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SEEKING JUSTICE: SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN THE DRC

VIDEO

WALUNGU VILLAGE

WALUNGU HOSPITAL

PEOPLE IN STREETS / WAITING AT
HOSPITAL

HOSPITAL BEDS

JEAN MUKINGEKA ON CAMERA

AUDIO

NARRATION

Walungu village is near Bukavu, the capital of South Kivu province, in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. Many of the women waiting at this hospital are victims of sexual violence, but only some will look beyond medical care and seek justice.

Sexual violence is a hallmark of the conflict in Eastern Congo. Justice for most of the women has been elusive. (23.5)

Walungu Hospital is the main public hospital in south Kivu. Understaffed and under-equipped, with a capacity of only 160 beds, it services the local community of over 20,000 people. Jean Mukingeka is medical director of the hospital. (16.5)

Jean Mukingeka: (Swahili) **M**

"Not all women victims of sexual violence seek help, out of shame or fear of stigmatization. But we are seeing more women come to seek treatment." (11)

NARRATION

UN TRUCK / VILLAGE

The United Nations system has developed initiatives to address the protection of women and children from rape and other forms of sexual violence. These include appointment of women as protection officers. Luc Hekinbrant is from the UN Human Rights Office in Congo. (16.5)

POLICE OFFICER WITH FEMALE
STAFF

LUC HEKINBRANT ON CAMERA

Luc Hekinbrant: (English) **M**
"We are trying to support them through a network of local NGOs to provide assistance to these victims..." (12.5)

NARRATION

STILLS OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Government has begun holding public hearings to explain its zero-tolerance policy towards sexual violence by the national army and other security forces, which have been implicated in large scale pillage and killings against the very citizens they are supposed to protect. (17.5)

VODER NGO

Local organizations are working with the United Nations Human Rights Office to help victims of rape to seek justice. "Voder" operates in Walungu. (9)

WOMEN WAIT OUTSIDE NGO

Prosecutions are difficult and rare, but these women waiting at Voder's office want to see the perpetrators brought to justice. Ntizala Chamoka is one of them. (12)

NTIZALA WALKS

Her home was raided by people seeking to get back an unpaid loan. They took away her farm produce. (6)

Ntizala sought assistance from the National Intelligence Agency, ANR. But she didn't find help. There, an ANR officer sexually assaulted her. (8.5)

NTIZALA ON CAMERA

Ntizala Chamoka: (Swahili) **F**
"I went to his office to seek help, but instead of listening to me he raped me and gave me this illness... The illness is AIDS."
(9.5)

NTIZALA WITH COUNSELLOR

NARRATION
With the help of Voder, Ntizala reported the case to the authorities. Domitien Nakalonge is the director of Voder. (10)

DOMITIEN NAKALONGE ON
CAMERA

Domitien Nakalonge: (Swahili) **M**
"We follow up victims and accompany them to the police to get justice and we take them to the hospital and follow up to ensure they get treatment and also follow up in the prosecutor's office..." (13.5)

POLICE RECORDS – PILE OF OLD
PAPERS

NARRATION
The local police acknowledge the high number of rape cases against women. But they don't have the capacity to respond effectively. The only transport at the police station in Walungu is used to by the police

OFFICER ON MOTORCYCLE

commander, Willy Kibaya Lukangu. (14.5)

LUKANGU ON CAMERA

Willy Kibaya Lukangu: (Swahili) **M**
“When you are arresting someone and have to walk long distances, and there is only one policeman to man the criminal, they will run away.” (8.5)

VILLAGE SHOTS

NARRATION

Despite the terrible odds – the very real likelihood of sexual attack, poor health services, and the lack of access to justice –

WOMEN CARRY HEAVY SACKS ON BACK

women in the Democratic Republic of the Congo are starting to resist the stigmatization of rape victims, and some are daring to challenge the culture of impunity. (19)

UN LOGO

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