

Update on the Famine

The drought, which has dried up water holes, rivers and even major waterways, at one point threatened the lives of 150 million Africans. By destroying vegetation and livestock, it eliminated the main sources of food and condemned to hunger peasants who had not foreseen the unimaginable. As a result, 35 million men, women and children experienced the daily nightmare of being uprooted, of existing in survival camps and instant barrios, of being abandoned, of living in absolute uncertainty, of witnessing slow death — whether their own or that of their loved ones. Armed conflict, disease and epidemics added their own brand of horror to an already unbearable situation.



Refugee camp in Sudan