

recognition that lives are being saved on the other and that life is coming back into the communities. In the camps where the starvation is everywhere it tends to be silent. In the camps where they're coming back to life, there is the noise and chatter of children again and it makes you feel as though it's possible to command a rescue operation and that's the other side of the hope, that if the world can be persuaded that over the next two to three months the aid comes in then when the rainy season occurs whole communities won't be isolated and inaccessible and lives will in fact be saved."

Stephen Lewis  
Canadian Ambassador to  
The United Nations  
on CBC's "Morningside"  
Member of the Mission to the Sudan

"It is important to confront the limitless human misery in Africa head on. It seems to me still more important to recognize the miracles they achieve with the limited implements and means they have.

However, because we live in a rich country, it is our duty and obligation not only to continue to help them, but substantially to increase our aid so that these nations can not merely survive, but, above all take charge of their destiny and carve themselves out a place in the sun.

The answers lie in politics, and each of us has it in their power to force governments to give an adequate response. Now it's up to us to act."

Richard Mercier  
Executive Vice-President  
Canadian Labour Congress  
Member of the Mission to the Sahel

"Beyond the present human tragedy, it is important for Canada to be part of the solution because it is not unthinkable that Canada, in fifty or sixty years, may be in a similar situation to Africa with a dust bowl on the Prairies, deforestation, our polluted water and our loss of agricultural land because of urbanization. In a sense, the African countries can act as a forewarning to us to pay attention to our environment, ecology and quality of life. The African situation requires assistance in four areas of primary concern to Canada: water, reforestation, agriculture and communications. These are areas in which Canada has a great deal of experience and expertise. This means that the potential relationship for trade, commerce and the exchange of