rafah Border Crossing, Egypt**

**:37-:58**

**SOT WFP Executive Director Cindy McCain (English):**

“People are living in a horrific nightmare. Food and water are running out. A steady flow are needed to meet the desperate needs now. Humanitarians must be able to deliver it safely and civilians must be able to reach it safely. Without this, lives will be lost and conflict will spread.”

**Shot: 4Nov23**

**Rafah Border Crossing, Egypt**

**:58-1:23**

**WFP/UAE Food Boxes being distributed to families**

As of 2 November, 43 WFP trucks carrying more than 850 metric tons of food supplies have crossed into Gaza since the opening of the Rafah crossing point on Saturday 21 October – that's what we need to be doing at minimum every day. The trucks carried date bars and canned fish, and food parcels of wheat flour, pasta, canned beans, tomato paste, and sunflower oil. Canned fish and date bars are being distributed immediately to shelters and food parcels are going to displaced families who are staying wherever they can, with relatives or friends. Pre-crisis, over 400 trucks a day of humanitarian and commercial supplies entered Gaza each day. Gaza is almost entirely dependent on imported food.

**Shot: 5Nov23**

**Khan Younis, Gaza**

**1:23-1:30**

**SOT Mohamad Maher (Arabic):**

**“**There is no drinking water, no wheat flour, nearly all bakeries are closed”

**Shot: 5Nov23**

**Khan Younis, Gaza**

**1:30-1:43**

**SOT Anas Al- Najar (Arabic):**

**“**Getting food is hard. You go to the market, there is no vegetables, in shops there’s not enough stock, fuel no, no gas.”

**Shot: 5Nov23**

**Khan Younis, Gaza**

**1:43-1:59**

**SOT Norhan Ziadeh (Arabic):**

“We are suffering, every day we are suffering. “We are no longer familiar with vegetables. Tomatoes, cucumbers, potatoes have all been erased from our lives completely. We only have bread and water to quiet the kids so they sleep at night””

**Shot: 5Nov23**

**Khan Younis, Gaza**

**1:59-2:28**

**WFP Bread Distribution**

WFP was working with 23 bakeries at the start of the emergency response and providing bread for 200,000 people in shelters. Today just one contracted bakery is operational, producing enough bread for 20,000 people.

**Shot: 25Oct23**

**Khan Yunis Joint Primary School, Gaza**

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**WFP News Release**

**05 November 2023**

**WFP CHIEF MAKES URGENT PLEA FOR SAFE, EXPANDED HUMANITARIAN ACCESS TO GAZA AS FOOD RUNS OUT**

**CAIRO –** The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) Executive Director, Cindy McCain issued an urgent plea from the Rafah border crossing for safe, expanded humanitarian access to Gaza as humanitarian needs skyrocket and critical food supplies reach dangerously low levels.

For the past few weeks, entry points into Gaza have been virtually sealed except through the Rafah border crossing point. While there has been a steady increase in aid entering Gaza, it is nowhere near enough to meet the exponentially growing needs.

"Right now, parents in Gaza do not know whether they can feed their children today and whether they will even survive to see tomorrow. The suffering just meters away is unfathomable standing on this side of the border," said Cindy McCain as she returned from the Rafah border crossing in Egypt.

“Today, I'm making an urgent plea for the millions of people whose lives are being torn apart by this crisis,” she added.

McCain is concluding a two-day visit to Egypt, during which she met with Egypt's President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, senior government officials, and visited the Egyptian Red Crescent's humanitarian staging hub in Al Arish. She also inspected the rapid expansion of logistical operations and monitoring systems at the Rafah border crossing, which are crucial for providing vital assistance to people within Gaza.

"We appreciate all efforts to facilitate a steady flow of humanitarian supplies through its border with Gaza, and the work of the Egyptian Red Crescent is remarkable. We need to continue to work together to get safe and sustained access to Gaza at a scale that aligns with the catastrophic conditions facing families there,” McCain noted.

During her visit, McCain explored opportunities for WFP to leverage its extensive expertise in logistics during emergencies to further strengthen collaboration with partners such as the Egyptian Red Crescent to scale up the delivery of humanitarian aid into Gaza. She applauded the efforts of their volunteers who have worked tirelessly to get lifesaving assistance to their neighbours.

“The crisis in Gaza is not just a local tragedy, it's a stark reminder that our global food crisis is worsening. Not only does this crisis threaten regional peace and stability, it undermines our collective efforts to combat hunger worldwide,” McCain noted.

WFP is scaling up to reach more than one million people with urgent food assistance in the next few weeks. More than 650,000 people in Gaza and the West Bank have received food and cash assistance from WFP since 07 October. WFP is distributing fresh bread, date bars, and canned food to families in UN shelters every day, and food parcels to displaced families in host communities. WFP continues to provide cash-based transfers to people residing in communities so they can buy the food available in shops that are still open.

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