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BURUNDI – GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

VIDEO

GIRL SPEAKING TENTATIVELY IN
LOCAL LANGUAGE

GIRL ON-CAMERA

WALK TO CLINIC

SIGN WITH UNICEF AND ECHO

AUDIO

NATURAL SOUND

(UPSOT)

Girl speaking in local language.

GIRL: (local language)

“He came into my room with a machete and threatened to cut my head off if I cried...then he raped me. After a while, I managed to run out of the house but he followed me and told me not to cry and not to tell anybody, that these things happen.” (14.5)

NARRATION

A story no mother ever wants to hear. Her 13-year-old daughter raped at knifepoint. (6.5)

This mother and daughter have come to a special clinic for victims of sexual violence. (5.3)

It's one of four in Burundi, this one funded by ECHO, the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid Department, with technical

assistance from UNICEF. (9.5)

Its' mission: to deal with an alarmingly high number of sex crimes. (5)

MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Early intervention resulted in this girl's attacker being caught and jailed awaiting trial. (6)

MOTHER ON-CAMERA

MOTHER: (In local language)

"I am really sad about what happened to my daughter. We don't blame her, we don't say anything. We just care for her as we did before." (9.3)

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER

NARRATION

Since it opened six months ago, this clinic in Muyinga Province has treated 95 women and girls, more than half of them under the age of 18. (10.4)

Run by the Society for Women Against AIDS in Africa, the clinic combines medical care with psychological and legal support as well as HIV counselling and testing. (11.3)

YORGOS KAPRANIS ON-CAMERA
ECHO BURUNDI

KAPRANIS:

"It was difficult really to begin or address that issue because it is a taboo in the society here. And it is something that is very, very delicate for the victims so it took some time to begin. But now I think the work has spread and the reputation of the centre is becoming more and more important and we see that there is a steady increase of women that come to the

centre to seek help.” (24)

NARRATION

GVs OF VILLAGE MEN WITH
BIKES

With the support of international partners, Burundi is emerging from the shadow of a dozen years of civil war and ethnic strife. (8)

As part of a national campaign against sexual violence, police and court officials are receiving extra training and a thousand social workers have been mobilized to raise public awareness in sessions like this. (13)

MOM AND GIRL

Dealing with sexual violence against the most vulnerable members of the community like this 13-year-old girl, is a crucial step towards a safe and stable society. (11)

UN LOGO

This report was prepared by UNICEF for the United Nations. (3)