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KAKUMA REFUGEES RETURN

VIDEO

CLASSROOM

KAKUMA CAMP

RACHEL ON CAMERA

RACHEL TEACHES STUDENTS

AUDIO

NARRATION

Students are hard at work at this school in Kakuma, a town in Northwest Kenya. But the majority of them are not Kenyans. They're refugees from Sudan and for many; Kakuma is the only home they know. (14.25)

Rachel Achol Gai, their teacher, is also a refugee. She was as young as they are now when she first came here in 1992 during the height of Sudan's civil war. (11.25)

After schooling in the camp, she became a teacher. (4)

RACHEL ACHOL GAI: (In English) F

"My main objective is to educate people so that they will be teachers or responsible people in the future." (5)

NARRATION

Rachel has been working here for four years now.

Though she enjoys her job, she yearns for her homeland. And this is why she recently made the tough decision to return to Sudan. (11.75)

RACHEL ON CAMERA

RACHEL ACHOL GAI: (In English) **F**

“Sudan is my country. I left it because of the war and fear of death. But now I heard that there is peace in Sudan so I decided to go and build my country.” (8.5)

RACHEL BIDS HER STUDENTS
GOODBYE

NARRATION

Saying goodbye is never easy but Rachel hopes that one day her students will also leave Kakuma for Sudan. (7)

ARCHIVE FOOTAGE, SIGNING OF
TREATY

After the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement in January 2005, between the Government of Sudan and the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement, a voluntary repatriation scheme was put in place by the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR). Refugees like Rachel can register and UNHCR facilitates their return journey back home. (21)

RACHEL AND REFUGEES ABOUT
TO BE REPATRIATED / LUGGAGE
AND BUS

Rita Mazzocchi is the coordinator for repatriation. (3.5)

RITA MAZZOCCHI ON CAMERA

RITA MAZZOCCHI: (ENGLISH) **F**

“We have assisted over, from 2005 to 2007, five thousand people with repatriation. The bulk of the people approximately between 17,000 and 20,000 have actually left on their own. They have simply decided to go home and just left.” (15.5)

NARRATION

RACHEL BIDS FRIENDS
GOODBYE

After packing and tagging her bags, Rachel hurries to say goodbye to her friends. They had become her family over the years. Rachel will leave them behind because they are still sceptical about going home. (15)

RACHEL WAVES GOODBYE FROM
DEPARTING BUS

Rachel is hoping that her years as a teacher in Kenya will be useful when she arrives in Sudan to teach the next generation of young Sudanese. (8.5)

UN LOGO

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