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PRESENTATION

10 million Dollars is needed immediately to help the growing population of refugees in Somaliland.

Deputy executive director of Unicef said that after a working visit to camps for internally displaced people in Berbera in Somaliland.

This northern region of Somalia is receiving a growing number of refugees because it's relatively safe.

The refugees here are looking for shelter, after the continuing fighting in Southern Somalia.

BETA LENGTH 1'44"

Some 10,000 refugees are recently camping near Berbera.

Like 40-years old Rukia Ahmed, mother of 8.

She and many others came walking from the capital Mogadishu.

Almost 1,000 kilometers, and it took her more than a month.

QUOTE RUKIA AHMED

Here when I came they gave me a plot.

So I could construct a shelter to stay with my family.

Eventhough people found safety here, conditions remain harsh.

There is a lack of food due to the current drought.

1 out of 5 children are malnourished, and need additional feeding.

The nurse here sees it getting worse.

QUOTE SALOO ADEN nurse therapeutical feeding centre

The poor families shortened the food.

That's why you see high malnutrition.

Since there is nothing to do in the camp...

the visit of Unicef's deputy director Johnson is a public event.

Although she can't make promises because of no money due to the credit crunch.

Casting a gloomy perspective over these children.

QUOTE HILDE JOHNSON, deputy executive director Unicef

That absolutely means that people can lose their lives, children lose their lives,
They will not survive without our intervention.

It makes the governor of the region of Berbera desperate.
and the number of refugees in the whole of Somaliland keeps rising.

QUOTE MOHAMED ABDULAH

governor Berbera

We asked for assistance at the right time, and we didn't get anything.

One relief is that there is enough drinking water.

Giving a bit of comfort in the burning heat.

And it is badly needed.

Because with the continuing insecurity in the South...

it's likely the people will have to stay here for yet a long time.