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NEW EMERGENCIES IN INDOCHINA PROMPT  
RELIEF EFFORTS FOR CHILDREN  
AND MOTHERS

Amid the swiftly-moving events of recent weeks in the Indochina Peninsula, new emergencies have developed for children and mothers.

In the Republic of Viet-Nam, war has finally over-flowed the sandbags, barbed wire and other fortifications which have been part of everyday life in long-contested provinces. Hundreds of thousands more have been added to the millions already displaced and made refugees by hostilities in the Peninsula.

The emergency in Cambodia, particularly in Phnom Penh, is the most clearly defined. More than 1½ million people displaced by the fighting have swollen the city's population from 375,000 before the war to more than 2 million today.

The strain on hospitals and health services has been overwhelming. Patients crowd the hospital wards and balconies, and the waiting rooms of visiting clinics run by voluntary agencies in the city's camps and poorer quarters.

The greatest problem, however, is the sharp increase in malnutrition and undernourishment among children. With interruptions to food supplies in the provinces and staggering inflation of commercial food prices, undernourishment has been widespread in Phnom Penh for many months. In mid-1974, a survey of children established that more than half were enough underweight to be medically classified as "at risk".

The situation has deteriorated even more in the last three months and nutrition centres have not been able to cope with numbers of malnourished children; one reported that for lack of space it had to turn away five of every six malnutrition cases referred to it.

UNICEF, two years into its \$44 million long-term rehabilitation programme in the Indochina Peninsula, has launched immediate relief efforts to meet the new needs. Emergency help has been supplied over

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the past two years to all sides in the conflict in all parts of the Indochina Peninsula.

In the Republic of Viet-Nam, UNICEF is supplying, as a first response, \$800,00 to \$900,000 worth of tarpaulins, drugs, first aid kits, tents, mosquito netting, blankets, stretchers and support for medical teams in emergency camps. The first supplies have already been airlifted to Saigon.

In Phnom Penh, UNICEF is supplying hundreds of tons of children's food and drugs for malnourished children. It is also helping to add nutrition treatment centres to the city's 11 dispensaries and to quintuple the capacity of the children's ward at a Phnom Penh hospital. Meanwhile, UNICEF's emergency stockpile of drugs and medical supplies is supporting the work of government health services and voluntary agencies.

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HEWETT/75 -- Barbed wire and sandbags have been a part of everyday life for children like this one in the long-contested province of Quang Ngai.

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IGNATIEFF/75 - Unloading skim milk powder from a UNICEF-chartered DC-4 at Phnom Penh airport. UNICEF staff on the spot receive materials from all over the world and arrange for their systematic distribution to hospitals, dispensaries and nutrition centres in Phnom Penh and provincial centres.

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CAMERON/75 - Special food for undernourished children is distributed at the nutrition treatment centre in Taktman, near Phnom Penh. UNICEF has been providing corn-soya-blend, milk powder, cooking oil and paediatric drugs.

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HEWETT/75 -- Four-year old Phiroum, his skin mottled by malnutrition, was admitted to Thol Kawk weighing only 9.6 kg. (21.12 lbs.) a week before this picture was taken. His gain in weight is slow, but it has started; he now weighs 9.7 kg. (21.34 lbs.)

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HEWETT/75 -- Food is distributed once a day to the 3,600 children at this large refugee camp on the outskirts of Phnom Penh; ration cards are used to keep the distribution equable.

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HEWETT/75 -- At a voluntary agency clinic in the refugee camp, children can receive treatment for illnesses and shots against tuberculosis and dermatitis. The clinic treats about 300 patients a day.

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HEWETT/75 -- Tuol Kruk nutrition centre in Phnom Penh is run by a voluntary agency which is backed up with UNICEF supplies of drugs and special foods. Even while operating at 30% above peak capacity, the centre has had to turn away five out of six cases referred to it, so great has been the increase in the numbers of malnourished children.

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HEWETT/75 -- The balcony of one of Phnom Penh's two civilian hospitals is crowded with patients, including civilian and military victims of the war. Much more space and personnel are needed to meet the demands of the war and the quadrupling of Phnom Penh's population. With UNICEF help, this hospital is increasing five-fold the capacity of its children's ward.

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HEWETT/75 -- A malnourished boy is being weighed at the Tuol Kauk centre. Although he is more than 18 months old, the scale shows he weighs only 5 kg. (11 lbs.)

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HEWETT/75 -- This child at the Tuol Kawk centre has the outsized head, wrinkled skin and "old man look" that are characteristic of severe malnutrition.

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CAMERON/75 - Children receive nutritional food in one of the feeding centres operated by the British Save the Children Fund. UNICEF has been providing transport, corn-soya blend, milk powder, cooking oil and paediatric drugs especially for malnourished children.

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CAMERON/75 - A mother feeds her child with the special, nourishing food she received at the nutrition treatment centre in Takmau, near Phnom Penh. The centre is operated by the Terre des Hommes Khmer organization. UNICEF has been providing corn-soya-blend, milk powder, cooking oil and paediatric drugs.

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CAMERON/75 - An undernourished child at the nutrition treatment centre in Takman near Phnom Penh.

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CAMERON/75 - UNICEF Representative, Paul Ignatieff, who has remained in Cambodia throughout the fighting, examines intravenous solution recently airshipped to the UNICEF warehouse in Phnom Penh. UNICEF staff on the spot receive materials from all over the world and arrange for their systematic distribution to hospitals, dispensaries and nutrition centres in Phnom Penh and provincial centres.

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CAMERON/75 - A father brings his severely malnourished child to the nutrition centre in Takmau near Phnom Penh for treatment. UNICEF has been providing corn-soya blend, milk powder, cooking oil and paediatric drugs to the centre which is operated by the Terre des Hommes Khmer organization.

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CAMERON/75 - A young Cambodian girl is examined by a Khmer doctor at one of the recently repaired Phnom Penh dispensaries. UNICEF has been providing drugs, diet supplements and transport for these dispensaries through a grant from the Canadian Government.

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CAMERON/75 - A group of mothers with malnourished children wait for treatment and food. UNICEF has been providing corn-soya-blend, milk powder, cooking oil and paediatric drugs to the nutrition treatment centre which is operated by the Terre des Hommes Khmer organization in Takrean near Phnom Penh.

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CAMERON/75 - Young nurses take information from mothers in a clinic operated in Phnom Penh pagoda. UNICEF has been providing assistance to the British Save the Children Fund which is operating feeding centres and clinics for children in Phnom Penh's pagodas, by supplying transport, corn-soya blend, milk powder, cooking oil and paediatric services, especially for malnourished children.

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CAMERON/75 - A mother consults with a doctor about her child's health while the nurse takes notes in one of the newly repaired Phnom Penh dispensaries. UNICEF has been providing drugs, diet supplements and transport for these dispensaries through a grant from the Canadian Government.

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CAMERON/75 - This young Kmer nurse, trained by British nurses, assists mothers in a clinic in Phnom Penh. UNICEF has been providing assistance to the British Save the Children Fund which is operating feeding centres and clinics for children in Phnom Penh's pagodas, by supplying transport, corn-soya blend, milk powder, cooking oil and paediatric services for malnourished children.

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CAMERON/75 - Sick children in a newly repaired rehydration ward. UNICEF has been collaborating with WHO and World Vision Khmer to repair paediatric and maternity services at the Amitle-Kmer-Sovietique Hospital. In consultation with WHO, World Vision is remodelling and repairing the building.

UNICEF has been providing building materials, rehydration fluids, drugs, medical equipment and suitable food for children.

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CAMERON/75 - The dispensary window is the focal point in a recently repaired dispensary in Phnom Penh, where mothers and children get drugs airlifted by UNICEF.

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HEWETT/75 -- This girl is named Long Khan; she is five years old and was brought into Thol Kawk in a desperate condition. She weighs 7.6 kg (15.6 lbs.), more than 60% below her proper weight.

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HEWETT/75 -- These malnutrition victims are being treated at the Tuol Kruk nutrition centre in Phnom Penh. Mothers, sisters and other relatives ranging from grandmothers to boy soldiers stay in the centre with the children to help with simple care and feeding.

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