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### HEALTH BRIGADES IN ECUADOR'S AMAZON

#### VIDEO

#### AUDIO

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MONTAGE TRAVELING SHOTS, DIRT BUMPY ROAD.	<u>NARRATION</u> This is the road less traveled... a dusty path built mostly for trucks... trucks to carry gear for drilling oil deep in the Amazon forest... (10.5)
OIL DRILL SITE	
MOVING SHOT/DUSTY ROAD. PEOPLE AT THE BACK OF THE TRUCK.	A road that few poor settlers -- and fewer still native Kichwa here, in this remote corner of Northeastern Ecuador, will take. (7)
ARRIVING AT THE HOSPITAL CENTER. PEOPLE WAITING. UNLOADING OF MEDICAL SUPPLY FROM PICK-UP	This despite the fact that for many of them it's the <u>only</u> road that leads to a hospital... And so, the doctors, and the nurses, and the equipment-- must come to them. (12.25)
HEALTH BRIGADES SETTING UP CLINIC IN CLASSROOM.	These are the 'health brigades' of Ecuador's Orellana province-- always on the road ... setting up makeshift clinics in village classrooms... bringing basic medical care to the neediest. (10.5)
WS. CHILDREN WALKING IN THE FIELD.	Many of the people they attend to have

<p>MS. TIRED PATIENTS WAITING</p>	<p>walked through the jungle, sometimes for hours, to get here. (5)</p>
<p>DR. ERIC MACIAS ON CAMERA</p>	<p><u>DR. ERIC MACIAS</u> (in SPANISH) <b>M</b>  <i>"These are people in need". (2)</i></p>
<p>DR. MACIAS PREPARES HIS DESK</p>	<p><u>NARRATION</u>  Health brigade director, Dr. Eric Macias (2.30)</p>
<p>VARIOUS SHOTS OF TIRED PEOPLE WAITING FOR CHECK UP.  DENTIST WORKING.  DR. MACIAS CHECK CHARTS  NURSE AT DESK.</p>	<p><u>DR. ERIC MACIAS</u> (in SPANISH) <b>M</b>  <i>"Sometimes we come to communities where there are 120 people waiting for us – and there's only one doctor, and one dentist.., it's hard to give them all quality service// so we try to give priority to pregnant women and children 5 years old and younger."</i>  (18)</p>
<p>ONE PREGNANT WOMAN IN TOWN  A PREGNANT WOMAN IN VILLAGE.</p>	<p><u>NARRATION</u>  While some 75% of pregnant women in the state capital, El Coca, will give birth safely in a hospital, not even ¼ of women in these rural areas will. (11)</p>
<p>ISABEL GOICOLEA ON CAMERA</p>	<p><u>ISABEL GOICOLEA</u> (In SPA) <b>F</b>  <i>If you don't reach them, they will only get to hospital in a life or death situation. (5.25)</i></p>
<p>ISABEL WALK INTO THE CLINIC  WS. VILLAGE HOUSES</p>	<p><u>NARRATION</u>  Isabel Goicolea is a Spanish doctor who has been working in the Amazon region for 12 years. She says that it's by reaching communities like these that the global battle to reduce child mortality and improve</p>

<p>ISABEL ON CAMERA</p>	<p>maternal health is fought. (13)</p> <p><u>ISABEL GOICOLEA</u> (in SPANISH) <b>F</b></p> <p><i>“These kids won’t get medicines, these women won’t get pregnancy checks, much less ask for contraceptives or pap tests.”</i></p> <p>(7)</p>
<p>WOMEN &amp; CHILDREN WAITING. HEALTH WORKERS DOING TESTS &amp; CONTRACEPTIVES WOMAN CLEANING AT THE LAKE</p>	<p><u>NARRATION</u></p> <p>Even seemingly routine services: ‘PAP’ tests for detecting cervical cancer, or giving out contraceptives, can change lives here, given that most women have many babies – and some start as young as 12. (12)</p>
<p>MELANIA, YOUNG MOTHER WITH HER BABY.</p>	<p>This girl, Melania, is just 16. She is already having trouble in her marriage, which was arranged by her parents -- in a traditional practice called “la pedida” – “the asking”.</p> <p>(10)</p>
<p>MELANIA WITH HER BABY FACING CAMERA, ANSWERING QUESTIONS FROM ISABEL (OFF-CAMERA)</p>	<p><u>ISABEL</u> (IN SPANISH) <b>F</b></p> <p><i>“Your parents must’ve at least asked you if you liked the boy or not?”</i> (2.5)</p>
<p>MELANIA ON CAMERA</p>	<p><u>MELANIA</u> (IN SPANISH) <b>F</b></p> <p><i>“No, they just decide, just like that...without asking.”</i> (3.75)</p> <p><u>ISABEL:</u> (SPANISH)</p> <p><i>“And did you have a wedding yet?”</i> (1.5)</p> <p><u>MELANIA</u> (SPANISH)</p> <p><i>“No, not yet...”</i> (1)</p>

<p>MELANIA AND HER BABY. MELANIA SITS BY HERSELF  WOMAN TAKING “PAP” TEST</p>	<p><u>NARRATION</u> For Melania, the priority now is making sure that her baby Julie is healthy. Melania is too timid to take the “PAP” test, but others here will. They have seen how cancer can kill when detected too late. (12.5)</p>
<p>ALBA PERALTA ON CAMERA</p>	<p><u>ALBA PERALTA</u> (SPANISH) <b>F</b> <i>“Pollution has brought many problems here, not only cervical cancer.” (4)</i></p>
<p>ALBA TALKING TO THE PATIENTS, SHOWING A PLASTIC JAR.</p>	<p><u>NARRATION</u> ALBA Peralta is a public health worker specialized in reproductive health. (3.6)</p>
<p>ALBA ON CAMERA</p>	<p><u>ALBA PERALTA</u> <i>“We’ve also seen cancer in the whole body, skin infections, malnutrition from the fact that petroleum is polluting the land – it’s a huge issue.” (8.20)</i></p>
<p>WS. DRILL PUMP STATION  WOMEN AND CHILDREN COOKING AND CLEANING OUTDOOR</p>	<p><u>NARRATION</u> The impact of oil pollution is especially devastating for native people used to living off the land and taking their water from rivers and streams. (8.30)</p>
<p>MAURICIO NARVAEZ POINTING TO THE RIVER/TALKING</p>	<p><u>VOX POP MAURICIO NARVAEZ</u> (SPA) <b>M</b> <i>“this water is polluted.. There’s no way you can fish here in the Napo river anymore.” (4.0)</i></p>
<p>SHOTS OF JUNGLE.</p>	<p><u>NARRATION</u></p>

<p>UNLOADING OF SUPPLIES FROM PICK UP TRUCK.</p>	<p>And while many used to cure illnesses with plants from the jungle, oil pollution has left them dependent on medical care brought to them by the health brigades. (8.20)</p>
<p>DR. MACIA WORKING PEOPLE WAITING</p>	<p>Dr. Macias says that their work is a drop in the ocean compared to the real needs –</p>
<p>ALBA AND ISABEL BUSY WORKING WITH THE PATIENTS</p>	<p>and yet, he – like Alba Peralta and Isabel Goicolea –cannot think of any work that is more meaningful despite the sacrifices it entails. (14)</p>
<p>DR. MACIAS ON CAMERA</p>	<p><u>DR. ERIC MACIAS</u> (SPANISH) <b>M</b></p>
<p>DR. MACIAS CARRYING SUPPLIES</p>	<p><i>“You work 22 days on, 8 days off, and it gets tiring... but at the end of the day... you feel you’ve achieved something, you’ve helped the people in these communities feel taken care of.” (12)</i></p>
<p>ALBA ON CAMERA.</p>	<p><u>ALBA PERALTA</u> (SPANISH) <b>F</b></p>
<p>ALBA WITH HER FAMILY</p>	<p><i>“The hardest part is leaving my family behind –because we end up forming a second family, which becomes the main one, with our colleagues from work, and the people we serve.” (10.5)</i></p>
<p>ISABEL ON CAMERA. ISABEL WORKING WITH SUPPLIES.</p>	<p><u>ISABEL GOICOLEA</u> (SPANISH) <b>F</b></p>
<p>ISABEL ON BOARD THE PICK-UP TRUCK</p>	<p><i>“This is why is studied medicine, to do this kind of work... it’s a challenge to work in place where there are so many things that need to be done...I like this place... and I love what I do...That’s the truth.” (15)</i></p>
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