

UN sounds alarm over humanitarian catastrophe in Sudan as 18 million face emergency hunger levels



United Nations, February 13 (RHC)-- In Sudan, United Nations officials estimate about 18 million people are facing emergency levels of hunger — a figure that's doubled since last year due to months of fighting between the Sudanese army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces.

The humanitarian crisis has also triggered the world's largest displacement of children ever seen in Sudan, with over 700,000 likely to suffer severe acute malnutrition, according to UNICEF.

The UN agency's spokesperson, James Elder, said: "First, the world's largest displacement of children has been seen in Sudan. Four million children have been displaced. That's just over 13,000 children displaced every single day for the past 300 days. Safety gone. Worldly possessions gone. Hope fading. Second, the consequences of the past 300 days mean that more than 700,000 children are likely to suffer the most dangerous form of malnutrition this year. UNICEF won't be able to treat more than 300,000 of those without improved access and without additional support. In that case, tens of thousands would likely die."

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