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RADIO, A POWERFUL WEAPON AGAINST HIV/AIDS IN SOMALIA

<u>VIDEO</u>	<u>AUDIO</u>
WOMAN FANS PATIENT	NARRATION Fifteen years of conflict and lack of central government have devastated Somalia's health care system. The country, one of the world's poorest, is also one of the sickest. (9.5)
MINISTER INTRO	Dr. Abdurahman Miliamud is Somalia's Puntland State Health Minister. (5")
MILAMUD ON-CAMERA	MILIAMUD: (In English) "There are many diseases killing the people, like malaria, tuberculosis, acute respiratory infection, malnutrition. Also there is now growing HIV/AIDS cases." (12")
HIV/AIDS MAN SEEN BY DOCTOR AND NURSE	NARRATION Somalia is one of the few sub-Saharan countries that is not yet suffering from a significant HIV/AIDS epidemic. In a population of seven million, only one to two percent is believed to be HIV positive. (14")

<u>NARRATION</u>

DISPLACED But people are on the move again, fleeing drought

and conflict elsewhere in the country. And that is expected to increase the rate of seroprevalence.

(7.5")

HASSAN INTRO Hassan Horri is a project manager with NAGAAD, a

voluntary organization in Somaliland state. (7")

HORRI: (In English)

HORRI ON-CAMERA "We are expecting these numbers to increase over

100 percent than what we have estimated because a lot of people are coming from Kenya, from Ethiopia, and from Djibouti, which have been more affected

than Somaliland." (12")

NARRATION

WORKSHOP In south-central Somalia, at a UNICEF sponsored

workshop on HIV/AIDS, the focus is on prevention.

SHAMSO, INTRO. Shamso Ahmed is a municipal council member from

Jowhar. (13.5)

AHMED: (In Somali)

AHMED ON-CAMERA "It is possible, I believe, to control the spreading of

HIV/AIDS, but first the community must be made

aware of the problems and dangers. (11")

NARRATION

PEOPLE LISTENING TO RADIO The most effective way to increase community

awareness of the disease and prevent its spread in

the population is radio - Somalia's most important

means of mass communication. (10")

<u>NARRATION</u>

YOUTH GROUP RECORD AND

EDIT RADIO SHOW

In Bossaso, UNICEF supports a youth group that

produces radio programmes. Today's theme:

HIV/AIDS among young people.

MOHAMED IN ACTION Mohamed Abirahman is both a producer and

announcer for the radio show. (13")

ABIRAHMAN: (In English)

ABIRAHMAN ON-CAMERA "Radio is the only instrument that we can use for all

the community to hear. Somali people, they listen."

(6.5")

NARRATION

ENGINEER AT WORK

UNESCO supports this weekly radio round table on

HIV/AIDS airing on Puntland's biggest radio station,

the Somali Broadcasting Corporation.

RECORDING SHOW In spite of the many risks, experts believe that an

HIV/AIDS epidemic can be averted in Somalia with a

combination of local political commitment and

international support. (20.5")

Through the medium of radio, Somalis are getting the

message of how to prevent the disease and how to

cope with denial, stigma and discrimination against

those who suffer from HIV/AIDS. (12.5")

UN LOGO This report was prepared for the United Nations. (5")