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NIGER'S NUTRITION CRISIS

VIDEO

MALNOURISHED CHILDREN
BEING FED

UNICEF

UNICEF DEP. EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR SALAH/CANADA'S
INTL. COOPERATION MINISTER,
CARROLL

SALAH ON-CAMERA

AUDIO

NARRATION

What a difference a week makes. Seven days ago these children were starving to death. A massive relief effort has not only saved thousands of young lives but made it possible to feed these children back up. (13")

While its initial appeals for money to avert the disaster fell on deaf ears, UNICEF programmes in Niger are almost fully funded. Fifteen million dollars to care for nearly 200,000 children who are still severely or moderately undernourished. (14")

UNICEF Deputy Executive Director, Rima Salah, and Canada's International Cooperation Minister, Aileen Carroll, travelled to Maradi to see the relief effort and announce new funding. (10")

SALAH:

"Just in Maradi we were at the hospital of Medecins Sans Frontieres where they receive the severely malnourished children and we saw a child die in front of us. I feel guilty. I think we

should all feel guilty because children cannot die now at this time and age when we have technology and resources.” (17”)

NARRATION

RELIEF PLANE

In total more than three and a half million people in Niger have been affected by food shortages, among them some 800,000 children under five. (9”)

UNIMIX SACKS OF FOOD

Working closely with its partners on the ground, UNICEF Niger has provided milk, drugs and hundreds of tonnes of UNIMIX – a life-saving porridge easy for malnourished children to digest. (11”)

This latest shipment was funded by the European Commission and USAID. Another two flights funded by Britain and Belgium are on the way. (8”)

UN LOGO

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