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## AFTER THE HURRICANE: GUATEMALANS STRUGGLE TO RECOVER

### VIDEO

RIVER, FLOODING

PEOPLE IN SHELTER

LAKE, PICKING OUT DEBRIS

BODY ON STRETCHER  
BURIAL

WOMAN CRYING

GRAVEYARD  
PEOPLE DIGGING, PICKING UP  
RUBBLE REMOVAL

JUANA WALKING. TALKING

### AUDIO

#### NARRATION

October 2005. Hurricane Stan sweeps through Guatemala and Southern Mexico ...destroying homes, roads and the livelihoods of tens of thousands of people. (10")

The communities around Guatemala's Lake Atitlán are among the hardest hit: entire neighborhoods are submerged by mudslides. (8")

Corpses are pulled out from the mud by volunteers to be given a decent burial. (3")

(NATSOT woman crying)

Months later... a semblance of order has been restored, but people are still struggling to pick up the pieces of their shattered lives. (8")

And with the rainy season fast approaching, many fear another tragedy lurking around the corner. (6")

JUANA PEREZ LOPEZ POINTS

Juana lost her house and all her belongings to Hurricane Stan. Her neighbour was killed by the debris that swept down the mountain. (7")

FAMILY, INTERIOR

JUANA: (In Spanish) NATSOT *"Aqua' esta' su mujer..."* (That's his wife over there...) (2")

STILL PHOTO

OF AMEDEO TAX LOPEZ

#### NARRATION

The family has lost its main breadwinner -- a respected elder in the community. They carry on as best they can, grateful for the aid they've received from donors: food, mattresses and kitchen supplies. (13")

INTERIOR KITCHEN

SHELTERS, RUBBLE REMOVAL

UN agencies have organized temporary shelters, food aid, and programmes to pay residents to remove rubble. But the UN's Ricardo Canevari says what's needed is a long-term strategy. (12")

TRAVEL SHOT RICARDO

#### RICARDO CANEVARI:

"A vision for resettling the displaced that goes beyond merely moving people from one location to another." (6")

CANEVARI ON CAMERA

#### NARRATION

In some places, the clean-up process is just getting started. (3")

CLEANING UP

#### CAROLINA CUMEZ: (In Spanish)

"There is no result, and now the rains are coming... what will we do?" (3")

CUMEZ ON CAMERA

ERODED SLOPES  
MAYANS AT MEETING

NARRATION

Authorities will not rebuild in high-risk areas like these, so people are being offered temporary shelter. But many are turning it down. Most of the victims are poor indigenous Mayans and are deeply distrustful of plans to remove them from their ancestral lands, says provincial Governor Jose Lux Lopez. (20")

LOPEZ ON-CAMERA  
GOVERNOR OF QUICHE

JOSE FRANCISCO LUX LOPEZ: (In Spanish)

"For them it's a matter of their culture, of owning their own land, of having enough land." (5")

WOMAN WALKING  
SHELTERS

NARRATION

Moving out of the high-risk areas and into temporary shelters is a basic condition for receiving aid. But even finding enough land for the displaced has proven difficult: near the tourist towns, land values are too high to offer as shelter for the homeless. The result: people continuing to live in the high-risk areas. (22")

PANAJACHEL TOURISTS

RIVER BED

MARCO TULIO BUILDS SHACK

Having lost his home, Marco Tulio Oballe says he has no choice but to live with his four children in this makeshift shack in the river bed. He just can't afford the rent in town. His only hope is that a solution to his housing needs can be found before the next hurricane. (16")

MARCO TULIO ON CAMERA

MARCO TULIO OBALLE: (In Spanish):

"I'm thinking about the children. I don't even care about myself – but the children, they still have their life ahead of them." (7")

CHILDREN CARRY CINDER  
BLOCKS UP SLOPES

LOGO

NARRATION

But unless a good plan is in place for protecting them, what lies ahead for many of Guatemala's children is the risk of yet another disaster -- before they can ever finish rebuilding from the last. (13")

This report was prepared by Michele Zaccheo for United Nations Television. (6")