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MILLENNIUM VILAGE IN MALAWI

VIDEO

MARIA ISSA IN FRONT OF HUT

ISSA ON-CAMERA

MARIA HARVESTING

FARMERS AND FIELDS

JEFFREY SACHS WITH
FARMERS

AUDIO

NARRATION

39-year-old divorced mother of three, Maria Issa, is one of the poorest farmers in Mwandama village in southern Malawi in Southern Africa. She never had enough food for her family. (12")

ISSA: (In local language)

"When food is scarce, I have one meal a day. The children and I go to bed hungry." (5")

But the days of hunger for Maria and her children are now over. This year, she harvested a bumper crop of maize. Something that rarely happened in the past. (11")

Land-locked Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world. More than 65% of its 13 million people survive on less than half a dollar a day. Most of them are subsistence farmers. (13")

In July 2005, the United Nations Millennium Project along with the United Nations

development Programme, UNDP, the Earth Institute at Columbia University and the Government of Malawi initiated the Millennium Village in Mwandama to demonstrate what it will take to meet the Millennium Development Goals within five years. Professor Jeffrey Sachs is a Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary – General for the Millennium Development Goals. (28")

PROFESSOR SACHS ON-
CAMERA

SACHS: (In English)

"We started very fast with you because we know how much hunger is and how much need there is to grow more food." (8")

FARMERS RECEIVING SEEDS

NARRATION

The project provided each of the 1,069 families in the village with 10 kegs of hybrid maize seeds and 100 kegs of basal and top dressing fertiliser. It's enough to farm almost one hectare of land. Farmers also received training skills to improve productivity. (17")

CHIEF AND FARMERS
INSPECTING FIELD

With lots of rain this season, the result is incredible. Each farmer is expected to harvest more than 60 bushels of maize, enough to feed their families and to sell a good surplus for much needed cash. (13")

CHIEF MWANDAMA

Chief Mwandama is happy with the intervention.(2")

MWANDAMA ON-CAMERA	<p><u>MWANDAMA:</u> (In English)</p> <p>“This year it is like a miracle because every household has plenty of food. No more starvation” (6”)</p>
TWO DIFFERENT FIELDS	<p>While other regions of Malawi suffer from drought and poor harvest, the success of the interventions in Zomba region can contribute to the reduction of hunger in other parts of the country. (12”)</p>
MARIA COOKING	<p>But for Maria's youngest child, the harvest came a little too late. The baby died of malaria and hunger just a few weeks before food became available once again. (12”)</p>
FARMERS SINGING	<p>In 2006, the Millennium Villages will be scaled up throughout the continent with the hopes of working in hundreds more in the coming years. Increasing support from the international community can make a big difference and can mean either life or death for millions of farmers in Africa. (20”)</p>
LOGO	<p>This report was prepared by the United Nations. (6”)</p>