



The Lake Chad Basin is facing a complex humanitarian emergency situation. According to Toby Lanzer, the United Nations Assistant-Secretary-General for the Sahel, more than 11 million people in the region around Lake Chad are in desperate need of humanitarian aid.

“Nobody is hearing the message we have been beaming for the past nine months about the deepening crisis across the Lake Chad Basin” stated Mr. Lanzer. “Seven million people are in a state of severe food insecurity. They are on the verge of starvation. “The peoples’ lives have been ravaged by poverty, by climate change, but in particular by the violence of Boko Haram. The group remains very difficult to control, and paralyzes commerce and trade across the Lake Chad Basin”.

# Does the Lake Chad Basin need another famine before we tackle its problems?

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