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## **Famine**

Sarah: Wentworth, did you know that even in the United States, the land of the fat, nearly thirty million people do not have enough to eat?

W: I didn't think it was that much, but I know that across the world more than eight hundred million people are chronically malnourished, and apparently there will be more than two billion extra mouths to feed within thirty years.

Sarah: Well, the global food situation has scarcely improved since world leaders pledged to halve the proportion of starving people by 2015.

W: The problem is that all too often politicians do no more than pay lip service to the need to eradicate world hunger and they don't match words with action. It is time for world leaders to put their money where their mouths are.

Sarah: I learnt as well that rice was the staple food of more than half the world's population. I think the biggest problem comes from the fact that the distribution of famine relief often trickles in where it is most needed. The leaders need to work together as closely as possible with the investigative departments of other donors worldwide in order to prevent fraudsters from exploiting international help.

W: Yes. But I really wonder if governments realize that world hunger is killing people. Like the famine which stalked Ethiopia in 1984 slew 1 million people, or the one which is rampant in Niger and wreaks havoc on the population. In countries like Zambia and Zimbabwe, starvation is often due to drought but also to chronic misgovernance.

Sarah: Anyway, is it acceptable at the beginning of the twenty first century that some people eat the bark and roots of trees to survive?

W: Absolutely not, and as the saying goes: a hungry man is an angry man...



**GLOSSARY:**

Famine	Famine relief
To be malnourished	Investigative departments
To feed	Donors
To improve	Fraudsters
To pledge	International help
To halve	Havoc
To pay lip service	Starvation
To eradicate	Drought
To match word with action	chronic misgovernance
to put their money where their mouths are	The bark
To trickle	The roots
To prevent from (+Ving)	Trees
To exploit	The saying
To kill	A hungry man
To stalk	An angry man
To slay/slew/slain: tuer, exterminer	Across the world
To wreak: causer, provoquer	Chronically
To be due to	Within
To survive	Scarcely
the land of the fat	All too often
Extra mouths	No more than
global food situation	Closely
World leaders	Worldwide
starving people	Rampant
world hunger	
Rice	
The staple food	



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