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NARRATION

WOMEN FETCH WATER FROM WELL In Central Kosovo, the main source of water for many rural families starts to dry up in early summer. (7")

WOMAN MILKS COW IN FIELD

For the people who live in and around the village of Obri, water – or lack of it – is a major source of concern. A mild winter and spring rains give every appearance of plenty. But people like Shukrije Xhemajli, a villager, know better. (16")

XHEMAJLI ON CAMERA

XHEMAJLI: (Albanian) F

"Having more safe drinking water would be much, much better. Having it in sufficient amounts, not only for my family but for everyone." (11")

CHILDREN AT DAY CARE

NARRATION

Her son, Halil, was diagnosed with meningitis. Other residents came down with this disease, probably from drinking impure water. Pre-school teacher, Shehide Demaj. (12.5")

DEMAJ ON CAMERA

DEMAJ: (Albanian) **F**

“There are a number of different diseases because of contaminated water – intestinal infections, stomach pains, skin diseases, and others.” (7”)

NARRATION

CHILDREN WASH HANDS ON BASIN

Part of the curriculum at this UNICEF built school now covers basic hygiene and the importance of clean water. Tania Goldner, UNICEF official. (10”)

GOLDNER ON CAMERA

GOLDNER: (English) **F**

“Forty percent of rural households do not have access to safe drinking water; more than this, 60 percent of schools do not have access to safe drinking water. What does this mean for children? This means their health is impacted, their growth and development is impacted.” (15”)

NARRATION

DEMAKU IN A FIELD

Ilir Demaku is Obri’s representative to the larger municipality. (4.5”)

DEMAKU ON CAMERA

ILIR DEMAKU: (Albanian) **M**

“Drawing water from the wells is very antiquated. And the water isn’t completely clean or disinfected in appropriate ways. What’s more, the water sources are very small in the whole region.” (10”)

NARRATION

DEMAKUS ON TRACTOR

Inevitably, what water there is will dry up as summer progresses. For the Demaku family that means buying fuel for the tractor and heading off five kilometres to another town over the hill. (12")

SPRING WATER PIPES

The village spring flows all year round and scores of families in the area rely on it. The Demakus – a family of 23 people – follow this routine about four times a week during a long summer. There were promises of potable water but no one knows when it will happen. (16")

TRACTOR TRANSPORTS WATER

UN LOGO

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