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RACE AGAINST TIME TO HELP THE PEOPLE IN BANDAH ACEH

VIDEO

AIRPORT

SOLDIERS CARRY BODY BAG
TEDDY BEAR IN RUBBLE

LIZARD IN RUBBLE

AUDIO

NARRATION

Every day more than two-hundred relief flights arrive at Bandah Aceh's airport in Indonesia as part of the largest relief effort the UN and the international community have ever seen.

It's a race against time to stabilize the Aceh region and assess what challenges lie ahead...(17")

More than half the population has died in the tsunami...more than one-hundred thousand houses were destroyed and with them the region's entire water and sanitation system. (10")

Seven hundred thousand homeless survivors have nowhere to go. The UN's refugee agency created makeshift camps - putting up plastic sheets to provide people with a first roof over their heads. (12")

NARRATION

MEDICAL CLINIC IN CAMP

With flood waters yet to recede in many places, the World Health Organization fears the outbreak of diseases like diarrhoea and malaria. (8")

INJURED BOYS IN CAMP

Crude medical clinics were immediately set up in the camps and emergency medicines rushed to treat diseases at the first onset of symptoms. To prevent an outbreak of measles, the government needs to vaccinate 500,000 children in the entire province - a huge logistical challenge. (18")

Another challenge – accounting for the children left alone, like Mohamed and Trinovian, ten and eleven years old who were found among the rubble. (8")

INJURED WOMAN ARRIVING AT
HEALTH STATION
HELICOPTER OVERHEAD

While their parents are dead, for them and other children the desperate search to find any living relative continues. UNICEF works round the clock to register these kids...photographing them and posting their pictures on boards scoured daily by anxious parents. (16")

UN RELIEF WORKER ON-
CAMERA

Meanwhile the injured still arrive from nearby coastal areas – areas so remote they can only now be reached by helicopter. There's been little way to account for the damage done there says this UN Relief worker. (22")

UN RELIEF WORKER ON-
CAMERA

RELIEF WORKER:

“Our interest is in trying to speak to these people and get some sense of how many people survived, how many were possibly left behind, and the number of people who were originally killed from the community.” (12”)

NARRATION

But once basic accounting is done and basic needs met, there are new prioritieschief among them, getting the children back to school and parents back to work. (9”)

UN LOGO

This report was prepared by Ingrid Kasper for the United Nations. (4”)