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### WAR AND HUNGER IN CONGO

#### VIDEO

M/S. JACQUELINE MASHEKA  
AND HER SON WEEDING THEIR  
GARDEN

W/S. MEN ON BOARD AN  
OVERLOADED TRUCK  
TRAVELING ON DIRT ROAD

M/S. JACQUELINE MASHEKA,  
WIDOW, ON CAMERA

M/S. GRANDMOTHER  
WATCHING HER LITTLE  
GRANDSONS PLAYING/SITTING  
ON THE GROUND.

#### AUDIO

Jacqueline Masheka and her family used to have a small banana plantation in the territory of Massisi in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. (9')

Though war in Congo ended in 2003, numerous militia groups are still active in the east of the country. They often raid fields and villages to get food. One such group killed Jacqueline's husband. (15')

#### JACQUELINE MASHEKA (SWAHILI)

*One day when I was working the fields, some of the other workers ran up to me and said "Mama Jackson, Mama Jackson, your husband has been killed! They killed him just now." I wanted to go and see him but I could have been killed too so I ran away. (15')*

#### NARRATION

Jacqueline fled with her mother and five children to the city of Goma. (4')

Without a permanent place to live and without

work, the whole family became malnourished.(6')

M/S. LITTLE CHILDREN PLAYING WITH ROCKS.

Since the war, more than 70% of Congo's population remains hungry. (5')

M/S. JACQUELINE WITH OTHER WOMEN WORKING IN THEIR GARDEN

Jacqueline has been lucky. She's found this programme that's teaching women urban horticulture so that they can grow their own gardens at home to feed their families and perhaps make a small profit. (12')

M/S. MICHELLE LETAKAMBA, INSTRUCTOR AT DON BOSCO NUTRITIONAL CENTRE, ON CAMERA

MICHELLE LETAKAMBA (FRENCH)

*These women are in a very difficult position. They are displaced and have abandoned their villages to come here. When they arrive they have been homeless and are malnourished. That's why they come to the centre, to get nourished.* (15')

M/S. AT DON BOSCO NUTRITIONAL CENTRE. MEALS BEING SERVED FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN AND SENIORS.

NARRATION

During their stay at the Don Bosco nutritional centre, the women and their children are given hot meals – to help them through the difficult transition period before they are able to feed themselves. (11')

M/S. WOMEN & MAN WORKING AT THE GARDEN

When they leave, they are given a seed and tool kit provided by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization. (6.5")

C/U OF HANDS TENDING TO PLANTS.

The project is one of several being funded by a 2.5 million euros donation from the European Union to assist vulnerable people in this part of Congo. (9.5")

M/S. FATHER MARIO PEREZ OF DON BOSCO NUTRITIONAL CENTRE, ON CAMERA

FATHER MARIO PEREZ (ITALIAN)

*War is the main issue and also the volcano which exploded here in 2001. With war the people have suffered for 10 years. There's been a great deal of displacement. People have been driven off their lands and have been unable to work the fields. And there have been many massacres, almost 4 million dead, many of them in this area.* (21')

NARRATION

M/S. LUIS MATABAHO FEEDING GRASS TO GUINEA PIGS

Also considered vulnerable are ex-child soldiers like Luis Matabaho. (4")

M/S. GUINEA PIG

Now 18 years old, Luis was only 10 when he ran away from home to join the army. (5.5")

M/S. LUIS SORTING/PUTTING GRASS INTO THE PEN

Two years later, he deserted and found himself on the street. When he came to the centre he was malnourished. (5")

Here, he is being taught to rear guinea pigs.

When he leaves the centre he will be given one male and two females so that he can breed the guinea pigs to feed himself. (7")

M/S. GUINEA PIGS COVERED

It's not much but if means he won't be forced to

UNDER GRASS

steal in order to eat. (5")

LUIS MATABAHO, EX-CHILD  
SOLDIER, ON CAMERA

LUIS MATABAHO (SWAHILI)

*When I went to war I was very young. I didn't do the bad things that some other people did. Some of the older soldiers were raping women and doing many bad things. But the worst thing I did was to take money from the pockets of people.*  
(16')

M/S. PANNING OF CHILDREN  
AND WOMEN WAITING IN THE  
CENTRE

NARRATION

There is an estimated 40 million hungry people in Congo. (3")

M/S. WOMEN HELPING/SERVING  
THE CHILDREN

What the country needs above all is security if they're to have any chance of achieving the Millennium Development Goal of reducing the percentage of its hungry people by half before 2015. (11")

M/S. CHILDREN EATING

Congo's war may be over, but for the war on hunger, there's no peace accord in sight. (6")

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