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FAMILIES FLEE FROM BOKO HARAM

BOKO HARAM FOOTAGE OF
NIGERIAN SCHOOL GIRLS

NARRATION

It happened in December 2014 – the news shook the world when Boko Haram kidnapped 200 Nigerian schools girls in the village of Chibok. (11)

BOKO HARAM ARCHIVAL FOOTAGE

Since then, the group continues to attack villages, capturing children to join them as modern day slaves, forcing some into underage marriage to older men in their rank and file. (12)

REFUGEES FLEEING

To protect their children, families have fled to nearby countries such as Chad and Cameroon. (6)

CAMP CHAD/HAWA

Now living in a camp in Chad, Hawa Nasura, recalls that day when she heard gun shots while she tended to her baby at home in north eastern Nigeria. (11)

HAWA ON-CAMERA

HAWA NASURU: (In Hausa) F

"When Boko Haram attacked our village we ran

into the bush. The mother of this boy was shot dead but the boy was not.” (10)

NARRATION

BABY MUHAMUD

His name is Muhamud. Hawa and her husband found him crying next to the lifeless body of his mother. She took Muhamud into her arms and crossed Lake Chad with him and her family seeking refuge. (14)

HAWA NASURU: (In Hausa) F

HAWA ON-CAMERA

“I will take care of Muhamud like my own child. If I get support I will be grateful. I will try to do my best and if his father is found, I will give back his son.” (13)

NARRATION

UNHCR SUPPORT

Humanitarian organizations such as UNHCR and its partners are providing basic shelter, food, and necessities to more than 18,000 Nigerian refugees living in Chad. (13)

MUHAMUD AND OTHER CHILDREN
WITH THEIR MOTHERS

Baby Muhamud is one of more than 120 Nigerian refugee children in Chad whose parents were lost in the violence and during the upheaval while fleeing the country. (12)

CAMEROON REFUGEE CAMP

In Cameroon, UNHCR is also supporting Nigerian families who fled to escape the violence and protect their children. (9)

GUTERRES VISITING CAMP

In March, UN High Commissioner for Refugees Antonio Guterres, visited Minawao camp in Cameroon where more than 33,000 refugees

live. (12)

GUTERRES ON-CAMERA

ANTONIO GUTERRES: (In English) M

"Let's be clear, what is happening in Nigeria is very similar to what is happening in Syria. It is the same kind of problem, and it requires the same kind of commitment, the same kind of support, from the international community; and we hope that the international community will be able to show it." (16)

REFUGEES WAITING

NARRATION

While they wait for help, they tell similar stories.
(4)

SARRATOU PREPARING FOOD

Sarratou, mother of four, remembers that morning when dozens of heavily armed men arrived in her village. (7)

SARRATOU ON-CAMERA

SARRATOU: (In Hausa) F

"I ran with three of my children. The other child, Ibrahim, ran in another direction with his father. Boko Haram attacked them and they killed his father, cut his throat in the presence of our child. I fled to the Cameroon border with my three other children." (35)

IBRAHIM IN CAMP

NARRATION

Ten-year old Ibrahim lived to tell his own tale.(4)

IBRAHIM ON-CAMERA

IBRAHIM: (In Hausa) M

"I was running with my father and they killed him. When I heard the gunshots I was afraid and my father told me to run. I was crying and

they took their machetes and cut me on the head.” (20)

NARRATION

IBRAHIM IN CLASS WITH OTHER CHILDREN

Although he survived, his life will never be the same says Sarratou. (6)

SARRATOU: (In Hausa) M

SARRATOU ON-CAMERA

“The left side is paralyzed. He is quiet at times; there are changes in his life because of the attack.” (16)

NARRATION

CHILDREN IN CAMP MINAWAO AND CAMP CHAD/MOTHERS

A few months ago, the Nigerian military rescued hundreds of women and girls from Boko Haram. However, the 200 girls kidnapped from Chibok were not among them. (12)

For now, refugees in Chad and Cameroon hold vivid memories of the attacks and can't even think of going home. But they're most grateful that they're still alive. (12)

UN LOGO

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