

Far from Home With No Options

TRAILER

June 20th is World refugee day. The Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya is the largest in the world. Most of the residents there come from Somalia and because of recent fighting there the numbers in Dadaab have increased, straining the aid agencies that run the settlement.

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COMMENTARY

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ITV, IBADO MOHAMED, Somali Refugee (Somali)

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COMMENTARY

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Kenya's border with Somalia is closed but every month about 7000 Somalis cross over to take refuge at Dadaab. The camp was originally built for just 90,000 and is struggling to cope with the increasing numbers.

Anna Campbell is head of the UN refugee agency UNHCR's sub-office in Daadab Northern Kenya.

ITV, ANNA CAMPBELL, UNHCR (English)

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COMMENTARY

But with the current financial crisis and high food prices globally the World Food programme may have to ration food here. Currently each family receives corn meal and cooking oil every 15 days but even this isn't enough. Gabrielle Meneres works for the World Food Program in Dadaab.

ITV, GABRIELLE MENERES, World Food Program (English)

"The world food program is extremely worried although we have enough food for the next couple of months there maybe a pipeline break in November where we won't have enough food to feed the people here. And the refugees rely totally on the food that WFP provides for them, they don't have the land to grow their own food or other resources to buy it, so this is a very serious situation. And in November we may have to take drastic measures such as ration cards if we don't receive the food and money that we need."

ITV, ALI MOHAMED, Somali Refugee (English)

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COMMENTARY

Many children become malnourished and because there isn't proper water and sanitation in the camp some also get diarrhoea. Halima Ahmed Asman is a nurse at the clinic run by the French charity Medicins sans Frontiere.

ITV, HALIMA AHMED ASMAN, Nurse (English)

“The people in this refugee camps are depending on the general food ration and they don't have other income generating activities therefore whatever is being given there is not enough to provide for all aspects of lets say a balanced diet. So it ends up being a deficit. For example when it comes to the younger population like the children, things like milk and vegetables cannot be got constantly so that causes the greater part of the malnutrition.”

COMMENTARY

The Dadaab camp was set up in an area inhabited by Kenyan Somalis. Over the years there has also been tension between the refugees and the locals. Kenyans complain that the refugees are destroying the environment. With the increase of refugees here some worry about the hostility.

But for refugees like Ayan Yussuf this is the only home she knows. She's lived here for the last 18 years with her children and grandchildren. Even if peace comes to Somalia, she doesn't plan on returning.

ITV, AYAN YUSUF, Somali Refugee (Somali)

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COMMENTARY

As we were about to leave the camp, we ran into the funeral procession of a two year old called Anfac. Her family told us that she had just died of severe malnutrition.

Without proper nutrition other children could end up like this but as more Somalis take refuge here it is unlikely that the conditions in Dadaab will improve any time soon. Far from home and with no options these refugees continue to deal with the consequences of a civil war that is unlikely to stop and that they have no control over.

SHOT LIST

01:00 COMMENTARY, VARIOUS SHOTS OF IBADO MOHAMED BEING REGISTERED AT DAADAB REFUGEE CAMP (ENGLISH)

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01:23 SHOT OF IBADO MOHAMED’S PORTRAIT ON A COMPUTER SCREEN

01:25 ITV, IBADO MOHAMED, SOMALI REFUGEE (SOMALI)

“I’m confused, I’ve no where to go, I’ve lost my whole family, I don’t know where they are, I hope they can give me a place to settle and also help me look for my missing family.”

01:37 SHOT OF DAADAB REFUGEE CAMP

01:39 COMMENTARY, VARIOUS SHOTS OF DAADAB REFUGEE CAMP (ENGLISH)

“Most of the refugees at Dadaab are Somali because of the fighting back home that has gone on for 18 years.”

01:46 SHOT OF YOUNG KIDS LOOKING INTO THE CAMERA

01:47 SHOT OF FIGHTING IN SOMALIA

01:50 COMMENTARY, VARIOUS SHOTS OF FIGHTING IN SOMALIA
(ENGLISH)

“Since May Somalia’s government has been battling Islamic insurgents who have links to Al Qaeda and have taken over most of the country.”

01:58 SHOT OF MILITIA FIGHTING

02:00 COMMENTARY, VARIOUS SHOTS OF REFUGEES AT DADAAB
(ENGLISH)

“Kenya’s border with Somalia is closed but every month about 7000 Somalis cross over to take refuge at Dadaab. The camp was originally built for just 90,000 and is struggling to cope with the increasing numbers.”

02:15 SHOT OF A YOUNG KID AT THE DAADAB REFUGEE CAMP

02:17 SHOT OF HEAD OF UNHCR IN DAADAB ANNA CAMPBELL WITH
SOME COLLEAGUES

02:18 COMMENTARY, VARIOUS SHOTS OF HEAD OF UNHCR IN DAADAB
ANNA CAMPBELL TALKING TO SOME COLLEGUES (ENGLISH)

“Anna Campbell is head of the UN refugee agency UNHCR’s sub-office in Daadab Northern Kenya.”

02:24 SHOT OF DAADAB REFUGEE CAMP

02:25 ITV, ANNA CAMPBELL, UNHCR (ENGLISH)

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latrines, to ensure that we have extra schools; extend extra classrooms into the schools and add extra space in the hospitals to accommodate the extra requirements for these new arrivals.”

02:53 SHOT OF FOOD CENTRE AT DADAAB

02:56 COMMENTARY, VARIOUS SHOTS OF THE FOOD CENTRE AT DADAAB (ENGLISH)

“But with the current financial crisis and high food prices globally the World Food programme may have to ration food here. Currently each family receives corn meal and cooking oil every 15 days but even this isn’t enough.”

03:10 VARIOUS SHOTS OF THE FOOD CENTRE AT DADAAB

03:15 COMMENTARY, VARIOUS SHOTS OF WORLD FOOD PROGRAMM WORKER GABRIELLE MENERES GIVING FOOD TO REFUGEES (ENGLISH)

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03:22 ITV, GABRIELLE MENERES, WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (ENGLISH)

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are other items which we do not receive from the agencies like sugar, milk for the children etcetera.”

04:16 SHOT OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN AT A CLINIC

04:17 COMMENTARY, SHOT OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN AT A CLINIC, VARIOUS SHOTS OF A DOCTOR ATTENDING TO A CHILD, VARIOUS SHOTS OF NURSE HALIMA AHMED ASMAN AT THE CLINIC ATTENDING TO PATIENTS (ENGLISH)

“Many children become malnourished and because there isn’t proper water and sanitation in the camp some also get diarrhoea. Halima Ahmed Asman is a nurse at the clinic run by the French charity Medecins sans Frontiere.”

04:32 SHOT OF HALIMA AHMED ATTENDING TO A PATIENT

04:34 ITV, HALIMA AHMED ASMAN, NURSE (ENGLISH)

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05:06 SHOT OF LIFE AT DADAAB CAMP

05:08 COMMENTARY, VARIOUS SHOTS OF LIFE AT DADAAB CAMP (ENGLISH)

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05:25 SHOT OF HEARD AT DAADAB CAMP

05:26 SHOT OF SOMALI REFUGEE AYAN YUSUF LISTENING TO HER GRANDCHILDREN

05:28 COMMENTARY, VARIOUS SHOTS OF SOMALI REFUGEE AYAN YUSUF LISTENING TO HER GRANDCHILDREN, VARIOUS SHOT OF AYAN YUSUF GRANDCHILDREN READING (ENGLISH)

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05:42 SHOT OF AYAN YUSUF GRANDCHILDREN READING

05:44 ITV, AYAN YUSUF, SOMALI REFUGEE (SOMALI)

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05:55 SHOT OF A BURIAL PROCESSION FOR TWO YEAR OLD ANFAC

05:58 COMMENTARY, VARIOUS SHOTS OF A BURIAL PROCESSION FOR TWO YEAR OLD ANFAC (ENGLISH)

“As we were about to leave the camp, we ran into the funeral procession of a two year old called Anfacy. Her family told us that she had just died of severe malnutrition.”

06:08 VARIOUS SHOTS OF ANFACY’S BURIAL

06:15 COMMENTARY, VARIOUS SHOTS OF ANFACY’S BURIAL (ENGLISH)

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