

## **U.N. IN ACTION**

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## **DANCING WITH PURPOSE**

VIDEO	AUDIO
DANCING AROUND THE WORLD	<u>NARRATION</u> NATURAL SOUND – MUSIC
YOUNG PEOPLE/WAVE	Dancing for Lifea commitment by young people across the globe who are growing up in a world changed by HIV and AIDS. (8")
	"Dance for Life" was first introduced in the Netherlands. Its success took it to South Africa where it immediately became a hit. (8.5")
PEOPLE IN STREET	The UN Population Fund decided to test it in Mexico, and now it's gaining momentum here with young people. (9")
	Forty percent of all new infections in Mexico occur among the young – under 25 years of age. (6.5")
RODRIGO WALKS HIS DOG	Rodrigo is one of them. He is just 24-years-old and gay. He asked us not to use his full name in order to protect his identity. Four years ago, he discovered that he was HIV positive. (13")

RODRIGO ON CAMERA	RODRIGO:(Spanish)M"I feel sad and guilty like I don't know what I amgoing to do next. It's a double stigma, first forbeing gay and second for living with HIV."
RODRIGO NEAR MONUMENT	NARRATION Rodrigo lives in Mexico City. He tried to tell his mother several years ago about his sexuality. (6")
RODRIGO ON CAMERA	RODRIGO:(Spanish)M"She treated me badly. She told me it was wrong,that I was no longer her son."(5")
RODRIGO AND DOG	NARRATION He didn't know what his friends and other relatives would think. (3")
DANCE FOR LIFE PERFORMANCE	Rodrigo decided to become actively involved in the struggle against HIV. He teamed up with "Dance for Life" to educate youngsters about protecting themselves. And they are listening. (12.5")
HIGH SCHOOLERS DANCE IN WORKSHOP	While having fun, the team visits several high schools to dance and engage young people in the discussion about HIV and AIDS. (8.5")
WORKSHOP AT SCHOOL	Workshops follow dance sessions. It gives students a chance to speak freely about what's on their minds. (6")
YOLI SPEAKS TO MAN	Yoli Sanchez played a major role in launching the project in Mexico. She thinks it's important to talk

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STUDENTS AT WORKSHOP

YOLI, UNFPA OFFICIAL, ON CAMERA

YOUNG PEOPLE IN STREETS

to young people. (8")

<u>SANCHEZ</u>: (English) **F** "It's the age when it's harder for them to get the information. They are the furthest away from their parents. Thirteen is an age when they already starting to be sexually active." (8")

## NARRATION

Some 180,000 people are living here with HIV and AIDS. This number might be greater though. Many affected people remain unaccounted for because of deeply ingrained social prejudices. (14")

YOUNG COUPLES IN STREET Reaching young people is critical to curb HIV and KISS / HOLD HANDS AIDS in Mexico. Otherwise, an entire generation could be endangered. (")

DJ / DANCE FOR LIFE PERFORMANCES AROUND THE WORLD

UN LOGO

"Dance for Life" is now operating in 18 countries. By 2014, there will be one million young people involved in pushing back AIDS. (9")

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