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## NIGER DROUGHT

### VIDEO

NIGER'S DRY LAND /  
RAKIA DJADJE WITH BABY /  
CATTLE

RAKIA DJADJE ON CAMERA

RAKIA WALKS BY HUT

BOY WATCHES CATTLE

VILLAGE

RAKIA DJADJE ON CAMERA

### AUDIO

#### NARRATION

When the rain doesn't fall on the Sahel, in Niger, Rakia Djadje's cattle grow thin. There is not enough grass to feed them. And her crops – millet and groundnuts – wither and dry up under the relentless sun. (13")

RAKIA DJADJE: (Niger) F

*"This year is more difficult, because this year we did not get much rain. Our cattle are thin because the grass didn't grow." (7")*

#### NARRATION

250 million people worldwide live in dry land areas, and desertification is spreading. As climate change is shaping the landscape, the World Bank contends that farmers, and governments, have to change with it. (15")

RAKIA DJADJE: (Niger) F

*"We used to get five or six months of rain, but now, the rainy season is much shorter." (5")*

MAN CARRIES BUNDLE OF DRY WOOD	<u>NARRATION</u> According to the Bank, the best way to help farmers like Rakia Djadje is with drought-resistant crops, and new ways to store and deliver water. For arid regions, this is crucial...less than 12 percent of the land in Niger is fertile. The World Bank's Warren Evans: (18")
MAN STORES WOOD	
WARREN EVANS ON CAMERA	<u>WARREN EVANS:</u> (English) <b>M</b> <i>"The predictions are by 2050, because of increased droughts, there will be about a 30% reduction in agricultural productivity. That's a huge impact on the poorest people in the country and the least able to deal with these impacts."</i> (13")
RAKIA TILLS THE DRY LAND	<u>NARRATION</u> Rakia Djadje is barely surviving, and helping her in a changing world will cost money, and take time. (7")
RAKIA DJADJE ON CAMERA	<u>RAKIA DJADJE:</u> (Niger) <b>F</b> <i>"I'm really worried for my children. Sometimes we go three or four nights without eating."</i> (5")
RAKIA CLEANS GRAIN / DRY LAND / MUDDY GROUND.	<u>NARRATION</u> The old patterns of rain, drought, rain, no longer predict the future. What matters now are new ways of thinking about climate, crops, water,

money and survival. (15")

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