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UNICEF SUPPORTS COLOMBIA'S EL CHOCO REGION

VIDEO

MACARIA AT CHURCH

ALLIN ON CAMERA

CHOCO UNHCR

MILITARY PRESENCE

AUDIO

NARRATION

It was the worst massacre in the history of Colombia's forty-year civil war. May 2002...This church...filled with people...destroyed by a home-made guerrilla missile. One-hundred and nineteen people killed. Macaria Allin barely survived the bombing that day...her nieces did not. (17)

ALLIN: (In Spanish)

"There was nothing left...All there was were pieces of human bodies" (4.5)

NARRATION

It happened in the El Choco region in north western Colombia. Bathed by the Atlantic Ocean to the east and the Pacific to the west, El Choco is considered a key strategic location in Colombia's drug-fuelled war. Cesar Romero is a UNICEF officer working in Colombia. (16.5)

ROMERO: (In Spanish)

BELLAVISTA CHOCO
ROMERO ON CAMERA

“Its location, at the very head of Colombia, has become a corridor for illegal armed groups to send out drugs and to bring in weapons.” (8)

NARRATION

AERIAL SHOTS
INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

These groups have all but seized control of the area. The result - thousands of indigenous residents, like the Egorokeras, have fled their homes...and fear for their lives. (10.5)

LEADER: (In Spanish)

LEADER ON-CAMERA

“We are displaced and we don’t have land to plant food. This is causing much suffering to our people.” (5)

NARRATION

UN BOAT, UNHCR

Emergency relief is desperately needed. And it’s coming through places like this...Seven “humanitarian centers” were constructed by UNICEF throughout El Choco to provide the displaced with a place to live...to go to school...and in the case of a security threat -- (NATSOT) -- a place to congregate. (18)

DESTROYED CHURCH/NEW
CHURCH

And here, in this Afro-Colombian community of Napipi, this school - destroyed by fighting – is rebuilt. (6)

MACARIA IN CHURCH

But for so many of those victims of violence in this region, rebuilding their lives is another challenge...Three years after the bombing and Macaria Allin still has nightmares. (10.5)

ALLIN ON CAMERA

ALLIN: (In Spanish)

"I lost control over my life. I could no longer cope. After what happened I lost control over my nerves and would shake all over." (9)

MACARIA AND OTHERS

NARRATION

Macaria and other survivors received counseling from a psychologist rushed into the areaAnd while she says it has helped her, she knows that she and thousands of others can never truly heal until the violence here in El Choco ends. (14)

UN LOGO (10")

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