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Somalia: Drought Crisis

VIDEO

AUDIO

WIDE SHOT OF SOMALIA

TEXT ON SCREEN

SOMALIA

The country has been hit by a severe drought and the risk of famine is looming.

The last famine six years ago claimed 260,000 lives.

This time, the drought is more widespread.

Some 6.7 million people – more than half of the country's population – are in need of humanitarian assistance.

Since November 2016, some 620,000 people have been internally displaced, looking for food and water.

HASSAN BUULE ADEN ON CAM
Al-Adala camp

HASSAN: (In Somali) M

“We had cattle, goats and fertile farmland. We did not receive sufficient rains in the last three years. Our livestock died and crops dried up. We fled from hunger and thirst.” (17”)

NALO ON CAM
Al-Adala camp

NALO: (In Somali) F

“Since the drought began, I lost my daughter, my uncle and my grandfather. I fled with my family following their painful deaths. There was hunger and thirst. There was no water to drink or even for washing. That is why we fled.” (23”)

BARWAGO MOHAMED ALI ON CAM
Kismayo General Hospital

BARWAGO: (In Somalia) F

“I got sick with diarrhoea while looking after a sick child in the hospital. I was admitted in this ward. My health situation is better now. I was admitted suffering from diarrhoea and vomiting but now I am recovering.” (14”)

TEXT ON SCREEN

About 363,000 children are malnourished.

In this hospital, close to 50 children died from hunger-related disorders and more than 1,000 children have been treated for severe malnutrition.

Dr. LUUL MOHAMUD MOHAMED
Head of Pediatric Department,
Banadir Hospital

LUUL

“In most cases the cause of death is dehydration. We are doing rehydration of the child and we give also antibiotics as well because we suspect watery diarrhoea and cholera. This is what we are doing so far.” (21”)

TEXT ON SCREEN

In March, UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres visited one of the hardest-hit regions in the country to assess the humanitarian situation.

GUTERRES ON-CAMERA

GUTERRES

“The reason why I came to Mogadishu and Baidoa is very simple; to express my deep solidarity with the Somali people in this moment that is at the same time both tragic and hopeful.” (14”)

FOOTAGE OF GUTERRES VISITING LIIBAN IDP SETTLEMENT, BAIDOA

TEXT ON SCREEN

NGOs and UN agencies have scaled up their response and are reaching millions of people.

The World Food Programme (WFP) airlifts essential nutrition supplies into hard-to-reach locations. It has also been using a digital card which allows families to access local shops.

The drought is causing disease, such as cholera and measles, to spread at an alarming rate.

In response, UNICEF and partners have been providing nutrition food supplies, water, sanitation and emergency health services.

The world is facing the worst humanitarian crisis since 1945. More than 20 million people across four countries – Somalia, Nigeria, Yemen, and South Sudan – are in or at risk of famine.

Local and international aid agencies in Somalia need USD 1.5 billion for the humanitarian response in 2017.

UN LOGO

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Rising Against My Enemy by Mike Kelleher -
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