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RACE AGAINST TIME TO HELP THE PEOPLE IN DARFUR

VIDEO

BURNED OUT VILLAGES

AUDIO

NARRATION

The situation in the war-torn Darfur region in western Sudan is getting worse by the day. Thousands of people have died since fighting broke out between government-backed militias and local insurgent movements a year ago. (13")

FIGHTERS ON CAMELS

The Arab Janjaweed on camels raid local villages leaving them in total ruin and causing untold human suffering. (8")

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The rebels' fight for autonomy and greater state aid has allegedly turned into an ethnic cleansing campaign against the black African population of the region. (10")

PEOPLE IN SANDSTORM

More than a million people have fled their homes. A hundred thousand of them have arrived in neighbouring Chad. The others are still in Darfur, many without shelter. Sandstorms and lack of water don't stop people from escaping as fast as they can. Their stories are frightening. (20")

HUSSEIN ON CAMERA

FAIZA ALI HUSSEIN

“For one month we were running on foot, until, thank God, we reached Chad where we were welcomed and given food and water.” (8”)

BABIKIR ABDALLAH IBRAHIM

IBRAHIM:

“My family is hiding on the mountain and they don’t have food or water and the Janjaweed are still attacking them and raping the women. They are taking the children into slavery.” (14”)

PEOPLE IN DARFUR

NARRATION

Conditions in Darfur are deteriorating rapidly. The refugees seem totally abandoned, their livestock has died and fear of epidemics is spreading. (10”)

HOSPITAL

There is only one small hospital for thousands of people and the growing need is obvious. This boy lost a foot when he stepped on a landmine. Many refugees were injured in fighting in their villages. In some cases, when they finally arrive at the hospital, their limbs are so badly damaged; they have to be amputated. (20”)

CHILD BEING FED

Bringing aid to the people of Darfur has become a high priority for the United Nations. The UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Ruud Lubbers, briefed the Security Council. (13”)

RUUD LUBBERS, UN HIGH
COMMISSIONER FOR
REFUGEES, ON CAMERA

RUUD LUBBERS:

“If the situation does not improve, we will see further refugee flows into Chad. The international aid community may be quickly overwhelmed, and there is the potential for destabilization of the sub region.” (15”)

RELOCATION/PEOPLE WAITING
TO GET ON BUS

NARRATION

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees has started an emergency operation to transport more than 60,000 people away from the insecure border to safer camps inside neighbouring Chad. (13”)

GETTING ON BUS, LOADING BUS

It is a race against time. The rainy season is approaching and soon the roads will become impassable, making it even harder to reach people in need. Thousands might end up without shelter for three to four months. (14”)

WOMAN AT WATER HOLE

Securing supplies for so many people in a remote desert region is a daunting challenge in Chad, but even more so in the Darfur area, says UNHCR Emergency officer, Yvan Sturm. (13”)

YVAN STURM, UNHCR
EMERGENCY OFFICER

YVAN STURM:

“The most difficult question is the water situation as you can see on the map. We are really at the edge between the Sahel and the Sahara, which is dry, definitely dry, and it is difficult to find water.”

(15")

NARRATION

DRILLING WELLS

Technicians are drilling wells, but three-quarters of the boreholes are dry. If no water is found and the existing wells run dry, the whole camp will have to be moved. (10")

GIRL AT WELL, GIVING WATER
TO HER COW

This deep well in the Farchana Camp in Chad is stressed to its limits providing water to the new arrivals and their cattle. Every drop of water gives people new hope to survive. (12")

CAMP WITH WOMAN SETTING
FOUNDATION FOR NEW HUT

The UN is urgently appealing to member states and donors to secure 236 million dollars for immediate emergency relief in the region. If aid cannot be delivered swiftly, up to one million people in Darfur could die. (15")

UN LOGO (12")

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