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VIDEO

MEN ON CAMELS IN DESERT,

HORSE CARCASS ON THE GROUND

TWO MEN FILL BAG WITH RICE

MALNOURISHED BOY LYING ON A
BLANKET

TWO WOMEN FEED ADAM

AUDIO

NARRATION:

It's a long hot journey through the desert to get to the nearest market for villagers in Chad's northwestern Kanem region. Changing weather patterns here have led to severe droughts crippling local agriculture and destroying livestock. (14)

A recent harvest was a disaster – yielding only enough grain to feed the region for two weeks. Severe food shortages combined with unbalanced diets and poor child care practices have led to soaring malnutrition rates in Kanem. (15)

Adam Abdulai, just over a year old, was in critical condition when he was brought into this UNICEF-supported therapeutic feeding centre in the district hospital of Mao. Here, he's receiving emergency care and is fed milk every 3 hours. A week after arriving at the center, Adam's health is steadily improving. (21)

WS OF ROOM WITH OTHER
WOMEN FEEDING CHILDREN

His mother said she ate only porridge made from millet everyday during her pregnancy, leaving her too weak to care for her son properly. (7.5)

ADAM'S FACE, SMILING

Adam's mother and grandmother stay with him at the feeding centre day and night. Adam's grandmother, Hawa Abdulai. (8)

HAWA ABDULAI ON CAMERA

HAWA ABDULAI: (Kanembou) **F**
"For the last 10 years all of our hard work in our fields has produced nothing because there has been little rain..." (5.5)

ROOM WITH WOMEN AND
CHILDREN

NARRATION:
More than a dozen children are admitted at this centre every day, says Head of Mao District Health Services, Dr. Mekonyo Kolmain Gedeon. (9.5)

CHILD DRINKS FROM GLASS

DR. MEKONYO KOLMAIN GEDEON
ON CAMERA

DR. GEDEON: (French Dialect) **M**
"The severely malnourished children with complications are referred to this centre. Those that don't respond to treatment are also referred to this centre. If this centre did not exist the situation would be catastrophic for the district health of Mao." (12.5)

TWO WOMEN FAN INFANTS

NARRATION:
Rapid response is key in tackling malnutrition. UNICEF Representative in Chad, Dr. Marzio Babilie. (7)

DR. MARZIO BABILLE ON CAMERA DR. MARZIO BABILLE: (English) **M**
"At the moment, we do have 2800 children benefiting from the program. And a very low mortality, because as I said, while severe acute malnutrition is a medical emergency, the rapid takeover of the problems can save lives with the use of appropriate technology and medical care." (17.5)

DESERT NARRATION:
Getting help to remote areas is critical in the village of Barraah, 20 kilometres from Mao. A CRYING CHILD BEING MEASURED UNICEF-supported clinic provides monitoring and treatment for severely malnourished children. (12)

INFANT BEING EXAMINED Zara Hassan comes here every week with her DOCTOR PULLING OUT PLUMPY malnourished 2 year old to receive supplies of NUT PACKETS plumpy nut, a high protein, high energy peanut paste fortified with vitamins and minerals. The INFANT BEING WEIGHED / CU OF child is still three kilos underweight, but showing UNICEF SCALE signs of improvement. (17)

WOMEN WITH INFANTS For now, emergency food aid is all she has to keep her child alive, says Zara. (5)

ZARA HASSAN ZARA HASSAN: (Gourane) **F**
SCOOPS UP SAND, *"Nothing grows here. The sand has taken over WHILE TALKING TO CAMERA and there is nothing left. The soil has gone and the land is now covered with sand. The ground is now bad."* (9)

PANNING - TREES TO LETTUCE IN NARRATION:
The only patch of land left for farming is the

FIELD, TO WATER PIPE, TO SMALL
WATERWAY

MEN SWEEP THE FIELD /
BAGS UNLOAD FROM TRUCK /
WOMEN AND CHILDREN

UN LOGO

Oasis. Most food items are transported into
Mao leading to huge prices increases - and
leaving thousands unable to feed their families.
Unless food aid arrives in time, more children
will be at risk of becoming severely
malnourished. (20.5)

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