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Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

During recent years the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator (UNDRO) has assisted the Government of Chad in mobilizing emergency aid by the international community. Emergency conditions have prevailed following the devastating drought in 1983-84 and the internal displacement of people from the northern province Borkou-Ennedi-Tibesti as a result of armed conflict. The need to provide relief assistance to the affected population and promote the recovery of the north from the effects of prolonged armed conflict presented a heavy strain on the national economy. A recent assistance programme for victims of armed conflict in the north was implemented in 1987 when UNDRO assisted in the mobilization of \$US 7.2 million by the international community. Bilateral donors, the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations provided emergency aid in the form of blankets, tents, medicines, food, shelter and other relief items as well as assistance towards the implementation of rehabilitation projects.