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GUNS FOR SEWING MACHINE

VIDEO

CU. SEWING CLOTHES

PROSPER NDAYIZEYE, EX-CHILD SOLDIER, 17 YRS.OLD, TALKS ON CAMERA (IN KIRUNDI)

PROSPER BUSY SEWING

PROSPER ON CAMERA

FOOTAGE OF CHILD SOLDIERS IN BLACK AND WHITE.
BACK TO PROSPER ON CAMERA

AUDIO

Natural sound – sewing machine

PROSPER NDAYIZEYI (In Kirundi): **M**

“I was 12 years old when the people came and took me to go and join the rebellion. They told me I would earn money. I was in fifth grade in primary school.” (12)

NARRATION

Prosper Ndayizeyi spent three years as a child-soldier, with a rebel group in the hills in northern Burundi. (8)

PROSPER (In Kirundi

“I saw people killed, even my friends killed. After that, I didn’t have any feelings anymore, I felt nothing. Because of that, when I saw a person, it wasn’t a person for me like before – I could kill a person without feeling anything because I was so used to seeing people killed, day after day. As a result, the life of a human

being meant nothing to me. “ (25)

NARRATION

INSIDE A MAKESHIFT CENTRE
WHERE SEWING CLASSES ARE
BEING TAUGHT

When he was released, Prosper came to this centre where child war-victims, receive psychological care and classes in sewing. Run by a local NGO, supported by UNICEF, the centre has helped hundreds of children overcome the trauma of conflict and learn skills enabling them to earn a living. (19)

PROSPER ARRIVES HOME

Prosper supports his brother and his disabled mother, Immaculee Nzeyiman, with small tailoring jobs. (6)

IMMACULEE NZEYIMAN,
PROSPER'S MOTHER ON
CAMERA.

IMMACULEE NZEYIMAN (In Kirundi) **F**
“I'm really proud of him now because he's preparing his future. It's not like when he was living with the rebels – there everybody lived like animals – they behaved like animals.”
(12)

NARRATION

PROSPER GATHER
FIREWOODS

By acquiring new skills, boys like Prosper can start to rebuild their lives and erase the scars of the past. They will also be less likely to slip back into a life of violence. (10)

PROSPER SINGING

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