



**Friday 24 March**

## **THE RED NOSE AFRICAN CONVOY**

**TX: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 9pm on BBC One**

As the nation gears-up to this year's Red Nose Day, the Red Nose African Convoy sees six celebrities swap their home comforts for life on the road as they take the British public on a journey to show how the money they raise is helping to change lives every single day.

The documentary follows David Baddiel, Hugh Dennis, Katy Brand, Michaela Coel, Reggie Yates and Russell Kane as they take to the wheel and act as outriders to a convoy of HGVs travelling from Kenya to Uganda to deliver crucial supplies to Comic Relief funded projects.

With a cast of comedy favourites, old friends and new acquaintances coming together to see Comic Relief cash in action, viewers can expect more than a few twists and turns and bumps in the road, as the famous six turn expert convoy outriders and DIY superstars to assemble delivery beds, hand out mosquito nets and take on challenging driving terrain.

Their epic journey takes the famous six through communities affected by many of the health issues that Comic Relief works to address, including remote villages with no access to healthcare and a massive slum with small healthcare facilities serving thousands of people. They meet inspiring individuals dedicated to changing lives in their community and discover the huge difference Red Nose Day money is making.

Katy Brand, who is paired up with fellow comedian Russell Kane, said: "I've watched Comic Relief on TV for as long as I can remember and I have donated every time, like millions of others have, so to be given the chance to go and actually see projects that have benefitted directly from the money was an opportunity I couldn't pass up. Plus I have always longed to spend six days in a car with Russell Kane."

Money raised this Red Nose Day will be spent helping some of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people in the UK and some of the world's poorest communities. Visit [rednoseday.com](http://rednoseday.com) to find out more.

The Red Nose African Convoy airs on Thursday 23rd March at 9pm on BBC One.

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## **Notes to editors**

### **About Red Nose Day 2017**

- Red Nose Day is back on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and it's all about your power to make the world a better place, simply by having a great time.
- By raising (or donating) cash this Red Nose Day, you're helping to change lives. That's because Comic Relief spends the money raised to help the people who really need it most, both here in the UK and in some of the world's poorest communities.
- From workplace bake sales and fancy-dress fundraising in schools, to danceathons, quizzes and surreal sponsored challenges, put on a Red Nose and make your laugh matter by doing whatever you enjoy to raise life-changing cash.
- It all culminates in a massive night of comedy and entertainment, live on the BBC.

### **About Comic Relief**

Comic Relief is a UK charity which aims to create a just world, free from poverty - where everyone is safe, healthy, educated and empowered. Since 1985, Comic Relief has raised over £1 billion. That money has helped, and is helping, people living incredibly tough lives, both at home in the UK and across the world.

For information about Comic Relief and the work it carries out, please visit [www.comicrelief.com](http://www.comicrelief.com)

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