

KENYA: AID REACHES FLOOD VICTIMS

Everything that could fly, the R.A.F. mobilised in Kenya's emergency flood relief. 2,000 square miles of the country was under water; ironically after the worst drought for 70 years. And but for swift aid, half-a-million might have starved. Maize, milk-powder, and meat extract were dropped to people isolated by the water.

By now the airlift was working at full pressure, all round the clock, with army and navy personnel joining the operation.

Inter-racial strife was forgotten. Everybody chipped in. This was food desperately needed in the stricken areas, by both white and coloured people. And as usual in big floods, doctors were urgently wanted. Helicopters flew them in. It's a long time since such a variety of aircraft were used together.

Coming on top of the disastrous drought the floods will put much of Kenya's agriculture out of action for twelve months; so help will have to be given all this year.

Every doctor on the scene had patients waiting for him. In tropical areas floods bring disease in their wake, so anti-malarial drugs had top priority, also medicines to treat typhoid and other fevers. America has joined Britain and the Commonwealth in sending aid. Kenya is getting the help she must have.