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**Documentary on the global snake
poisoning: *Minutes to Die*. Director
James Reid**

125,000 lives are lost following the sudden, unfortunate interaction between farmers, children and homemakers and the venomous snake merely looking for water inside a thatched home or helping the farmer by devouring crop destroying rodents. Some 400,000 people each year will suffer their

own form of long-term misery – perhaps an amputation or disfigured limb.

Victims are shunned. Marriage for young girls becomes unlikely. Costs for treatment force families to sell of what little they own. Years or a lifetime of debt to pay for medicines, hospital costs or long term wound care exist in virtually every snakebite endemic country. Some have called snakebite an “additional penalty of poverty”.

Cultural norms in many countries lead bite victims to first seek treatment from local traditional healers. Experts see this as ineffective and delays a victim getting hospital treatment, that is if antivenom is even available. In Nigeria, over 90 percent of victims first access treatment from traditional healers.

The documentary is titled “Minutes to Die” for one simple reason. If you’re bitten by a venomous snake, the first thing that typically happens is panic. The panic of not knowing if

you or someone you love will have days, or hours, or minutes to die (Minutes to Die Documentary

<http://minutestodie.com/>

<http://minutestodie.com/the-snakebite-crisis/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PfkWKEldhUo>

The World Premiere of this Documentary took place in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

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Place:

Hotel Clarion, Tegucigalpa, Honduras

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Hosts:

James Reid, Director

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Audience



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James Reid, Director



James Reid, Director, and José María Gutiérrez, PhD