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DROUGHT CLAIMS LIVES IN MALI

VIDEO

FAMILY SITTING IN COURTYARD

MARIAM AND HER BABY
CHILDREN LOOKING ON

MARIAM CLEANING RICE

MARIAM ON CAMERA

HORSE CARRIAGE DRIVING
THROUGH DUSTY FIELD

WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN BACK

AUDIO

NARRATION

A mood of desperation hangs over the village of Tako. (3.5)

It's dinner time and Mariam Dianopo worries about feeding her five hungry children. (5.5)

She has just one small bowl of rice left and she is trying hard to make it last. (5)

DIANOPO: (In Songhai) F

"I'm really finding it hard to feed my family this year. // The granaries are empty." (9)

NARRATION

Mali is in the midst of a severe food and nutrition crisis that is gripping the Sahel region. (5.5)

The rains failed last year, turning the rice fields to dust. (4)

The price of grains has skyrocketed. Adding to the

OF CARRIAGE CARRIAGE ARRIVES AT HEALTH POST	problem, armed conflict in the north and a recent coup have displaced 200,000 people, further worsening conditions. (10.5)
MOTHERS WALKING TO HEALTH POST	Each day more and more mothers arrive at health centers with children showing early signs of malnutrition. (6.5)
NURSE TAKES BABY FROM MOTHER/BABY WEIGHED IN SCALE	Mariam has brought in her ten month old daughter Kadia who is underweight. (4)
BABY IS FED PLUMPY'NUT	The child is fed Plumpy'Nut - a therapeutic food that can help reverse malnutrition. Plumpy'Nut is one of the many interventions UNICEF is providing to treat severe acute malnutrition. (13.5)
NURSE WRITING IN LEDGER	Adama Diarra is Head Nurse in Tako Village. (3.5)
DIARRA ON CAMERA	<u>DIARRA:</u> (In French) M "There are a lot of villages around here that are in this situation which makes me scared // And we have six more months to wait if there are rains so we can plant and harvest." (14)
MOTHERS WAITING WITH CHILDREN AT HEALTH POST SHOTS OF UNDERWEIGHT CHILDREN	<u>NARRATION</u> The United Nations estimates that at least one million children under five across the region risk dying from severe malnutrition unless urgent action is taken. Some 220,000 of these vulnerable children live in Mali. (14.5)
WORKERS OFFLOADING PLUMPY'NUT	UNICEF has mobilized Plumpy'Nut stocks around the country in case the crisis worsens in the next several months. The World Food Programme is

UNICEF OVERSEEING
PLUMPY'NUT STOCKS

providing mothers with enriched flour. (10.5)

But this not enough. (1.5)

WOMEN PREPARING ENRICHED
FLOUR/FLOUR DISTRIBUTED TO
WOMEN AND CHILDREN

UNICEF Mali is appealing for 26 million dollars to meet the health and nutrition needs this year. (6.5)

MOTHER FEEDING HER CHILD

As for little Kadia, she has been responding well to the Plumpy'Nut but her mother is still concerned. (6)

DIANOPO ON CAMERA

DIANOPO: (In Songhai) F

"If the rains fail again this year, I don't know what we will do." (4)

STARVING HORSE AND VILLAGE
MOTHER WALKS HOME

NARRATION

And added to these fears is the growing insecurity in the country. (3.5)

FAMILY SITS AND WAITS
OUTSIDE THEIR HOME

Mali finds itself on the edge of a precipice in need of urgent support so that disaster can be averted. (6.5)

UN LOGO

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