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UNDP HELPS REBUILD BOUGAINVILLE

VIDEO

AERIALS (13")

DESTRUCTION (28")

AMBASSADOR NOEL SINCLAIR
ON-CAMERA (10.5")

AUDIO

The dramatic beauty of Bougainville, a province of Papua New Guinea. At first sight, it fits the image of a tropical paradise in the South Seas. But looks are deceptive.

The streets of the island's capital, Arawa, are littered with derelict buildings, symbols of a secessionist war that lasted almost a decade. Thousands died and many more were displaced. The island's infrastructure lies in ruins. But now, thanks to the UN and the people of Bougainville, there is peace. And the job of rebuilding the province can begin, says Ambassador Noel Sinclair, head of the UN Political Office in Bougainville.

SINCLAIR:

"There is a lot of work they need to do, to put the institutions in place, to promote community development, to provide jobs and look after the economic and social well-being of the people."

NARRATION

METAL WORKSHOP (26")

To get the island back on its feet, the UN Development Programme, UNDP, has created a project to kick-start the local economy. This includes rehabilitating small infrastructure and re-integrating ex-combatants into society at large. At this metal workshop, 60 young persons, many of them former fighters, are learning a trade. Benedict Erengate manages the workshop...

BENEDICT ERENGATE ON-CAMERA (16")

ERENGATE:

"Everything is destroyed. If we see our workshops, our schools, our health offices and hospitals, they have been burnt down – and no infrastructure. So we are gearing now towards rebuilding again."

TRADITIONAL CRAFTS (25")

NARRATION

Recently the UN brought together artisans from all over the island to share their knowledge of the traditional arts of craft making. During the conflict, communities were isolated from one another. Popular culture can be an instrument of peace-building, helping to foster better understanding. Reviving these traditions is one way of helping Bougainville return to normalcy.

COCOA/CHRIS (26")

NARRATION

Before the war, the island was a major cocoa exporter. During the crisis, production came to a

standstill. Now, cocoa output is booming. The UN distributed millions of cocoa seedlings to farmers. With world prices at an all time high, revenue from cocoa will be crucial to the island's recovery. Chris Damana is Chairman of the Island's Cocoa Growers Association.

CHRIS DAMANA ON-CAMERA
(14")

DAMANA:

"Our main aim is to try and sell our product to the overseas market and then get the money back and re-use the money in Bougainville for the development and restoration of Bougainville."

FARMING/BERNARD (17")

NARRATION

Almost 90 percent of the population works in the rural sector. Although rich in other natural resources, farming will continue to be the centre piece of the island's economy. UNDP's Project Manager, Bernard Choulai.

BERNARD CHOULAI ON-CAMERA
(6")

CHOULAI:

"Governance issues around agriculture, development and agriculture, is going to be the basis of the future in Bougainville."

PEOPLE (22")

NARRATION

After years of hopelessness, the prospects are brighter for the people of Bougainville. The UN continues to support peace through rehabilitation, reconstruction, reconciliation and development

activities. The aim is to reduce poverty, restore economic growth and promote stability in the island and in the region.

UN LOGO (12")

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