



21ST CENTURY SHOW # 72

SHOW OPEN, GRAPHIC AND MUSIC (25')

TEASES

Coming up on 21st Century... (2')

In China, women leaders help forge a new future (*PENG: I had to be responsible and let people know that as a woman, I was just as good as anyone*)
the dawn of a new day in rural politics. (18')

In Ghana – new technology is transforming education..... one child at a time. (7')

And in Rwanda a nation works to reinvent itself – prospering after conflict. (7')

Hello and welcome to 21st Century, I'm Daljit Dhaliwal

Across rural China, there's a transformation occurring. More and more women are stepping out of their traditional roles and into positions of power. We travel to a remote region of China to meet women leaders who are shaping a new future for their country. Here's their story ...(24')

Story Segment #1 TRT 7'44"
China WOMEN SHAPE A NEW FUTURE

AUDIO

VIDEO

NARRATION:

PADI FIELDS WOMEN PICKING
HARVEST

It's a typical sight here in the Chinese countryside, women working the field ... and preparing meals for their family. (15')

PREPARING DINNER

But it's rare to find forty-one year-old Pung Weiling in her kitchen...she has little time for domestic chores (8')

FAMILY EATING DINNER

That's because Pung is busy in a very different kind of role...that of Communist Party Secretary for her village. She was elected 4 years ago - the first time ever that a woman in her province attained such a leadership position. (15')

PENG ON CAMERA

PENG: (in Chinese)

Having taken up this position I had to be responsible, and let people know that as a woman I was just as good as anyone. (7')

PENG ON PHONE

NARRATION

MORE AGRICULTURE SHOTS

Peng's [PUNG's] story is a success story. It's also the story of many women's struggle to secure positions of power – a tale shared across much of rural China, where women have

GROUP OF WOMEN TALKING

customarily had little say in the affairs of their community ... and where more than 75% of all officials are men (21')

AGRICULTURE GVs

But all that's slowly changing, as more women like Peng [PUNG] are gaining leadership positions and representing so many who depend on their voices to shape a new future for China (13.5')

VILLAGE SHOTS

Peng's village of Qing Xi [CHING SHEE] lies close to the Russian border in northeast China. With only some three months of frost-free days a year to plant and harvest, life is especially difficult for the families she serves (15')

CHILDREN PLAYING

PENG WITH FARMER WALKING IN FIELD

Peng spends most of her time advocating for them, like helping farmer Ke Peiqing [KUR-PAY CHING] gather evidence of damage for an insurance claim after his land was flooded. Whether or not he receives this compensation can mean the difference between saving his field... or him losing it all (19')

PENG ON CAMERA

PENG (in Chinese)

As an official, my main responsibilities are looking after village affairs / communicating with higher levels of government, and putting in place policies to improve infrastructure in the village and to help develop the economy of the community (15.5')

WALLPAPER TAKING PICTURES OF FARMER'S CROPS

NARRATION

And here, that means building roads to improve trade and building bridges to help rural farmers access their land.... (7')

PENG LOOKING AT RIVER
STANDING ON BRIDGE

PENG WEILING (in Chinese)

*The river used to divide our village in half //
People had to wade through the river to get to
the fields. Vehicles had to drive through the
water (10')*

TRACTOR DRIVING OVER BRIDGE

NARRATION

But one of the most important responsibilities Peng says is handling disputesdisputes that often begin over issues of land ownership and boundaries. (9')

AGRICULTURE /FIELDS BEING
DUG

PENG (in Chinese)

Land is the lifeblood of the countryside. (2')

PENG ON CAMERA

NARRATION

To help keep the peace in her community, she's a constant presence at the Province's Land Bureau (5')

PENG WITH GROUP OF MEN

PENG (in Chinese)

*Today the Land Bureau has come to confirm
the boundaries between fields.*

PENG ON CAMERA CUT TO
DRAWING BOUNDARIES

*Once this has been confirmed the land will be
managed properly. (9')*

NARRATION:

Jin Chaofu [JIN COW-FOO] is a Village Head who works closely with Peng. He says he's

JIN SET UP

witnessed the power of women leaders (8')

VILLAGE HEAD JIN CHAOFU: (in Chinese)

There was a 2-year dispute between two families in the village over field boundaries....

The local police couldn't sort it out and neither could the court.... But Secretary Peng and the

JIN ON CAMERA

village party committee harmoniously resolved years of grievance.(21')

NARRATION:

GVs COUNTRYSIDE

Efforts are underway across rural China to get more women involved in shaping policy...and enacting change. (7')

WOMEN IN HALL

A pilot project to do just that was launched in Peng's own village with the support of the United Nations Democracy Fund, UNDEF (8')

MIKIKO (In English)

MIKIKO ON CAMERA

The project tries to increase the number of women leaders (4')

NARRATION

MIKIKO WALKING

Mikiko Sawanishi [MEE-KEE-KO SAW-AH-NEESHI] is UNDEF's Deputy Executive Head. She says the first step is identifying potential female leaders in villages across the country, and then training them to run as candidates. (14')

PENG WALKING WITH ANOTHER WOMAN

They're talked about the issue of politics and are given guidance on the electoral process. (6')

PENG ON CAMERA

Finally, she says, women are taught vital leadership, management, and decision-making skills. (5.5')

PENG IN ROOM WITH OTHER WOMEN

But UNDEF and many others believe that part of shaping the women leaders of tomorrow also means helping women gain economic independence today. (10')

HONEYCOMBS, BEES, MUSHROOMS

And so leaders like Peng are helping to set up new industries in which women can play an active role, industries like producing honeyand harvesting mushrooms (11')

PENG: (in Chinese)

We saw the market potential and wanted to do this large-scale. We negotiated with the local government and raised money in poverty-relief aid (11')

PENG IN ROOM WITH MEN

NARRATION

But while promising, Mikoko Sawanishi says that getting women on board is not enough, men's attitudes must also change. (7')

MIKIKO ON CAMERA

MIKIKO [in English]:

The project also educates and changes the men's perception so that men can help and support the women to raise their voice / =where women can really voice their rights (11')

JIN ON CAMERA

JIN CHAOFU: (in Chinese)

Men and women should be equal and

PENG ON TRACTOR

independent./ If their status in the family is not raised, and they are not given equality, then that's discrimination. (9')

NARRATION:

PENG AND JIN FIXING TRACTOR

But while the women remain hopeful that change will come, juggling the demands of their roles in government with the needs of their families...and their farms in many cases, has not been easy for so many women leaders here. (13')

PENG ON CAMERA

PENG (in Chinese)

I used to be the main force at home in farm work. Since becoming Party Secretary I don't have time to work in the fields anymore My husband shoulders the whole responsibility. I

PENG WITH FAMILY AT DINNER

feel very guilty about this, I'm really sorry about it but there's nothing I can do.(16')

NARRATION:

But in what Peng hopes is a sign of new times in rural China, neither she, nor her husband and son would have it any other way. (9')

LIU ON CAMERA

HUSBAND LIU YONGHONG (in Chinese)

At first, the men in the village said I was like a woman. I had to cook and look after the chickens and ducks and do other housework. I'm a man. But I accept this for the sake of Peng Weiling's work. I just hope she can do a good job, and that's enough for me.(18')

NARRATION

It's also enough for her son, whose pride in her

PENG WALKING WITH HER SON

position gives her hope for the next generation of women leaders. (8')

SON ON CAMERA

SON, LIU WEI:

Sometimes when I hear people thanking my mother from the bottom of their hearts for helping them, I feel very happy. Even though she can't spend much time with her son or husband, she can help others to live well (13')

CUT TO PENG TAKING
PHOTOGRAPHS

Intro Segment #2

Across the world, tens of millions of children are missing out on an education. But there is hope. Enrolment worldwide is increasing and now there's a new tool that's bringing education straight into the hands of children. Our cameras take you to Ghana where we explore how a simple technology is poised to revolutionize education. (23')

Story Segment #2 TRT 7'42 :

Ghana An Education Revolution

<u>VIDEO</u>	<u>AUDIO</u>
SUNRISE / STREET LIFE IN GHANA	MUSIC open (:12)
STREET LIFE IN GHANA	<u>NARRATION:</u> It is market day in this small Ghanaian village...it's also a school day. (5')
CHILDREN GO TO SCHOOL	
GIDEON IN CORNFIELD / INSIDE CLASSROOM / PEOPLE ON BRIDGE / PEOPLE GATHER WATER /	Living here is 14 year old Gideon...a boy <u>determined</u> to do something exceptional with his life...and he believes education is the <u>key</u> to getting him there. But for him and so many others in Ghana, school is often a distant dream. (18')
GIDEON WITH SIBLINGS GIDEON WALKS TO MARKET GIDEON WITH APRON AT KENKE	Gideon begins his day caring for his seven brothers and sisters... and then it's off to work at the market, helping his parents who themselves have <u>five</u> jobs, just to get

STAND / PARENTS WITH COCOA
BEANS
GIDEON AT CORN MILL

by. (12')

At 14, Gideon has already worked more than half of his life (5')

GIDEON ON CAMERA

GIDEON:

"I was six years old when I started working with my parents." (3.5')

KETTLE WITH STEAM / GIDEON
SCOOPS KENKE / CARRIES KENKE

NARRATION:

Gideon rises three hours before the sun, cooking Kenke, a dish made from corn his family grows. It's both their daily meal, and livelihood, selling it at a local market. (3.5')

CARRIES KENKE / GIDEON ON
CAMERA / PEOPLE BATHING IN
RIVER

GIDEON:

"I work 7 hours in a day. (2.5')

EXT FRONT OF SCHOOL / GIDEON
AT KENKE STAND / CHILDREN
MILLING AROUND, SOME CARRYING
BANANAS

NARRATION:

Gideon spends much of his day at the family stand selling ...often alone. He's just one of some 30 million children in sub-Saharan Africa who miss all or some school according to United Nations estimates, this despite the fact that school enrollment rates have increased nearly twenty percent in the region in the past decade. (23')

CLASSROOM / GIDEON WALKS

As soon as Gideon finishes at the stand, he races to school hoping to catch whatever classes remain (6')

CU FACES IN CLASSROOM

CHILDREN SHARING TEXTBOOK

But for him and many others, it's not just about having time to attend school, it's about having the resources.

SCHOOL BELL / LUNCHES

Education here often comes at a cost. (11')

WS CHILDREN IN UNIFORM
RED BOOKS

Although the government funds most public schools and tries to provide enough supplies, many students must pay for their lunches.....their uniforms... even their books. (11.5')

STUDENTS WITH BOOKS

Provisions in the classroom are often scarce(4')

TEACHER WITH CLASS

(Sound up Teacher)

- *If you don't have a book. Join your friend who has one. All right?*

- *Yes sir (6')*

STUDENTS WITH BOOKS

NARRATION:

Printing options are limited in the country. Shipping costs are extremely expensive.....and many of Ghana's roads are so bad that trucks carrying the books frequently break down. (:12)

LARGE TRUCKS / ONE BROKEN
DOWN

STUDENTS SHARE ONE BOOK

EXT KADE LIBRARY / LOCKED DOOR
/ EMPTY SHELVES

Two or three students often have to share one book. Most classrooms only have half the texts they need. (:09)

DISCARDED BOOKS / PAN BOOKS
ON TEXAS AND UTAH /
LA HISTORIA DE LOS ESTADOS
UNIDOS
GIDEON POUNDING FUFU

There is a town library, but most days, it's locked... the shelves are almost entirely bare, except for the occasional donated book, many of which are more than half a century old and often cover subjects irrelevant here, like the history of the United States written in

Spanish. (:19)

Despite this all, Gideon says he won't stop dreaming of his future. (:04.5)

TEACHER IN CLASSROOM / GIDEON
IN CLASS / STUDENTS LOOK
THROUGH SLATS / STUDENTS LOOK
THROUGH WINDOW

GIDEON: (In English)

"I would like to be a teacher because it is someone who has helped me. If I stop schooling. I don't know what will happen to my life." (9')

HAND OUT E-READERS

NARRATION:

But the answer may have come in the most unlikely form. In 2010, something radical happened that may just change everything here. (:09)

STUDENTS WITH E-READERS

SUSAN MOODY (in English) :

- How many books can you hold in your hand?

CHILD:

- How about six?

SUSAN:

- Six.

SUSAN:

- Ok. Can you hold 4,000 books in your hand?

CLASS:

- No.

SUSAN:

- With this now you can. (13')

CU READING KOFI HAS MALARIA /
STUDENTS IN CLASSROOM WITH E-

NARRATION:

This is called an E, or electronic, reader and many

READRS

believe this modern technology has the potential to revolutionize education, not just here but in other remote areas across the globe (:13)

GRASSY PLAIN

COLIN IN CLASSROOM SOT

Colin McElwee (English)

There's a billion children in the world currently, in developing world that don't have an effective education system (10.5')

COLIN IN CLASSROOM WITH STUDENTS
STUDENTS WITH E-READERS
COLIN WITH TEACHERS

NARRATION

Colin McElwee [Ka-lin Mah-kel-wee] is co-founder of Worldreader, a not for profit that hopes to transform education with e-readers and e-books. (:09)

COLIN ON CAMERA

COLIN MCELWEE: (In English)

STUDENTS READING FROM E-READER

“There is enormous amounts at stake here // The e-reader and more importantly the communications with the e-reader, using the telecommunications technology is just such a potent solution to this challenge.” (15')

COLIN ON CAMERA

NARRATION:

STUDENTS WITH E-READRS IN CLASSROOM

Students now have the ability to hold the power of education in the palm of their hands. Utilizing Africa's rapidly growing communication technology – Africa's the second largest mobile market in the world, e-books can now be downloaded in just 60 seconds through extensive existing cell phone networks, eliminating the need for WiFi or internet access. (23.5')

CELL PHONE TOWERS

TEACHING WITH E-READER / STILL CHARGING E-READERS

Needing little electricity, the e-readers are charged at

STUDENTS WITH E-READERS IN CLASSROOM
RITA WALKS WITH E-READER

school, each charge lasting some 10 days. (7')

Many book publishers are asked permission to distribute their e-books to students, free-of-charge. (:6')

While students devour the content in school and at home, some gain more than just an education. Many, like high school senior Rita, find inspiration. (:11')

RITA FANS HERSELF PAN DOWN TO OBAMA

RITA: (In English)

RITA ON CAMERA

"I would like to be a leader one day. And I'm going to help my people. I would like to be a barrister. So I think I have to read a lot to know about things and people so that in the future I will be able to judge people's cases in a good way. So that people won't suffer." (19')

RITA READING ON E-READER

RITA ON CAMERA

PAN CHILDREN WITH E-READERS, STANDING
CU E-READER

NARRATION:

Costing some \$80 U.S. dollars, the e-reader comes with access to tens of thousands of digital books. (:7')

CHILDREN HOLD UP E-READERS

Purchased with private donations and government grants, this technology is already in 5 countries in sub-Saharan Africa, and Worldreader hopes that within the next five years, this education revolution will reach children worldwide... .. from the rest of Africa... to South America...to Asia. (:21)

RITA SITS WITH CHILDREN AND E-READER / GIDEON WITH E-READER IN CLASS

NARRATION:

Rita and Gideon both believe this technology has the potential to change their lives ... ultimately helping them

GIDEON HELPS STUDENT WITH E-READER

achieve their dreams that lie waiting to be discovered between the lines of a good book (14.5’).

GIDEON HELPS STUDENT WITH E-READER

GIDEON:

“You have to read more, to know more about what's going on in this earth.” (5’)

GIDEON ON CAMERA

NARRATION:

GIDEON AT KENKE STAND WITH E-READER.

And while Gideon continues to sell Kenke at the stand, he realizes he’s carrying his education with him, and the chance to be transported into a world outside his own-- a world of imagination. He need only look down he says, to realize that he just may be holding his future in his hands. (:21.5)

Intro Segment 3

Rwanda: It was home to one of the worst genocides ever witnessed. But the country has emerged ... slowly repairing itself. We bring you the story of this nation's newfound strength and renewed promise.
(16')

STORY SEGMENT #3

RWANDA : FORGING A NEW FUTURE

PEOPLE WALKING ACROSS BRIDGE IN
EARLY MORNING FOG

Narration:

It's early morning in Rwanda and the bridge over the Nyabarongo River near the capital city Kigali, is slowly waking up to a day of commerce. (10')

RIVER IN FOG

During the 1994 Rwandan Genocide this same river was the site of untold horror. This is where Hutu militias dumped many of the bodies of the people they killed.
(13.5')

BODY PARTS IN BURIAL SITE

In a reign of terror lasting some 100 days, an estimated 800,000 minority Tutsis and moderate Hutus were slaughtered at the hands of Hutu militias. (13')

CEREMONY

Now, nearly two decades later, Rwanda is

still burying the dead; a nation still
grieving...still searching for closure. (13')

COFFINS OF VICTIMS
FUNERAL

In the south of this small East African
country, a ceremony is underway to finally
lay to rest some 25,000 Rwandans killed in
the genocide. Only five have been
identified. The rest remain anonymous.
(16')

ESPERANCE IN CROWD

Like everyone here today, Esperance
Mwiza [Esper-an-zah Mow-ee-zah] lost
loved ones in the genocide. She's here like
all the others, to pay her last
respects...and to look forward. (13')

BUS STATION IN KIGALI.

In the years following the genocide,
Rwanda refocused, determined to ensure
a different future for the country.

PORTRAITS OF PEOPLE

KIDS PLAYING FOOTBALL

It's emerged as one of Africa's fastest
growing economies. Poverty rates have
dropped more than 10 percent in the past
5 years, and more than 90 percent of all
children are now enrolled in primary
school. (22')

ESPÉRANCE WITH HER KIDS

PEOPLE IN PARLIAMENT ROOM

But Rwanda committed itself to
transforming more than just its economy.
In a country where power structures have
traditionally been dominated by men, the
country turned to its women to help
reshape the nation's policies and laws.(15')

Rwanda now has the highest percent of

women in Parliament anywhere in the world. Fifty-six percent of the country's Parliamentarians are women, including Espérance Mwiza, who's proud to part of her nation's transformation. (15')

ESPÉRANCE ON CAMERA)

Espérance Mwiza (in French)

"When men had the majority, we had trouble passing anything that had to do with gender issues. But now, with our numbers, we have a stronger voice than before" (14')

According to Rwandan tradition, women didn't have an important role in politics. Women had to stay at home, they had to raise their children, but now everyone sees that women and men are on an equal footing in the workplace. Whether working in an office or in politics, women and men complement each other now. (27')

ESPÉRANCE

ESPÉRANCE'S FAMILY

Our daughters, who are already in grade school and secondary school, also want to enter parliament, because they say to each other "there are a lot of moms there; if they can do it, we can do it too." That's already a step. (17')

SOUNDBITE (FRENCH) AURELIEN
AGBENONCI, UN CHIEF IN RWANDA

Aurelien Agbenonci (In French)

Rwanda makes choices that can only lead to stability, that can only lead to building peace. (9')

WORKING THE LAND TOGETHER

Narration

Aurelien Agbenonci is the Former Head of the United Nations in Rwanda (4')

Aurelien Agbenonci (In French):

Why? Because of implementing good governance principles / empowering women, giving them a sense of responsibility and making them true partners in development projects. It's because of creating opportunities for young people, by fostering growth in the private sector and promoting, above all, a culture of accountability. (26')

FARMING

Narration:

And perhaps there's no more clear example of the nation's transformation than what happens every last Saturday of the month... in every village. (9')

WORKING ON A HOUSE

Rwandans call this "Umuganda", or "working together".

PLANTING TREES

In Umuganda, everyone is expected to participate in community work for the benefit of the entire nation. (10')

WORKING TOGETHER ON A FOOTPATH

On this particular Saturday, Parliamentarian Mwiza joins her community to clear grass for a new footpath. After the work is done they all come together to discuss issues that matter to them ...issues like encouraging the women of Rwanda to keep fighting for

ESPÉRANCE ADDRESSING CROWD

change (24')

ESPÉRANCE ADDRESSING CROWD

EspéranceMwiza (in Kinyarwanda)

We have to be looking out, to be there for the family, and in particular for women.

That means that all you women leaders, all these men support you. The country as a whole supports you. Rwanda supports you (18')

ESPÉRANCE AND WOMEN IN CROWD SINGING

Sound up women singing

Narration

(in Kinyarwanda)

It's a new Rwanda they sing, one built together A paradise in the eyes of the world. (8')

And that's all for this edition of 21st century. Sharing the world's stories, I'm Daljit Dhaliwal. We will see you then. Until next time, goodbye. (9")

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