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DRIBBLING FOR INTEGRATION: REFUGEES IN BRAZIL

VIDEO

RIO DE JANEIRO – CHRIST THE
REDEEMER

ROBERTO CARLOS TORRES,
REFUGEE, ON CAMERA

ROBERTO PLAYS 'FOOTVOLLEY'
AT COPACABANA BEACH
ARCHIVE – GUERRILLAS

ROBERTO CARLOS TORRES,
REFUGEE, ON CAMERA

AUDIO

NARRATION

The iconic image of the world renowned statue of Christ in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. For scores of refugees who arrive looking for a new life this is surely a welcoming sign. (13)

TORRES: (Spanish) **M**
"I felt a part of a family..." (2.5)

NARRATION

Colombian refugee Roberto Carlos Torres has been here for almost two years. A social worker in his home country, he was abducted by guerrilla fighters. (10)

TORRES: (Spanish)
"I was forced to join them. I was threatened; my life was at risk..." (8)

ARCHIVAL FOOTAGE OF
CONFLICTS AND REFUGEES
WORLDWIDE

IRAQ

COLOMBIA GUERRILLA
FIGHTERS

REFUGEE SINGS DURING
TRAINING MATCH

ROBERTO TRAINS

PEDRO MENDES ON CAMERA

REFUGEE CHILD
ENRIQUE ON CAMERA WITH
CHILD

ROBERTO ARRIVES AT

NARRATION

UNHCR, the United Nations Refugee Agency, estimates the global number of people displaced due to armed conflict to be over 35 million. In Iraq alone some 4 ½ million people have been displaced since 2003. (16)

In Colombia, millions have had to escape the decades-old internal conflict. Thousands seek refuge in neighbouring countries, including Brazil. (11)

(NATSOT)

NARRATION

Roberto often plays football with fellow refugees from Colombia.// His team-mates Pedro and Enrique are also adapting to the Brazilian way of life; (16)

PEDRO MENDES: (Spanish) **M**

"In the beginning it was tough. The culture is different, the food is different. But with time- I've been here for two years, I feel integrated. I have a son, I have a family, and I'm very integrated." (12)

ENRIQUE: (Spanish) **M**

"We thank this community that has been helping and supporting us to move forward. We come from a country in conflict. Now we have been given the opportunity to do well here." (11)

NARRATION

It's a very special day for Roberto and his friends.

MANGUEIRA SPORTS COMPLEX REFUGEE DAY BANNERS ROBERTO TRAINS	They are playing in a friendly football match: a local team against a team made up of refugees. The game's rules are universally understood, says UNHCR's Luis Varese. (13.50)
LUIS VARESE, UNHCR REP, ON CAMERA	<u>LUIS VARESE:</u> (Spanish) M <i>"Even when you don't speak the language, you can communicate with your feet and a ball"</i> (4) <u>NARRATION</u> Brazil is home for refugees from around 70 countries worldwide. Many recently arrived from Africa, particularly Angola. (8.20)
REFUGEES PLAY FOOTBALL ANGOLAN TEAM POSES FOR PHOTO	
LUIS VARESE ON CAMERA	<u>LUIS VARESE:</u> (Spanish) <i>"First of all, Brazil has some of the most advanced laws in the world when it comes to the protection of refugees. Secondly, it also has a multicultural and multiethnic society; it's therefore very open to all religions. It's a society open to integration."</i> (20)
REFUGEES PLAY FOOTBALL	
BAND PLAYS 'CIDADE MARAVILHOSA' PRE-GAME	(NATSOT) <u>NARRATION</u> Voluntary organizations, UNHCR and the Brazilian government support programmes for the recently arrived, providing them with working papers, Portuguese language courses, and general assistance during the resettling period. (14) <u>NARRATION</u>
DENTAL HYGENE SOCIAL WORKER / CU UNHCR SOCCER BALL / UNHCR REP GIVES BALL TO COMMUNITY LEADER	
PALESTINIANS ARRIVE AT RIO	Recently Brazil has become a new home for

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Palestinians who were resettled after being victims of sectarian violence in Iraq.

(7.20)

ANGOLAN REFUGEE AND
ROBERTO ON CAMERA

JOSE TORRES NETO: (Portuguese) **M**

"We're not here by choice, but because we had to leave our homes. Brazil has welcomed us; we're trying to build a future here." (7)

NARRATION

POST-MATCH CELEBRATION /
LOCKER ROOM / UNHCR CAKE /
MEDAL CEREMONY

It's never easy to resettle. The causes of forced migration are numerous and complex. But for Roberto and many refugees living in Brazil, there is now hope for a productive and peaceful life.

(14)

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