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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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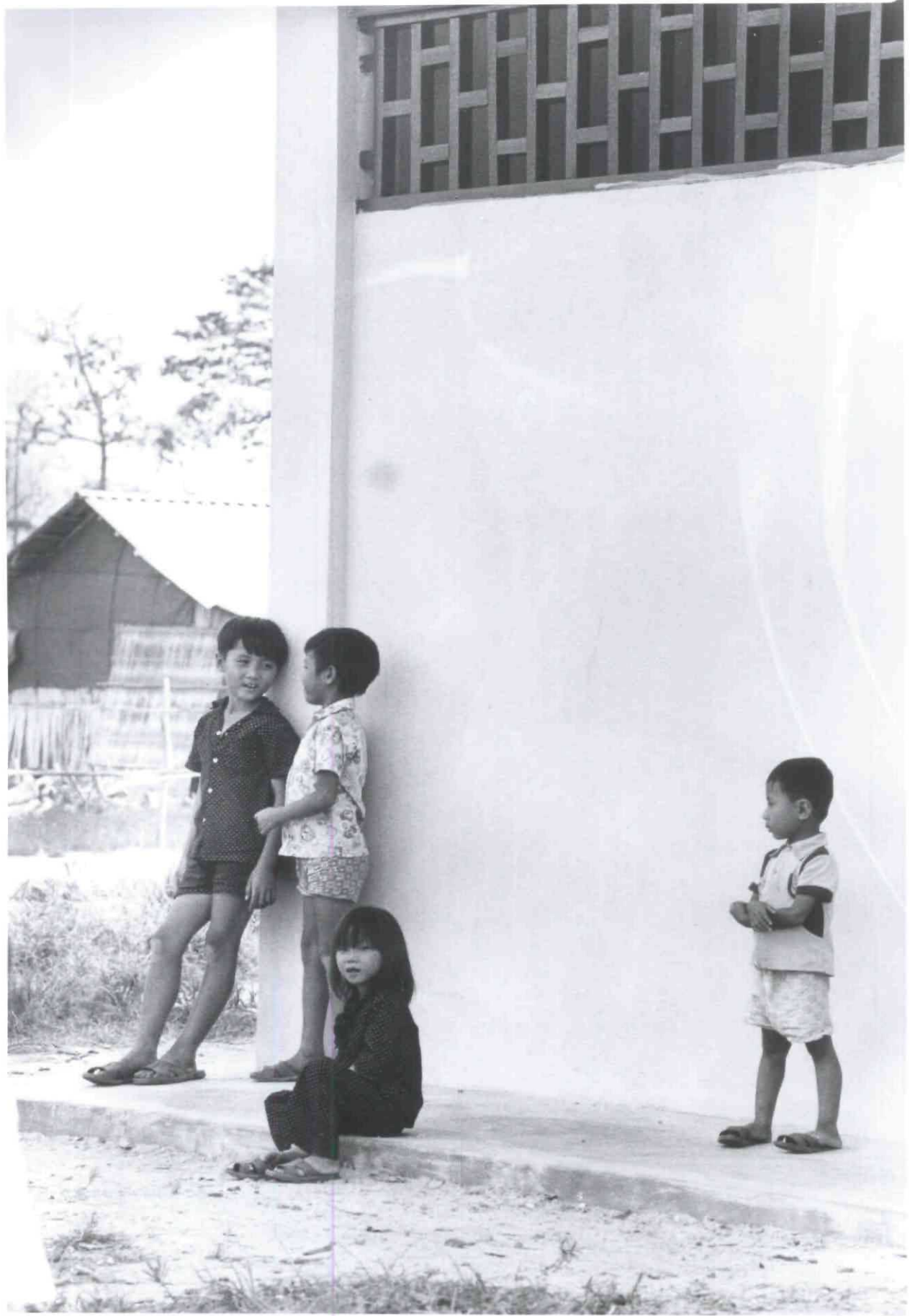
REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM

HEWETT/75 - In a refugee settlement in the Republic of Viet-Nam's Binh Tuy province, women help with the rebuilding effort. These are carrying roof sheets for a dispensary being build with UNICEF assistance.

In the face of new emergencies in the Indochina Peninsula, UNICEF is launching relief operations to help mothers and children in Cambodia and the Republic of Viet Nam. In Cambodia, where undernourishment among children is widespread and severe malnutrition cases are sharply increasing, UNICEF is supplying hundreds of tons of milk powder and medical needs as quickly as the airlift can take them into Phnom Penh. In the capital, UNICEF is helping to open 11 more nutrition centres and quintupling the capacity of a hospital ward for children to take the pressure off existing facilities. In the Republic of Viet Nam, UNICEF has begun to supply as a first response tarpaulins, drugs, first aid kits, mosquito netting, blankets, stretchers and support for medical teams. These supplies are being rushed to Saigon by air.

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REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM

HEWETT/75 - Children are the enduring victims of the emergencies which displace civilians from their homes and villages. Deprived of education, health care and the stability of their regular community, their prospect of the future becomes increasingly mean and limited. These belong to a refugee group now being settled in Binh Tuy province with UNICEF assistance for the building of schools and medical dispensaries.

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EMERGENCY

CAMBODIA

CAMERON/75 - A simple clinic in a fortified village. UNICEF has been air-shipping emergency medical kits containing paediatric drugs to villages which can be reached by air. Often these kits are the only supplies received in these remote areas.

Although the fighting seems over in Cambodia, hunger and suffering will continue for months to come. UNICEF (The United Nations Children's Fund) is continuing relief operations to meet the urgent needs of children and mothers. Undernourishment among children is widespread and severe malnutrition cases are sharply increasing. To meet these emergency needs, UNICEF in close cooperation with voluntary agencies, is supplying feeding centres, nutrition treatment centres, medical dispensaries, clinics and rehydration centres with hundreds of tons of milk powder, nutritional blends of corn-soya, paediatric services, rehydration fluids and medical equipment. Most of these supplies have been flown into Phnom Penh by UNICEF-chartered planes. The UNICEF office in Phnom Penh remains open and expects to continue to operate effectively for the benefit of children throughout Cambodia.

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