

UN launches appeal for Horn of Africa

With East Africa reeling from a succession of failed rains, the UN warns that a humanitarian catastrophe could engulf the region unless it receives urgent donations to feed 7.5 million people in an area where 18 million are chronically undernourished

ETHIOPIA

Population: **77.4 million**

At risk: **1.8 million**

Causes: Deforestation, overgrazing, soil erosion, floods, fall in world prices of exports such as coffee

DJIBOUTI

Population: **790,000**

At risk: **150,000**

Causes: Desert climate, chronic food deficit, extreme poverty up from 10% to 42% (1996-2002)

