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SHOTLIST:

1. WS Western Sahara
2. MS Western Sahara
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4. WS Western Sahara
5. WS UNICEF truck with children on donkeys in front
6. MS UNICEF driver
7. WS horses drinking and truck
8. LA WS UNICEF truck
9. CU dead cow
10. WS cows walking through grasslands
11. CU cow drinking
12. WS village leader and advisor
13. CU village leader and advisor
14. WS men of village meeting
15. MS men of village
16. **MS Alassan Yero "As a leader what I have heard is troubling because these men have no choice anymore but to leave. And every time the man leaves, he leaves the family in a bad situation."**
17. WS Mounoumuin collecting coals
18. CU Mounoumuin
19. WS Mounoumuin making tea
20. MS Mounoumuin making tea
21. MS Mounoumuin and child
22. CU Mounoumuin and child
23. **WS Mounoumuin Minb "After the cold and the drought the children all became very weak and they weren't able to walk or talk. It was at the same time we lost all our animals. I want god to change these conditions."**
24. **CU Mounoumuin Minb**
25. CU children doing Koranic readings
26. CU children doing Koranic readings
27. WS children doing Koranic readings
28. MS Mounoumuin locking door
29. WS Mounoumuin walking with children
30. CU mixing therapeutic feeding
31. MS mixing therapeutic feeding
32. CU Mounoumuin's youngest child drinking therapeutic feeding
33. MS entrance to Therapeutic Feeding Centre
34. CU severely malnourished child
35. MS severely malnourished child
36. WS child being measured
37. **MS Dr. Souleymane Diallo "It is a hidden crisis, because its going on a long time almost more than ten years going on now. Mauritania is not able to produce what the population will need. In a better situation, it will produce only 40 per cent of the needs of the population. That means every time they have to import food for women and children. "**
38. CU farmer
39. CU farmer
40. **MS Dr. Souleymane Diallo**



- 41. MS Nouakchott
 - 42. MS man sewing
 - 43. CU man sewing
 - 44. WS women selling cloth
 - 45. WS man stripping sticks
 - 46. CU boy
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STORYLINE:

Nature has not been kind to Mauritania . . . the barren shifting sands of the Western Sahara is tough terrain at the best of times.

For years plague upon pest and even bitter cold has burdened this sparsely populated country. But the lean times were predicted and outside aid has become their salvation now.

Radical climate change has killed off many of the livestock and few are left to get the most from the recent rains. The village leader is saddened by what he calls this cycle a crisis that forces men to leave their families and fields.

Alassan Yero

Leader of Weddeje Bokki Village

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Once Mounoumuin had a good stock of 200 goats. They're gone now, perished in a rare frosty spell. Her husband's left for the city. Her children are undernourished.

Mounoumuin Minb

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Islamic faith is the corner stone for Mauritania's people.

For her children's daily bread, Mounoumuin relies on the government run feeding centre where UNICEF provides the therapeutic powder and trains locals to mix therapeutic powder for the children. Those worse off, the severely malnourished, are sent to the therapeutic feeding centre where their progress is carefully chartered.

Dr. Souleymane Diallo, UNICEF Representative Mauritania

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The pull away from sowing the land to sewing of another kind in the capital Nouakchott will continue for now. But further down the road, getting more children into schools is the only way for Mauritania to sustain itself.

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