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MUSIC AND GRAPHICS (25")

TEASE ZIMBABWE

In Zimbabwe, unearthing a life-long dream ... "I have a burning desire to make this into a big mine" ... one remarkable woman sets an example for others to follow. (18")

TEASE MOZAMBIQUE

In Mozambique - teenage girls face marriage and motherhood, too young - "These child marriages are a big problem because the girls are just not prepared for pregnancy" ...putting at risk their health, their babies and their future. (17")

SHOW #82 OPEN

Hello and welcome to 21st Century, I'm Daljit Dhaliwal (2")

[ZIMBABWE INTRO – POT OF GOLD]

Zimbabwe's billion dollar gold-mining industry is crucial for the country's struggling economy but, traditionally, more than half the country's population has been excluded from taking part. But now Zimbabwean women are breaking barriers to share in the wealth, following in the steps on one extraordinary entrepreneur. Here's our story." (25")

SCRIPT #1 ZIMBABWE: POT OF GOLD (TRT 11')

<u>VIDEO</u> <u>AUDIO</u>

NATSOT

UNREST <u>NARRATION</u>

VIOLENCE Unrest, political violence, and deepening

poverty still dominate the news in Zimbabwe

HEADLINES in southern Africa. (7.5").

MINERAL DEPOSITS

But behind these grim headlines is a country

blessed with striking beauty ... and vast

deposits of mineral wealth. (10")

ROSEMARY: (In English)

ROSEMARY ON-CAMERA "Zimbabwe has got so much gold so much."

(3")

NARRATION

ROSEMARY INSPECTS Sixty-year-old Rosemary Marimo is a gold

WELDER'S WORK miner in Mazowe, a town in western

Zimbabwe, 6.5"

NATSOT ROSEMARY - ("...This is easy gold,

this is very, very easy gold...")

ROSEMARY AT MINING SITE NARRATION

Rosemary's adventure began some two

decades ago. (3")

FARMLAND

GOLD MINING SITE

With her husband, Anthony, she gambled

everything by selling their farm to lease land

from the government. Their plan - to

launch into one of the most economically

risky of all businesses – gold mining (14")

ROSEMARY ON-CAMERA

ROSEMARY: (In English)

"We didn't know much about mining. We

were learning from day to day. And we

struggled, it was not easy. We started with

a small, tiny machine." (9.5")

NATSOT - WOMEN SINGING

WOMEN PANNING FOR GOLD BABIES ON BACK

NARRATION

Beneath this country lie vast reserves of

gold – gold that Zimbabweans have mined

for centuries. By some estimates there's

enough gold to make every person in the

country a millionaire. (13")

Despite this, the cruel reality is that

Zimbabwe still ranks among the poorest

nations in the world... its people

impoverished, especially its women. (10"

MORE WOMEN PANNING FOR GOLD

NOUDEHOU: (In English)

"Poverty hits women much more harder in

our countries than men." (4")

NOUDEHOU ON-CAMERA

<u>NARRATION</u>

Alain Noudehou is head of the United

Nations team in Zimbabwe. (4")

INTRO TO ALAIN

NOUDEHOU: (In English)

"... many countries have actually //put a lot more emphasis on working with women first as a way of //dealing with poverty and as a

way of also dealing with the economic

WOMEN PANNING FOR GOLD grou

growth of the country." (9")

<u>NARRATION</u>

But without the government's support, women in Zimbabwe can't profit from the nation's lucrative gold industry without start

up money. (8")

VIEWS OF THE COUNTY

NOUDEHOU ON-CAMERA

<u>NARRATION</u>

Rosemary discovered that breaking into the business world had it's own share of challenges. (5")

MUCHENA: (In English)

"Men are used to walking into a bank, talking with a bank manager and so forth, for women that's a fairly new area." (9")

MUCHENA ON-CAMERA

NARRATION

Dr. Olivia Muchena is Minister of Women's

Affairs in Zimbabwe. (4")

INTRO SHOT OF MUCHENA

MUCHENA: (In English)

"When you say women in mining, people look like – are you sure you know what you're talking about?" (5")

MUCHENA ON-CAMERA

"...So we are just taking women back to what they used to do before, but in a more sophisticated way." (7")

NARRATION

WOMEN PANNING FOR GOLD

Women like Rosemary. Even though she sold her farm, she needed even more capital to make the business profitable. So she applied for a loan in her husband's name since In many countries around the world, including Zimbabwe, property and assets belong to men. (19")

GRAPHICS OF TRACTOR
MOWING DOWN TREES

With money in hand, Rosemary and Anthony made a go of it. They cleared the land, purchased some heavy equipment, and lived in nothing more than a makeshift tent. It wasn't easy. (13")

ROSEMARY:

ROSEMARY ON-CAMERA

"We made a lot of mistakes." (1.5")

"My husband worked so hard." (1.5")

NARR ATION

PHOTOS OF FAMILY WORKING
AT EARLY MINE SITE

The couple fell on hard times too. Anthony's labour alone wasn't enough to expand their mining operation. When their sons Chawatama and Tawanda finished high

school they helped out. (15")

ROSE WITH CHILDREN AT MINE SITE

But Rosemary wanted much more for her children. She managed to save enough money to send Tawanda to university to study engineering. (8")

ROSEMARY:

"I told my children I will never leave this place unless everyone has got a degree."

(4")

ROSEMARY ON-CAMERA

"I am a big dreamer. That 's my problem." (2")

ROSEMARY ON-CAMERA

<u>NARRATION</u>

...then, the unexpected happened. (1.5")

LOAD OF GOLD DIRT

ROSEMARY:

"My husband became sick. He passed away 14 years ago but I carried on. When he passed away, things were not easy for me." (8")

ROSEMARY ON-CAMERA

UNLOADING (NATSOT)

NARRATION

Rosemary was left with an outstanding bank

ROSEMARY AT HOME STRESSING

debt. With no husband, six children, and a gold mine to manage, life became overwhelming for her. (10")

ROSEMARY:

"...so many bills to pay. /Electricity is very expensive in Zimbabwe. Sometimes they//switch it off because we have not paid." (10")

NARRATION

BANKS Soon the bank was on the phone – and with

her husband gone, she lost control of the

business. (6")

ROSEMARY:

ROSEMARY ON-CAMERA "The bank threatened to take over

everything from us." (3")

"...and when my son graduated I said come

back home, we must work hard because we

are owing the bank some money. (6")

NARRATION

TAWANDA AT MINE SITE OR AT

ROSEMARY ON-CAMERA

HOME

WELDING

Tawanda came home.

And with his engineering background he quickly introduced more efficient equipment and advised his mother to switch to deep shaft mining since most of the surface gold

had already been exploited. (18")

DEEP SHAFT MINING

NATSOT VOICE OF MINERS

NARRATION

DEEP SHAFT MINING

It was here; buried deep beneath the earth, that Rosemary uncovered a bounty of gold.

(6")

MORE DEEP SHAFT MINING

NATSOT MEN WORKING - REELING IN

STEEL ROPE

In four years she managed to pay all her

bills. (3")

MORE ROSEMARY WITH DOG

Rosemary survived through sheer hard work

and will power, and the ingenuity of her

sons. It was stories like hers that brought

about a change of thinking by banks...(16")

AT HOME

MUCHENA:

"Before women were dependent on their

husbands, fathers or brothers to get into any

contractual arrangement. " (8")

"Through various programmes a good

number of our banks are opening windows

or special facilities for women." (8")

MUCHENA ON-CAMERA

MUCHENA ON-CAMERA

NARRATION

To further help women get into business for

themselves, in 2011, the government

pushed for the implementation of the

FLAGS/TALL BUILDINGS/CITY SCENES/PEOPLE

Indigenization and Economic Empowerment Act. Part of this legislation puts 51 percent ownership of all foreign-owned companies into the hands of Zimbabweans. Another part of the same law gives women a greater stake in the nation's mineral wealth. (24")

MUCHENA:

"Our government was very determined to raise the standard of women, the status of women." (7")

NARRATION

MUCHENA ON-CAMERA

Today, Rosemary's mining company employs 25 workers, a fifth of them women. (5")

WOMEN WORKERS AT THE MINE SITE IN ACTION

WOMEN IN SMALL SHACKS
COMING BACK FROM PANNING
AT RIVER

And she is now renovating a house and all of her children are getting an education. But as much as Rosemary is living her dream, she feels guilty because the children of her as much as Rosemary is living her dream, she feels guilty because the children of her workers don't have the same opportunity. (14")

ROSEMARY:

ROSEMARY ON-CAMERA

"They must see what my children are doing as well. I want to see some driving their cars to see their mothers. Because it can't go on forever, from being a worker, to another worker, to another worker. No, the cycle must break. The children must go to school." (20")

NARRATION

And now, the Government of Zimbabwe has hired her as a consultant to assist new women miners in navigating the banking and lending system that she once struggled against. (11")

AT HOME

ROSEMARY:

"...I can tell there is gold...I can tell there's gold, she's in such poverty...yet...it pains me."

ROSEMARY ON-CAMERA

"I am so passionate about helping other women because I've been through//a lot in my life." (16")

MABEL'S MINE SITE

NARRATION

Her friend, Mabel, is benefitting from the new laws. Mabel just leased this plot of land from the government to begin prospecting for gold. Unlike Rosemary, she has a start-up loan and expert advice. (12")

ROSEMARY ON-CAMERA

ROSEMARY:

"If I go to someone's mine, I will tell them, what you are doing is not the right thing. //I am wiling to come here and show you how to do it, because you are sitting on

something very big here." (13")

<u>NARRATION</u>

EXAMINING ROCKS She also shows them how to avoid the

pitfalls she once experienced. (4")

MABEL:

MABEL ON-CAMERA "The compressor, the compressor." (1.5")

ROSEMARY:

"It's exciting to me because I have never

ROSEMARY ON-CAMERA seen easy gold like this...I am telling you...I

am already excited." (7")

MABEL ON-CAMERA <u>MABEL</u>:

"okay, okay." (1")

ALAIN ON-CAMERA NARRATION

Alain Noudehou believes that the assistance

given to women like Mabel will contribute to

Zimbabwe's economic potential. (7")

WALKING ALAIN:

"By empowering women, you allow this

person to really care for the family...and

that's actually a very smart thing to do." (7")

TESTING

<u>NARRATION</u>

Rosemary is also exploring alternative ways

of extracting gold – something she had

overlooked for years. (6.5")

MORE TESTING

Cyanide is widely used here to separate gold from raw ore – a process that's dangerous for workers and hazardous for the environment. (8")

ROSEMARY AT HER MINE SITE

Rosemary is testing safer methods to use in her own business and to share with other miners. (5")

NARRATION

ROSEMARY DRIVING

A woman who once worked in the shadow of men, Rosemary is now taking the lead in shaping a new team of women miners in Zimbabwe – a drastic change from when she and Anthony initially began prospecting for gold. (14")

ROSEMARY:

"As long as you work hard you

Can make it. //when my husband passed
away I stayed here. // I promised him when
he was sick, I said I will not leave this place
unless something good comes out of it."

(17")

[MOZAMBIQE INTRO - LOSING OUT]

Child marriage - deprives girls of an education and may even put their lives at risk. But efforts are underway to change this practice We travel to Mozambique to see how a country with one of the highest rates of child marriage anywhere is fighting to ensure ALL young girls have a chance of a new future (21")

SCRIPT #2 MOZAMBIQUE: LOSING OUT (TRT 10'36")

| VIDEO | AUDIO |
|--------------------------|--|
| | NARRATION |
| | Fishermen ply the dawn waters off Mozambique's |
| | coast; their nets are full to bursting. Enthusiastic |
| FISHING BOATS | customers sort through the catch. (11") |
| | In the 2 decades since Mozambique's civil war |
| | ended, the country has made an amazing recovery. |
| | But not <u>all</u> citizens are participating in the country's |
| FISHING NETS | new opportunities. (12") |
| COAST SCENES | Fifteen year old Ilse Guambe is one of them (3") |
| ILSE ON CAMERA | ILSE GUAMBE (In Portuguese) |
| | "I met that boy and I got pregnant. (2") |
| | NARRATION |
| ILSE PICKING VEGETABLES | llse, then just 13 years old was unable to continue |
| | school and her life was about to change dramatically. |
| | (9") |
| | ILSE GUAMBE (In Portuguese) |
| ILSE ON CAMERA | "After my baby was born, my parents sent me to live |
| | at my boyfriend's parents place - I was insulted by his |
| | parents, I wasn't welcome at all (8") |
| | NARRATION |
| | In rural Mozambique, moving in with a |
| WOMEN WALKING WITH CHILD | boyfriend's parents constitutes a marriage. More |
| | , |

GVS YOUNG WOMEN

than half the girls in the country are married before the age of 18, one of the highest rates of child marriage in the world. And these girls like Ilse are denied the opportunity to get an education and to take part in the country's development. (22")

ILSE GUAMBE (In Portuguese)

ILSE ON CAMERA

"I would wake up, clean, wash dishes, prepare meals and on other occasions go to the field, then cook dinner and sleep. They didn't help me with the baby, they would find him dirty and just look at him." (11")

NARRATION

ILSE WALKING WITH BABY

She also lost contact with her closest friends and lost all hope of returning to school. (6.5")

ILSE ON CAMERA

<u>ILSE GUAMBE</u> (In Portuguese)

"When I was at school, I had two friends and we used to do everything together.// I'm upset because I'm so far behind them now." (7")

NARRATION

ILSE WITH BABY OUTSIDE HUT

Eventually her family took her back home.

She now spends her days helping her mother and caring for her baby

FEEDING HER BABY

One day, she joins a group of other mothers outside a clinic, where a play is being performed. It's about a subject close to her heart. (18")

CLINIC EXTERIOR

BERNARDO CARLOS (In Portuguese)

"I was inspired to do this because many girls marry early. (3")

BERNARDO ON CAMERA

NARRATION

BERNARDO IN CLASSROOM WITH STUDENTS

Bernardo Carlos is the local school teacher. He formed the group with the support of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and PLAN International after losing girl students to pregnancy and child marriage. The play tells the story of two girls – one who dropped out of school to marry and the other who completes her education with a college degree and then a successful job (27")

BERNARDO ON CAMERA

BERNARDO CARLOS (In Portuguese)

So people see the difference between investing in education and child marriage and they see that the right way is education." (8")

<u>NARRATION</u>

THEATRICAL SCENES

Changing mindsets and traditions around-the pregnancies and marriages is a slow process particularly amongst the older generation, many of whom are community leaders - which is why the performers target the elders. They're the main ones who can bring change to their communities. (18")

SHOTS OF VILLAGE ELDERS

SET UP SALMINA

Salmina Cumbane is unusual. Not only is she one of the few <u>female</u> elders but she's also seen first-hand the negative impact child marriage has on girls. (12") SALMINA ON CAMERA

AUDIENCE APPLAUDING

SALMINA CUMBANE (In Portuguese)

I think that if the child gets pregnant, she should stay in school if the boy loves her, he'll take care of her, take her to the hospital and then later they'll get married happily and without having been forced into it." (14")

<u>NARRATION</u>

By the end of the performance, Salmina is not the only one who believes it's time for change.

(5")

SALMINA ON CAMERA <u>SALMINA CUMBANE</u> (In Portuguese)

"At the beginning of the play, many of the elders here thought that it was right to force a girl to get married, but as the play went on, I think many of them came to realise that kids should not be forced to marry, they should continue their education and marry when they wish." (16")

NARRATION

For Ilse, the messages on lost education are a poignant reminder of her own experiences. But she's one of the lucky ones. She lives near the clinic and was able to deliver her baby safely, despite her age. (15")

ILSE WITH BABY

WOMEN WALKING WITH BABY

WOMEN SWEEPING OUTSIDE HUT

CLINIC EXTERIOR

In more remote areas, far from the nearest clinic, women and adolescent girls, deliver at home. When there are complications, many of them develop a devastating injury called obstetric fistula which occurs during prolonged labour when medical attention is not available. (18")

ESSITA ENTERING CLINIC

ESSITA MUHLANGA (In Portuguese)

It happened while I was delivering my baby, afterwards I realized that I couldn't control my bowels. (5")

NARRATION

Sixteen yr old Essita Muhlanga was just 14 when she got pregnant. With her young husband away working in South Africa and the nearest clinic two hours away, she had no choice but to give birth alone. But things went seriously wrong and there was no medical care to help. (19")

ESSITA AT CLINIC

ESSITA MUHLANGA (In Portuguese)

"After the delivery, my baby was very weak and died.

I called for help, I was very upset and I realised that I

couldn't walk. (10")

NARRATION

Essita had developed a fistula, one of 2000 new cases annually in Mozambique. And as with more than 90% of births where a fistula occurs, her baby was still born. Tragically, Mozambique has one of

the highest incidences of infant mortality in the world.

(19")

After various failed attempts at treatment, Essita

ESSITA ON CAMERA

BABIES

BABY OUTSIDE HUT

ESSITA AT HOSPITAL

SET UP DR. TEMBE

ON CAMERA DR. TEMBE

came here to the district hospital in Musirizi. Dr Michaque Tembe, has recently been trained in fistula repair as part of the UNFPA coordinated Campaign to End Fistula. (16")

DR. MICHAQUE MARTIN TEMBE (In Portuguese)

Fistula is a big problem in this area and there are many factors that contribute to this. There's a tradition here of mothers giving birth at home instead of at a clinic. And also the distances that women live

from the clinic. (22")

NARRATION

YOUNG WOMAN WASHING IN RIVER

WOMEN WALKING WITH BASKETS
ON THEIR HEADS

This life-shattering condition can affect <u>any</u> woman during prolonged child birth far from medical care. And in the first three months of 2013, Dr Tembe had already treated almost 20 fistula patients, many of them, like Essita, still in their teens. (12")

DR. MICHAQUE MARTIN TEMBE (In Portuguese)

"These child marriages are a big problem because the girls are just not prepared for pregnancy. Not only are their bodies not ready but they're also not able to make the best choices for the baby" (10")

NARRATION

Essita will need a series of operations to repair her

fistula but the prognosis is good.

But many women affected by fistula never receive medical attention and-can be ostracized by their communities and even their own families (15")

DR TEMBE ON CAMERA

ESSITA IN OPERATING ROOM

DR TEMBE ON CAMERA

DR. MICHAQUE MARTIN TEMBE (In Portuguese)

These are the drastic situations of having a fistula."
"In my experience, women with fistula are particularly discriminated against, because of the smell. She can't go to gatherings, she can't socialise with others, and for some even their own husbands abandon them. (17")

NARRATION

KENYASI CUTTING THE GRASS

But not Essita's husband, Kenyasi. Himself only 19 yrs old, he has supported her throughout. (8"')

KENYASI ON CAMERA

KENYASI MUHLANGA (In Portuguese)

I feel sad about what happened and I keep asking myself 'why did this happen?' Most of all, I feel guilty that I couldn't help her" (8")

NARRATION

KENYASI AT THE CLINIC WITH DR. TEMBE

Kenyasi returns to the clinic where Essita's surgery has left her exhausted and weak. He'll keep making the trip until she's healed. (12")

KENYASI ON CAMERA

KENYASI MUHLANGA (In Portuguese)

"I'm so glad that she's starting the treatment. I hope that when she's healed we can have another baby. I won't return to work until she's better." (8")

ESSITA MUHLANGA (In Portuguese)

"If I get better, I hope that I can have children one day. I'd come to the clinic so that I could have assistance and deliver my baby in better conditions. That's what I hope for." (11")

ESSITA ON CAMERA

NARRATION

ESSITA IN OPERATING ROOM

And she may get her wish. After successful operations, many women <u>can</u> resume a full life and bear children. (9")

ESSITA WITH BABY SIFTING THROUGH CORN

For Ilse, HER hope is to go back to school - she wants to make up for lost time, to have a career and, one day, to be independent. (11")

<u>ILSE GUAMBE</u> (In Portuguese)

"All I want is to go back to school. I don't want to return to my husband. I suffered a lot and what I went through there was way too much. After school I will be able to have a profession and move on my own."

(11")

ILSE ON CAMERA

TEASE SOMALILAND

COMING UP ON A FUTURE EPISODE OF 21ST CENTURY

For Somaliland's women, losing a flock of sheep to drought can mean losing everything. But one group of women shepherds believe they can escape that traditional fate. (SAHRA: God willing change is coming - and today it's a reality – my people, my nation, my harvest, and my land – women are driving all of these - it's not just men. Challenging the old order in Somaliland. (37")

[CLOSE]

And that's all for this edition of 21st Century. Sharing the world's stories. I'm Daljit Dhaliwal, until next time, goodbye. (10")

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