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UNFPA'S MOBILE CLINIC HELPS BURUNDIANS

VIDEO

GVS RUMONGE / HOME

NIYONGERE ON CAMERA

DESTROYED HEALTH CENTRE

AUDIO

NARRATION

During the civil war that plagued Burundi for almost 13 years, Victoire Niyongere was recruited as a soldier by the rebels. (8')

A peace agreement between the warring factions permitted her to return to normal life here in Rumonge, a southern district in Burundi, Central Africa. (10')

Victoire reflects on those days when she lacked the vital health supplies for survival. Life was tough throughout the six years that she served as a fighter. (8')

NIYONGERE: (Kirundi)

"The life of a soldier is very hard. No food, medical care, or water. (12')

NARRATION

Even now there is no healthcare because twenty-five percent of the country's health centres were

ruined by the war including this one in Victoire's village (8').

MOBILE CLINIC IN OPERATION

Now, with support from the United Nations Population Fund, UNFPA, a mobile clinic provides much-needed services (9')

INTRO TO DR. MAGONYAGI

Dr. Yolande Magonyagi, UNFPA expert, is managing the project (4').

MAGONYAGI ON CAMERA

MAGONYAGI: (French)

"The clinic gives information on prevention of sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS. It is also equipped with gynaecological tables and reproductive health commodities."

(15')

VICTOIRE WALKING WITH HER
COUSIN OR IN CLINIC WITH
DOCTOR

NARRATION

The mobile clinic is proving to be a useful strategy in emergency situations and post-conflict areas. It makes access to medical care painless for those living in rural villages, especially those displaced by the war (16')

WOMEN AND CHILDREN
RECEIVING VACCINATIONS

The clinic targets several communities including Mudende, a district of 23,000 people. Some 1,000 people are treated here each month. Victoire visited the clinic today with her cousin. She already has five children and needs advice on how to better plan her family (27').

VICTOIRE ON CAMERA

VICTOIRE: (In Kirundi)

"I got information about how I can go about

planning my family with different methods, injections, internal bath control, and how to use condoms.” (24’)

BUJUMBURA CLINIC / STREETS

NARRATION

Without the mobile clinic, women like Victoire have no choice but to travel 25 kilometres on foot to reach the nearest health centre. The clinic is equipped with reproductive healthcare commodities from UNFPA. These include mostly contraceptives, and vaccinations for women and children (22’).

Victoire has chosen the injection method to plan her family. This guarantees that she will not get pregnant for another 90 days. She expects that this method will always be available when she comes every three months to get the injection (16’).

But the contraceptive prevalence rate is only 15% across Burundi. Getting people to change their habits and use condoms remains a daunting task in Burundi (11’).

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