Parched fields, empty bellies

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In recent years, the Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh has repeatedly been in the news due to adverse weather conditions, crop failures and suicides of farmers. During the last year, conditions have aggravated further due to failure of three crops in succession. This has led to very serious distress conditions including very high levels of hunger and malnutrition.

Recent visits to some villages revealed several aspects of the high vulnerability of the people living here.

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