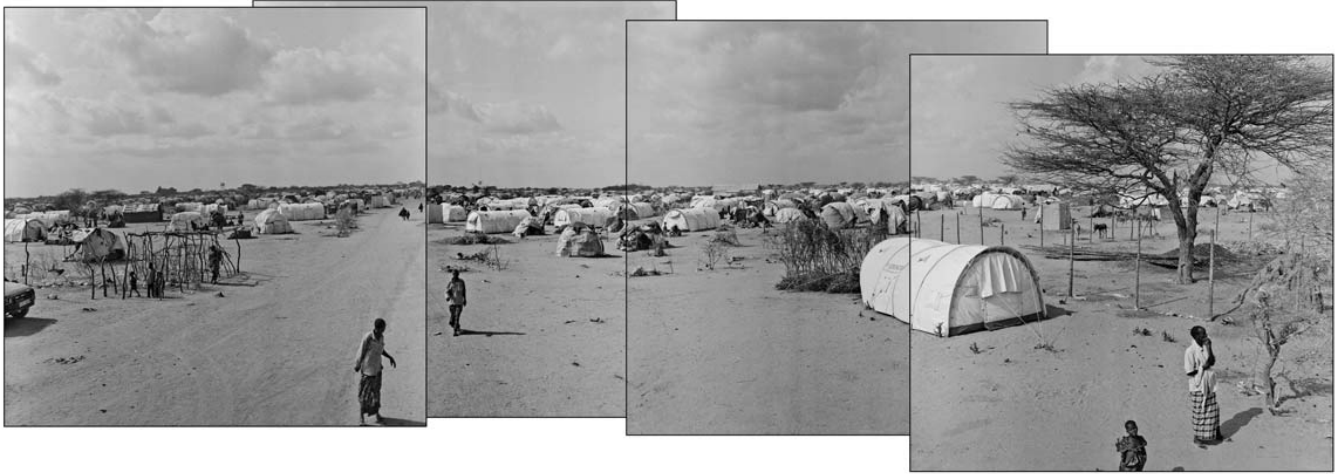


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Dadaab



CRISIS IN THE HORN OF AFRICA

Dadaab, Kenya

The Horn of Africa has been ravaged by one of the worst droughts in decades. In many places there have been no rains at all for two years, pushing almost 13 million people to the brink of starvation as their soil is reduced to arid dust. While many East African countries, including Kenya, have been affected by the lack of rain, in Somalia the problem has been exacerbated by persistent conflict between the Islamist al-Shabab group and government forces.

The Dadaab camp was set up in 1991 to house families fleeing conflict in north-east Kenya. There more than 300,000 Somalis concentrated in one place – thousands of many more arrive every month in a final attempt to escape hunger and instability in their homeland. Both Kenya and Somalia say it is time Dadaab was shut down and tens of thousands of refugees have been making the journey back home after years in the camp. This is a glimpse of what Dadaab looked like in year 2011.

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