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*Veteran broadcaster Sir David Attenborough  
has called for more debate about population control*

Sir David Attenborough has dismissed sending food aid to countries enduring famine as "barmy" as he urged for more debate about population control, it has been reported.

The natural history broadcaster warned that the world is "heading for disaster" and without action the "natural world will do something", he told The Daily Telegraph.

He added that the natural world has been doing it "for a long time" and more discussion is needed.

"What are all these famines in Ethiopia, what are they about?" he said.

"They're about too many people for too little land. That's what it's about. And we are blinding ourselves.

"We say, get the United Nations to send them bags of flour. That's barmy."

He cited "huge sensitivities" like the right to have children and the Catholic Church's stance on contraception as barriers to talking about population control.

He added that the issue could also be misconstrued as an attack on poor people as the areas of concern are Africa and Asia.

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