

# **U.N. IN ACTION**

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### **HEALING FROM RAPE IN DARFUR**

VIDEO	AUDIO

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CAMP SCENES, DISTRUCTION (13")

In the Darfur province of Sudan, more than a million people have been driven from their homes through terror and violence. They're suffering through one of the worst humanitarian crises of our time. (11")

WOMEN WALKING (15")

Security is a serious problem in the refugee camps. Even when women go out in groups to collect firewood or water, they face the risk of being assaulted or raped by the rebel gangs.

Fifteen year old Amna is still traumatized. (13")

AMNA ON CAMERA (13")

### AMNA:

"The rebels took all the property from our village, then they burned it and the other villages nearby. Many children were taken away and a lot of girls were raped." (11")

### **NARRATION:**

VACCINATION (19")

Slowly services are arriving for the refugees. The UN's children's Fund, UNICEF, vaccinated more than 90.000 children against measles and polio.

Given the harsh conditions of the camps and growing malnutrition, two children are killed by measles every hour. (18")

SCHOOL (12")

UNICEF also supplied material for a thousand classrooms in the camps. In three month "catchup" courses the children learn what they missed when they had to leave their homes. (10")

CAROLE BELLAMY IN CAMP KASS (16")

UNICEF's Executive Director, Carol Bellamy, listened to the women in Camp Kass in South Darfur. Talking about rape is still a taboo in many families and a woman faces to be abandoned by her husband, if he finds out she has been raped. (14")

## BELLAMY:

CAROL BELLAMY ON CAMERA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UNICEF (15")

"Increasingly the victims in war today are civilians, largely women and children and so the tactics being used in conflict are tactics of the worst kind of abuse, the worst kind of violence, and focused very often on the most vulnerable." (13")

#### NARRATION

POLICE TRAINING (14")

Through UNICEF's intervention, now 80 Sudanese police officers have been trained in investigating rape cases and assisting child victims of sexual violence. The trainers are specialists from the Jordanian police. (12")

AMNA AND OTHER GIRLS (10")

Amna now receives some counselling and support in the camp. In a safe environment she can discuss her fears and realize she is not alone with her experience. (8")

GIRLS IN A READING LESSON

(17")

The return to a routine is already one step to healing. Today's reading lesson is: How do we plant a garden? Returning to their garden is a faraway dream in the camps – but it is certainly something to look forward to. (15")

UN LOGO (10")

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