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ZIMBABWE REFUGEES ON THE BORDER OF SOUTH AFRICA

VIDEO

HIGHWAY AT SOUTH AFRICAN
BORDER TOWN, MUSINA
BIG TRUCK PASSING

CU. ZIMBABWE FAKE MONEY ON
FILTHY GROUND

UNICEF EXEC. DIRECTOR ANN
VENEMANN VISITS THE BORDER

SHOTS OF ZIMBABWE
REFUGEES, MAKESHIFT CAMPS

ANN VENEMANN ON CAMERA

AUDIO

NARRATION

In the South African border town of Musina, a humanitarian crisis has been unfolding. Historically the transit point for migrants seeking work in the country's larger cities, it has now become the entry point for many desperate people fleeing the economic and social collapse in neighbouring Zimbabwe. (16.7")

UNICEF's Executive Director Ann M. Veneman recently visited the area. She toured the town's "showground's", the first stop for many who cross the border seeking asylum. With only 300 permits granted each day, the facility has become a makeshift camp for thousands of waiting people. (16.8")

ANN VENEMAN: (English) **F**

"We've been looking at the issue of people coming in from Zimbabwe, waiting for their

papers, looking for a better life, fleeing from a lack of homes, a lack of food, cholera. We've had a chance to talk to many of the mothers who have children here about why they're coming here, and it's looking for a better life." (21")

NARRATION

VAR. SHOTS OF MOTHERS
FEEDING THEIR CHILDREN

UNICEF, in partnership with Save the Children, has set up a safe space for mothers with young children. It provides them with food, toys and a safe place for them to wait while their papers are processed by the Ministry of Home Affairs. (13")

BETTY & HER SISTER W/ THEIR
BABIES

Many like Betty and her sister, both with young infants, saw no other option. They climbed under the electric fence that demarcates the border. (7.8")

BETTY: (English) F

BETTY W/ BABY ON CAMERA

"[In Zimbabwe] there is hunger. We can't support ourselves. That is why we brought our babies here. There is no food, nothing. Money is a problem, work is a problem. We can't find jobs." (12")

NARRATION

SHELL GAS STATION SIGN,
SKY/SUN IN BACKGROUND
PAN DOWN REFUGEES
SLEEPING ON THE GROUND

More and more unaccompanied children are also crossing the border. Many are beaten, mugged or abused by the violent gangs who prey on those who informally cross the border. Many are orphaned, hungry and extremely vulnerable.

(13.3”)

LYNETTE MUDEKUNYE,
PROGRAMME DIRECTOR, SAVE
THE CHILDREN.UK

Lynette Mudekunye is the Director of the programme, Save the Children UK. (4.1”)

LYNETTE ON CAMERA

LYNETTE MUDEKUNYE: (English) F
“Our estimate is that there are at least 1,000 unaccompanied Zimbabwean children in this tiny little town and there are more in the farming communities around here.” (9”)

ANN VENEMAN INSIDE NGO’S
SHELTER FOR BOYS

NARRATION

To cope with the numbers, church groups and NGOs have set up drop-in centers and shelters around town. At this shelter, twenty boys live together. They are some of the lucky ones who now have a place to stay, and get three meals a day. (13.75”)

YOUNG BOYS AT NGO’S
SHELTER

WIRE FENCE

As the humanitarian conditions in Zimbabwe look set to worsen, there is consensus that more and more people will seek refuge in South Africa. It will be critical that the work underway to protect children continues to be strengthened and opportunities for them to continue their education are put in place. (17.5”)

CU. LITTLE BOY

SHOTS OF LITTLE BOY PLAYING
IN THE CAMP

UN LOGO

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