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Sudan Crisis Appeal 2024

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SHORT TALK

Thank you Father for this moment to speak. I'm _____ and I'm here on behalf of CAFOD, to tell you about the severe humanitarian crisis unfolding in Sudan.

The situation has become desperate very quickly. At least 8 million people have had to flee their homes. At least 25 million Sudanese need immediate, emergency help. Families are already going hungry. Famine looms ominously. This crisis threatens to become the worst in living memory.

Why is this happening? Sudan has suffered many years of poverty and inequality; but then intense violence broke out last year between the Sudanese Government and paramilitaries. As a result, most aid agencies evacuated. Many borders closed, as the Government say they need to keep weapons out. Now, humanitarian workers are struggling to get back in to Sudan to help.

But, the Church is still there. And our Church network, working tirelessly to help. I'm here to ask you to resource their efforts today. The needs are huge and they are escalating.

Let us, as Cardinal Nichols and Bishop Swarbrick wrote recently to the Bishops of Sudan, *'extend to [Sudan] the prayerful support of the Church in England and Wales and... express our solidarity with you in your current profound distress. We have heard your cry.'*

Please, give to our collection today, and Gift Aid your donation if you can. Very few aid agencies can get in. But the Church in Sudan is already responding, and asking us to help them do more.

We have worked alongside communities in Sudan for fifty years, and we work before, throughout, and in the aftermath of emergencies. If you can support that long term work, with a regular gift, it would make that aid possible, as well as the rebuilding Sudan will need.

Thank you so much for your giving today and for all your support to this life-saving relief effort, and thank you for your prayers for our humanitarian work, and for Sudan, for peace and an end to this crisis.