

Access to energy affects nearly every aspect of humanitarian aid



FOOD SECURITY & NUTRITION / Most food provided by aid agencies must be cooked before eating, yet clean cookstoves and fuel are rarely provided. Displaced people often sell or exchange part of their food rations for fuel



PROTECTION: / Walking long distances to collect firewood for fuel, or navigating camps without adequate lighting at night, exposes women and children to the risk of injury and physical assault



HEALTH / Most of the world's 59.5 million forcibly displaced people rely on solid fuels like charcoal and firewood. An estimated 20,000 die prematurely every year as a result of smoke pollution



LIVELIHOODS / The cost of fuel can absorb much of refugee families' meagre income, and time spent collecting firewood limits women and children's ability to work or attend school



ENVIRONMENT / An estimated 64,700 acres of forest are burned for fuel each year by forcibly displaced families living in camps, damaging the environment and creating tensions with host communities

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