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## Africa's Lake Victoria: Turning the Tide

### VIDEO

BOATS ON LAKE AT SUNSET

CLOSE UP OF BOATS

LANDING SITE

FISHING BOATS ON LAKE AND AT  
LANDING SITE

PEOPLE GATHERING WATER  
CLOSE-UP ON HELEN GETTING  
WATER, THEN WALKING

PEOPLE GATHERING WATER  
HELEN WALKING (CLOSE-UP)

HELEN ON-CAMERA  
HELEN OUTSIDE HER HOME

### AUDIO

#### NARRATION:

It looks tranquil.

But here along the banks of Africa's Lake  
Victoria, looks can be deceiving. (9.19")

Some 30 million people crowd the  
lakeshores, dependent on its vital water  
source But this vast resource is in trouble –  
it's become a dumping ground for human  
waste and other pollutants, threatening  
many of those living in the poorest  
communities here in Kampala, in Uganda  
(21.00")

People like Helen Oyella, a mother of  
nine....(3.09")

Six of Helen's children were stricken with  
cholera, a disease caused by consuming  
contaminated water or food. (8.18")

#### HELEN OYELLA: (In Acholi)

"Sometimes treatment could cost up to 40-  
thousand shillings. I had no choice but to  
watch my children die. (7.00")

HOSPITALS WITH DOCTORS  
TREATING CHILDREN

NARRATION:

Every 20-seconds, experts say, somewhere in the world a child dies of a water-related disease. Most common among them, cholera, typhoid, and diarrhoea, which is the second leading cause of death among children under five years old. (16.14”)

KANYESIGYE ON-CAMERA AT  
SPINGS

Compounding the problem is lack of sanitation. In the last decade alone, Kampala’s population has more than doubled, and overcrowded informal settlements have sprung up along Lake Victoria. (14.01”)

ROOFTOPS OF NAMUWONGO  
SHOTS AROUND THE TOWN

Namuwongo, one of the lakeshore settlements, where there are twenty public toilets for ten thousand people. (7.29”)

NIGHT SHOTS OF EMPTYING  
LATRINE

Late at night, Helen’s neighbour tends to an overflowing pit latrine a few steps from his home. His only option is to empty its contents directly into the streets.

CHILDREN PLAYING IN THE  
LATRINE AREA  
WANDERA ON-CAMERA

By the next day, children eat and play in the very spot where the latrine was emptied ... (21.29”)

ABU BAKER WANDERA: (In English)

“It’s the reality. We need to take action. We need to do something. The community is doing that out of frustration. Out of their lack of options. (9.14”)

CHILDREN PLAYING DRUMS  
FARMERS AT WORK

NARRATION:

But efforts are underway in Uganda to reverse conditions. Many in smaller lakeshore communities, with support from UNDP, are turning human waste into fertilizer...and making a profit. (14.00")

WANDERA ON-CAMERA

ABU BAKER WANDERA: (In English)

"Composting manure, composting it and selling it – it has value." (3.70")