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HAITI: HIP HOP

VIDEO

<u>AUDIO</u>

NARRATION:

BOY RINGS BELL WITH ROCK, EXTERIOR OF CARE CENTRE, TENTS, CLOSEUP OF FOOD, MEDIUM SHOT OF CLASS

A new day for some 390 boys – separated from their parents in Haiti. At this residential care centre in Port-au-Prince, they receive housing, hot food, an education, and

vocational training. (14)

MAN AND BOY PLAYING, WOMAN COOKING, CLASSROOM SETTING

Children are given a safe environment to prepare them for a productive and rewarding future. The centre is working closely with UNICEF to restore family units, says Father Jeff Desruisseaux, who works at the facility.

(13)

FATHER JEFF DESRUISSEAUX ON CAMERA

FATHER JEFF: (English) **M**

"Our vision is not to institutionalize the children, because we know that the best place for the children is not in a centre, it's in the family." (16)

NARRATION:

OUTDOOR CLASS, STUDENT

UNICEF is increasing its support. Child

STANDING

Protection Specialist, Denise Ulwor. (5)

DENISE ULWOR ON CAMERA

DENISE ULWOR: (English) **F**"UNICEF is now more interested with the centre because the management of the centre made clear to us that this centre should not replace the family and they should do some

reunification – or tracing – to get the children

reunified with their family." (19)

NARRATION:

MEDIUM SHOT OF YOURI
BELCOMB, STUDENT HIP HOP
ARTIST WALKING BY, STANDING
UP IN CLASS, HIS GROUP SINGING

One of the top students, 13-year-old Youri Belcomb, spent the past six years here. He's making a name for himself with his hip-hop group -- "Heart to Heart." Their songs promise to improve life in Haiti by stepping up and intiating positive change. (17)

YOURI ON CAMERA SINGING

NATSOT OF SONG

YOURI ON CAMERA

YOURI BELCOMB: (French Creole) **M**"This song talks about the way people can clean up Haiti, to get rid of the bad and replace it with the good, to make a good Haiti."

(17)

NARRATION:

CLOSE UP, YOURI BELCOMB IN CLASSROOM

For Youri, the skills he's learning in the classroom will help him do his part. (5)

YOURI ON CAMERA

YOURI BELCOMB: (French Creole) **M**"I will use mathematics to help me with
construction. Imagine that I'm building a road
or a house, I'll need to know the numbers,

multiplication and everything." (18)

BOYS IN CLASSROOM, CLOSEUP /

OF BOY'S HAND WITH PENCIL / BOY DRAWING AT DESK

UN LOGO

NARRATION

Youri knows many things -- including the idea that building up the children is an effective way of restoring the future of Haiti. (8)

This report was produced by Thomas Nybo for the United Nations.