FAMINE AND HEALTH

When there is severe lack of food, people suffer from malnutrition.

Malnutrition weakens the immune system. The body becomes more susceptible to diseases.

Diseases can include: acute malnutrition, diarrhoeal disease, cholera, measles, malaria, and pneumonia.

“BETWEEN STARVATION AND DEATH, THERE IS ALMOST ALWAYS DISEASE”

What WHO does to protect health:

- Vaccination campaigns in affected communities
- Distribution of life-saving supplies and medicines
- Establishment of stabilizing centres for severe acute malnutrition
- Prevention, detection and control of deadly diseases
- Coordination and operations support with partners

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