



Visit of Andris Piebalgs to Burundi: extracts from the press briefing

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On 22 February 2013, Andris Piebalgs, Member of the EC in charge of Development, was in visit in Burundi. Andris Piebalgs announced an €18 million new project on food security for the benefit of around 20 000 households and to treat 80 000 undernourished children in the country. He also launched a second project, worth €50 million, to provide access to sustainable energy for a million of Burundi's citizens, particularly for those living in rural areas. This video shows extracts of the press briefing given by the Commissioner.

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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
10:00:00	Title	00:00:04
10:00:05	Cutaways of a beach in Burundi (2 shots)	00:00:08
10:00:13	Exterior view of the EU Residence in Bujumbura	00:00:04
10:00:18	Soundbite by Andris Piebalgs, Member of the EC in charge of Development (in FRENCH) saying that, during this two-day visit, he had the opportunity to meet with the President of Burundi, the second Vice-President and the Ministers for Finance, Agriculture and Health; he also had the opportunity to meet with representatives of the international community, the CNIDH and civil society; he, of course, wanted to make several visits on the ground; he went to the site of the old central market; accompanied by the Deputy Director of UNDP and the second Vice-President of Burundi, he was able to see the magnitude of the catastrophe; faced with this human but also economic tragedy, the European Union stands with the Burundian people; the European Union will help the country with up to 5 million euro; this contribution will support the affected merchants and help rebuild the market.	00:01:16
10:01:35	Cutaway of a photographer	00:00:01
10:01:36	Soundbite by Andris Piebalgs (in FRENCH) saying that his visit confirms the need to invest massively in the field of energy in Burundi and throughout the Great Lakes Region; when he met with President Nkurunziza and Ministers, he pointed out that the lack of access to energy in Burundi hinders trade. growth and development: the	00:00:49

in Burundi under trade, growth and development, the European Union has allocated 50 million euro to provide access to sustainable energy for one million Burundians; this new initiative will include rural electrification, the construction of small and medium hydroelectric plants and measures to strengthen the energy infrastructure.

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