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BOTSWANA: MOBILE HIV TESTING FOR WOMEN

VIDEO

DONKEY SHOT, GIRL CARRYING
FIREWOOD

W/S OF VAN CROSSING RESERVE

MAN RIDING DONKEY

WIDE SHOTS OF VAN & CATTLE

GALEAKANGA WALKING OUT
VAN DRIVING BY HUT
VAN INTERIOR, LOCALS ARRIVING

AUDIO

NARRATION:

Dawn breaks in the Central Kalahari Game Reserve, home to one of the hardest to reach tribes in Botswana: the Basharwa, or Bushmen. (9.5")

Two hundred kilometres away, mobile HIV testing vans set out to reach them. The journey is long – very long – but critical. (10.5")

NAT/SOT: (SETSWANA) M

"We invite you. We encourage you to come and test. It's time!" (3.5)

NARRATION:

One quarter of the nation's population lives in remote areas with no access to health services. The closest clinic is four hours away by car. Two days by donkey, their primary means of transportation. (14.5")

GALEAKANGWE XOMGE LOOKING
AROUND NEAR THE TENT

NARRATION:

Nineteen-year-old Galeakangwe Xomge heeds the call to get tested in tents, assembled as makeshift clinics. (7")

MEN BUILD TENT

SOT: (ENGLISH) F

"People out there don't have that access. That's why it's very important to take the service to them." (5")

SEGAMETSI SEGOSEBE (SSS)
REGIONAL MANAGER,
TEBELOPELE WEST REGION ON
CAMERA

NARRATION:

Segametsi Segosebe heads up the mobile testing units for Tebelopele, Botswana's largest HIV testing organization. (8")

SEGOSEBE GREETES WOMEN
OF THE VILLAGE

And mobile units like these may be especially valuable to women who often face unique obstacles to securing services says Nazneen Damji, of the UN Development Fund for Women, UNIFEM. (13")

WOMAN WITH SUPPLIES ENTERS
TENT

Nazneen Damji: (ENGLISH) F

NAZNEEN DAMJI, UNIFEM, ON
CAMERA

"They are caregivers and they cannot leave the house as easily as men would to be able to go to a clinic or to a hospital to get a test." (6")

GALEAKANGWE ABOUT TO ENTER
TENT

NARRATION

Other women, she says, simply lack the funds to travel. For Galeakangwe, the mobile units offer the opportunity to take her first HIV test. (11")

GALEAKANGWE ON CAMERA

Galeakangwe Xomge Basharwa: (SETSWANA)
F
"I just came to test so that I can know my status, to know whether I have the virus or not."
(5")

GALEAKANGWE ENTERS TENT

NARRATION:

And everything that takes place in the tent will be confidential. (4")

C/U OF GALEAKANGWE THINKING

As she waits to get tested, the counsellor questions her on the reaction of her partner should she be HIV positive. (7.5")

GALEAKANGWE ON CAMERA

SOT: (SETSWANA) F/F

Tester: "Do you think he will accept it if you tell him you have tested and your results?" (4)

Galeakangwe: "I don't know if he will accept or not. With him, I don't know." (3.5)

C/U GLOVED HANDS
PRICKING FINGER/ DRAWING
BLOOD

NARRATION:

And acceptance is a very real concern, as many women around the world face an increased risk of violence, abuse or discrimination when they disclose their status.
(11.5")

NAZNEEN DAMJI ON CAMERA

Nazneen Damji: (ENGLISH) F

"A lot of women will be abandoned. They will no longer have access to property, to inheritance, to all kinds of rights that are legally hers." (8")

WOMAN IN RED HEADRESS
GETTING TESTED

NARRATION:

As well as bringing testing to their doorstep, mobile tents serve as a refuge for women with such fears – a private place to get counselling and support. (10.5")

GALEAKANGWE WITH HEALTH
AIDE INSIDE THE TENT

NARRATION:

Something Galeakangwe will need if she's HIV positive. In ten minutes she will lift this tin lid to find out. (8.5")

YELLOW MOBILE UNITS

NARRATION:

In 2008, mobile units reached 160,000 people and by year's end, an astonishing 95 percent of the population had been tested. (11.5")

TWO WOMEN WAITING OUTSIDE
THE TENT

NARRATION:

But despite increased testing and subsequent treatment, not everyone is getting the needed drugs. And, experts say, women continue to be at greater risk as access to medical treatment is not always available. (15")

C/U MEDICINE BOTTLE

Women like Xloma Ellen Batlhophi who, two years ago, was diagnosed with HIV in a mobile tent. (7")

XLOMA ELLEN BATLHOPHI ON
CAMERA

Xloma Ellen Batlhophi (SETSWANA) F

"They told me I was positive. They told me to come to the clinic. I couldn't get transport until I fell sick." (9")

WOMEN AND CHILDREN WAITING
OUTSIDE THE TENT
COVER WITH GALEAKANGWE
LOOKING AT LID

NARRATION:

As for Galeakangwe, back in the tent the
ten minutes are up ...her results are ready.
In a moment, her life could change forever.
(13.5")

GALEAKANGWE LOOKS DOWN,
TILTS TO PAN WITH RESULTS

SO: (SETSWANA) F

"I am scared". (1")

M/S. OF GALEAKANGWE &
COUNSELLOR AS SHE REACHES
FOR THE LID

SOT: 6:17:28

"You are waiting for me to take the lid off?"
(2")

GALEAKANGWE LIFTING THE LID,
EXPRESSING SIGH OF RELIEF

SOT Counsellor: (F)

"Yes." (0.5")

GALEAKWANGWE REACTING

SOT Counsellor:

"Do you understand them?" (1")

SOT:

[Smiles with relief] *Yes I do. "Negative"* (1.5")

C/U OF STAMP: NEGATIVE

NARRATION:

Testing: The first step toward knowing for
so many women... (4.5")

C/U OF GALEAKANGWE AS SHE
PUTS HAND OVER HER MOUTH

And a major step in helping Botswana reach
universal access to HIV services... (6")

CLOSING TAG

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