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CHILD REGISTRATION IN ANGOLA

VIDEO

REGISTRATION CENTRE (15")

FIGHTING (11")

REFUGEES (9")

W/S REFUGEE CAMP (10")

UNICEF CAR/UNLOADING

AUDIO

NARRATION

In Angola, in South-western Africa, a campaign is underway to register all children. According to a report by the UN Children's Fund, UNICEF, an estimated five million children in the country have no birth certificates.

For nearly three decades, Angola was embroiled in a prolonged conflict. Tens of thousands of people were killed and millions more were displaced.

Fleeing the chaos of war, many left behind or lost their legal documents. Staying alive became a daily struggle.

Even after the war ended, some are simply too poor to be concerned with or to recognize the importance of child registration.

The current campaign is supported by UNICEF,

MATERIALS (19.5")

which provides most of the registration materials. It allows people to register for free, and at places other than offices run by the government. Mario Ferrari is UNICEF's Representative in Angola.

MARIO FERRARI ON CAMERA
(19")

FERRARI:

"The Ministry of Justice accepted that this process of registering children is de-bureaucratized. So they have passed a law authorizing some institutions, mainly linked to the church – Catholic and Protestant church – to do this work."

CHURCH/PREPARATION OF
REGISTRATION MATERIAL (15")

NARRATION

In Luanda, Angola's capital city, St. Joseph's Church is one of the designated centres. Starting with putting packets of the appropriate documents together, the entire registration process is carried out here.

WORSHIPPERS IN CHURCH
(10.5")

Attended by some three thousand worshippers, the church provides an ideal platform to inform and raise people's awareness.

PRIEST EXPLAINING FORM (20")

Father Albino Gonzalez tells them that it's the right of all children to be registered and have an identity. Without such a document, they are likely to face discrimination, and denied access to basic services such as education and health care.

REGISTRATION AT CHURCH
(24")

The UNICEF-supported project began in 1997, and has so far registered over eight hundred thousand children. The programme, conducted

mostly by local staff, has also generated much-needed employment. Many parents, including Domingas Simao, have now come to understand the value of a birth certificate.

SIMAO: (in Portuguese)

DOMINGAS SIMAO ON CAMERA
(15")

"With this registration my son will be able to go to school. He will be able to get a birth certificate, a passport, and be able to vote in future elections."

NARRATION

NURSE FILLING OUT FORMS/
NEWBORNS (23")

The campaign in Angola is part of UNICEF's global effort to register all children within the next decade. The aim is to ensure they have the vital documents needed to give them the best possible start in life. But worldwide, an estimated fifty million babies remain unregistered. With no proof of their existence, they are in danger of being shut out of society.

LOGO (20")

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