

Cholera outbreak adds to misery of displacement and starvation in Sudan war as peace talks fail

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Khartoum, August 19 (RHC)-- In Sudan, a cholera outbreak has killed over 300 people, according to the World Health Organization. The highly contagious infection, transmitted through contaminated food or water, can cause severe diarrhea and dehydration.

Sudan is facing a catastrophic humanitarian situation, with famine declared in a camp in North Darfur and over 10 million displaced since the civil war erupted last April.

Leni Kinzli of the World Food Program told the media: “It is the world’s largest hunger crisis: 25.6 million people are in acute hunger, are facing acute hunger. That’s 54% of the population. So, basically, that means one in two Sudanese is not able to put a basic meal on their plate every day, are struggling every day just to eat. Of those, around 755,000 people are in the highest stage of food insecurity — catastrophic hunger — which basically means they’ve run out of all options and are surviving in whatever way they can, eating leaves off trees, eating grass.”

The Sudanese government is sending a delegation to Cairo for talks with U.S. and Egyptian officials, after failing to attend peace talks in Geneva last week. The talks in Egypt will reportedly be restricted to discussing the implementation of last year’s Jeddah Agreement, which is supposed to uphold humanitarian protections during the bloody conflict.

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