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NAMIBIA: THE CRISIS OF DROUGHT

VIDEO

KARIAMAKUJU IN HER FIELD

KARIAMAKUJU ON CAMERA

GRINDING THE MAIZE

CHILDREN

EXT. SHOTS OFFICE OF THE
PRIME MINISTER

AUDIO

NARRATION:

This dry and dusty sand is all that remains of Kariamakuju Kauta's maize and vegetable field. (6.5)

KARIAMAKUJU KAUTA: (In Zemba) F

"We are hungry, that is the impact of the drought. That is what we can see. People are hungry. People are dying." (9)

She now has just one week's supply of maize remaining. After that she's not sure how she will find food to feed her family. (8.5)

NARRATION:

Kariamakuju's dire situation is the result of the worst drought Namibia has experienced in 30 years. // An estimated 780 000 Namibians or a third of the population are now severely or moderately food insecure. (16)

In May, the government declared an emergency

committing around 20 million USD to provide food and water to affected people. (9)

NARRATION:

AID CENTRES

Aid agencies have also stepped in to help. (3)

UNICEF Namibia Representative, Micaela Marques de Sousa. (4.5)

MICAELA MARQUES DE SOUSA: (In English) F

MICAELA MARQUES DE SOUSA,
UNICEF NAMIBIA
REPRESENTATIVE, ON CAMERA

"29 percent of children in this country are stunted and stunting is irreversible. It means 29 percent of these children do not do well in school, it means 29% of these children actually fall out of the system so children and women are bearing the brunt of the drought." (20.5)

NARRATION:

UNICEF POST WITH WOMEN AND
CHILDREN

In response, UNICEF is scaling up water, sanitation and hygiene facilities as well as nutrition education and infant feeding activities. (9.5)

BABIES BEING MEASURED

Myo-Zin Nyunt is Chief of Health and Nutrition, UNICEF Namibia. (4)

MYO-ZIN NYUNT: (In English) M

WOMAN WALKING IN THE
DESERT

MYO-ZIN NYUNT ON CAMERA

"Namibia has been experiencing the cyclical challenges of a drought and floods. So the government as well as the international community should really work hands in hands to really prevent the further deterioration of the climate change problem resulting in natural disasters." (17)

MBETE PREPARING FOOD,
WALKING

CATTLE HERDS

MBETE ON CAMERA

NARRATION:

Mbete Tjiposa, an elder in her Ovahimba community has seen her fair share of droughts. But two consecutive years of no rain in her village in Kunene region is taking its toll. (13)

MBETE TJIPOSA: (In Otjihimba) F

"From previous years, we never suffered from drought because we used to drink milk and eat whatever we wanted to. Now the drought is really affecting us." (9)

MBETE PREPARING THE
PORRIDGE

NARRATION:

Mbete boils a watery maize porridge – her only meal for the day. The government food rations have not yet arrived and she must support several families on her meager resources. (12)

TWO CHILDREN SITTING
OUTSIDE

FAMILIES OUTSIDE HUT

As in years before, the community is willing to wait out the drought. But it remains to be seen if they will have the strength to do so if help doesn't come soon. (10)

UN LOGO

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