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CHOLERA OUTBREAK IN NORTHERN UGANDA ENDANGERS THOUSANDS OF WAR DISPLACED PEOPLE

VIDEO

M/S OF ARMED MEN WALKING
THROUGH GRASS FIELDS

OTEBE IN HOSPITAL BED

W/S VILLAGE

W/S PABBO CAMP

AUDIO

NARRATION

Northern Uganda...for nearly two decades civil war has raged on...displacing more than one and a half million people...crowding them into camps like this one. Otebe Wolu lives in one...and today he lies in a camp's treatment center...stricken with cholera. (17)

OTEBE: (In Luo)

"I'm not sure how I contracted it, but I have not been drinking boiled water." (7)

NARRATION

Otebe is just one victim of a cholera outbreak that has infected nearly 700 people and killed more than 20. It causes acute diarrhea, vomiting and can quickly lead to severe dehydration and death. (13)

Hampering efforts to control the outbreak – poor sanitation and congestion in displaced persons camps scattered across northern

Uganda.....Pabbo, Uganda's largest camp is home to 64,000...and is now the center of the outbreak. (15)

JUSTIN:

DR. OWEN JUSTIN ON
CAMERA

"It's overcrowded." (2)

NARRATION

W/S OF PABBO CAMP

Cholera Coordinator Dr. Owen Justin... (3)

JUSTIN:

DR. JUSTIN ON CAMERA

"I mean the camp is over-populated. It has about four times the recommended number of people to stay in the camp." (6)

NARRATION

C/U HUTS

Huts...and contaminated latrines so close together make it easier for disease to spread. There's contaminated food, and little water for washing... and for drinking, causing many to drink dangerous unfiltered water. (13)

WOMAN EDUCATING THE
COMMUNITY

UNICEF is educating the community about ways to avoid cholera but its experts, like Dr. George Rae, warn more needs to be done. (8)

RAE:

DR. GEORGE RAE ON
CAMERA

"Hygiene education is not enough to stand the tide of this cholera because of the congestion in the camps." (7)

NARRATION

AERIAL VIEW OF PABBO
CAMP

The only real way to contain the outbreak he says...build new camps.

AERIAL VIEW OF OTONG
CAMP

NARRATION

And that's exactly what they're doing...Here, at the Otong Camp, huts are built further apart and sanitary facilities have been put in place. Okidi Samuel and his family were moved here from Pabbo. (17)

OKIDI SAMUEL ON CAMERA

SAMUEL:

"Have you seen the place, this is better. Even the place of putting latrines, is enough here."
(7)

M/S OF WOMAN STANDING IN
FRONT OF HUT

NARRATION

There are no reported cases of cholera at Otong but it's only a start says Dr. Rae. (5.5)

DR. RAE ON CAMERA

DR. RAE:

"But much more resources are needed to put in to normalize the situation." (4.5)

W/S OF OTONG CAMP

NARRATION

Unless that happens, the experts warn, thousands here, especially children, remain at risk. (6)

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