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WATER MANAGEMENT IN ZANZIBAR

VIDEO

WOMAN AND CHILDREN

MEJA WALKING TO WELL

MEJA ON-CAMERA

AERIAL VIEW OF ZANZIBAR

AUDIO

NARRATION

Mother of five children, 45-year old Meja Abdallah lives with her family in the village of Michamvi on the island of Zanzibar off the eastern coast of Africa. (10")

Despite living in one of the most scenic areas in the world, Meja's family is facing a serious dilemma. There is no running water in the village and the local wells are salty. (12")

MEJA: (In local dialect)

"We have a problem with water. Cooking and drinking water are salty." (5")

NARRATION

The water situation in Zanzibar has recently deteriorated both in quantity and quality. Most of the one million inhabitants of the island have no running water. (10")

SPRING/TOURISTS

OLD PUMPS

The main source of water for Zanzibar Island is this spring just outside the Stone Town. But the rapid urban growth and the influx of tens of thousands of tourists every month place significant strain on an already aged and poorly maintained water supply system. (18")

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

Yasser De Costa is the principal Secretary of the Ministry of Water. (3")

DE COSTA ON-CAMERA

DE COSTA: (In English)

"We have very old and outdated machines, more than 40-50 years old". (9")

WATER TANKERS/DONKEY
CART AND WATER DRUMS

NARRATION

There is no charge for running water services in Zanzibar. But not every one on the island receives this service. People in the poor neighbourhoods walk long distances to get water or buy it from water vendors - adding a financial burden on an already impoverished population. (16")

COMMUNITY/ WATER
RESERVOIR/ WOMEN GETTING
WATER

To alleviate the water shortage, communities are encouraged to form cooperatives to get piped water. Here in Muungano, the United Nations Development Programme, UNDP, helped in establishing the SEMUSO cooperative. Now three neighbourhoods have piped water. (17")

Coordinator of the small grants programme with

UNDP is Nehemiah Murusuri. (4")

UNDP OFFICIAL

MURUSURI: (In English)

"The efforts of the local people, the ones who actually led to the realization of this project." (5")

MURUSURI ON-CAMERA

NARRATION

Water consumption on the island is rising faster than the island can provide. By the year 2015, Zanzibar Municipality alone will need more than 90,000 cubic metres of water per day while current average daily production is about 30,000. (16")

MEJA WASHING DISHES/CHILD
DRINKING

The water situation in Zanzibar is reaching a critical stage. Serious conservation measures and a change in people's attitude towards water are crucial to prevent Zanzibar from going dry. (14")

PEOPLE

This report was prepared by the United Nations. (6")

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VOSHCHENKOV ON-CAMERA

YOUNG GIRL AFTER OPERATION

TUMOR/OPERATING THEATRE
SHOTS

BURN VICTIMS

STREETS/PEOPLE LEAVING
HOSPITAL

UN LOGO