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WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME CONTINUES TO FEED WAR-DISPLACED PEOPLE IN NORTHERN UGANDA

VIDEO	AUDIO
WORKERS UNLOAD CORN SACKS	NARRATION Workers are rushingloading canned goodssacks of cornand other food supplies onto trucks. (7)
TRUCKS TRAVEL ALONG DIRT ROADS	(NATURAL SOUND) Convoys fill the roadweaving their way toward nearly one and a half million war-displaced people in Northern Uganda (7)
CROWDS/DISPLACED PERSONS CAMP	Fifty-five thousand people alone wait here - in this displaced persons camp - for the trucks to arrive. (6.5)
TRUCKS UNLOAD FOOD	It's urgently needed food for so many driven from their homes by a nearly two decade old conflict between government and rebel forces. It's a terrible situation that officials warn, could get much_worse . (13)

AMOLAT:

AMOLAT ON-CAMERA "We don't have assurance of having food aid

resources up to December. Our food aid has

been off and on." (7.5)

NARRATION

INTRO TO AMOLAT Pedro Amolat, Northern Uganda's Coordinator for

the World Food Programme. (4)

AMOLAT:

AMOLAT ON-CAMERA "We are very much worried that the very people

we are serving will be facing hunger and

starvation in the next few months." (8)

NARRATION

MILITARY SCENES As supplies are being exhausted...the conflict

continues to take its toll. Food is lost to deadly

ambushes by rebels – so common an occurrence

that convoys now travel with military escorts. As

for the region's fertile land - the conflict in here

has made it all but useless. Ninety-six percent of

all arable land is uncultivated after rebel fighting

drove farmers, like Lamwaka Beatrice and her

family of six, from their farms. Food aid is now a

key to their survival. (29.5)

BEATRICE: (In Luo)

BEATRICE ON-CAMERA "Getting this food lets us go on. It keeps my

family alive." (6)

<u>NARRATION</u>

PREPARING FOOD/CHILDREN

EATING

It also helps keep alive – through supplemental feeding programs - over four hundred thousand

school children ...and seventy-thousand

HIV/AIDS patients. (8.5)

AMOLAT AT WFP CENTRE Pedro Amolat says continued assistance from

donors is critical... (4)

AMOLAT:

AMOLAT ON-CAMERA "Remember that they aren't able to grow their

own food. My appeal is please help us sustain and keep these people alive until there is durable

and need areas people and and and areas

peace in Northern Uganda." (11)

NARRATION

WOMAN LIGHTS FIRE It's a hope that Lamwaka and her family may be

staking their lives on. (4.5)

BEATRICE: (In Luo)

BEATRICE ON-CAMERA "If the food aid is discontinued life will be very

difficult. Please this food aid must not be

stopped." (7.5)

<u>NARRATION</u>

WOMEN CARRY CORN SACKS It is a sentiment...a plea...that is echoed by

millions throughout the country. (5)

UN LOGO" This report was prepared by the United Nations.

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