

Survivor Nyos

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Interview of a young female (16-25 years old) who was at Nyos the night of August 21, 1986. She describes the sensations she felt as the CO₂ cloud swept through the village of Nyos.

You were at Nyos the night of August 21, 1986?

- **Yes.**
Did you hear any noise?
- **I smelled something.**
What did you smell? Now you come here. Why don't you want to talk to me? Why are you ashamed? What did you smell?
- **I smelled something like a gun.**
Like gunpowder?
- **Yes, like gunpowder.**
Did you pass-out?
- **Yes.**
For how many days did you sleep?
- **Only one day.**
Did you wake up the next morning?
- **Yes.**
How many people died in your house?
- **Three**
So, three people died in your house?
- **No, four people died.**
Were you the only person that lived in your house?
- **No, there were three of us that lived.**
So, three people lived?
- **Yes.**
What did you do when you woke up the next morning?
- **What?**
When you woke up the next morning, did you walk around?
- **Yes.**
Were you afraid? Hey, where are you going? Come back here. We will only talk a little bit more. Did you feel something burn your skin that night?
- **Yes, my skin was hot.**
Your skin was hot; did you remove your clothes?
- **I don't know.**
You don't know, but you felt something hot?
- **Yes.**
For that night?
- **Yes.**
When you woke up the next morning was your skin still hot?

- **No.**
Your skin was not sore the next day?
- **No.**
Did you vomit?
- **No.**
When you felt your skin get hot did it happen quick?
- **Only my eyes rotated.**
What?
- **My eyes rotated.**
When your eyes turned, did you feel heat?
- **Yes.**
How hot was it? Was it hot like a fire?
- **No.**
How hot was it?
- **I don't know.**
Was the heat similar to a sunny day?
- **Yes.**
So, it felt like the sun was shining?
- **Yes.**
It was not hot like a fire?
- **No.**
Did you feel heat the next morning when you woke up?
- **No.**
So, you had no problems the next day? What did you see that night?
- **I saw a light like the moon was shining.**
It was light like the moon was shining?
- **Yes.**
Thank you.