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## RAINWATER HARVEST IN INDONESIA

### VIDEO

ISLAND AND SEA

KIDS WALK IN FOREST

WOMAN AND KIDS WALK

JULIANA ON CAMERA.

### AUDIO

#### NARRATION

Alor, Indonesia; glistening waters and sunny days - unfortunately, a few too many. The island gets only a few months of rain a year. This means a severe lack of clean drinking water, a problem that, due to climate change, is likely to get worse (17').

This is the reality faced by many Indonesian families living in coastal areas (4').

Juliana is helped by children from the village while fetching water from a small stream - a long and back-breaking task (8').

JULIANA, (INDONESIAN) F

*"If it's the dry season I walk five kilometers from early morning and I don't get home till noon. If I bring these smaller jugs it's not enough. I have to bring this 20 litre can. Sometimes it's enough, sometimes it isn't. On top of it, I also have to*

*carry the family laundry.” (16’)*

GROUP OF KIDS

NARRATION

And for these children, helping their family fetch water often leaves them too tired to study.

WATER TRUCK

The only alternative has been to buy water, but

MS. MAN WITH HOSE

at nearly a dollar a drum, a month’s supply could cost poorer families half their income (13’).

MEN BUILD TANK

A new project by UNICEF, the United Nation’s Children’s Fund, is make a difference through a simple idea: rainwater harvesting.

It’s a community effort (12’).

WOMEN WORK

During the four-month rainy season, water flows down the tin roofs into a series of simple gutters which lead to a large water tank. With the proper care, it’s enough for an average family’s drinking and cooking needs for most of the year (13’).

RAIN ROOF / GUTTERS / RAIN

SEA AND SAND

And the idea is catching on. An hour’s boat ride away is Pura Island. Here the problem is even more serious: the island has no streams or access to water trucks (8’).

WOMAN AND WELL

The village well had been the only source of freshwater, but residents say each year they have to dig deeper and sea water has begun to seep in (8’).

EMA ON CAMERA

EMA, (INDONESIAN) F

*“Our ancestors lived up in the mountains but when they moved further down the population increased. We had to add a well but the water was often salty. Now we have help from UNICEF, and we are very happy with the rainwater tanks. Every house has one. We rarely have to go to the well.” (18’)*

EMA COOKS

NARRATION

This is the first year that the tanks have been installed and Ema says she hopes the water will last.

CHILDREN IN THE RAIN

And so do the children of Alor where a rainy day means it’s time to go outside, play and rejoice (12’).

UN LOGO

This report was produced by Suzanna Dayne for the United Nations (7’).