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IVOIRIAN REFUGEES IN GUINEA

VIDEO

REFUGEE CAMP

AUDIO

NARRATION

Guinea has a history of hosting refugees. It has given shelter to tens of thousands of displaced people from neighboring Sierra Leone, Cote d'Ivoire and Liberia, who fled the civil wars in their countries. More than 4,000 refugees have fled into Guinea because of the escalating violence in neighbouring Cote d'Ivoire. But it is difficult for them here. 23

SULEIMAN WASHING CLOTHES

Suleiman sought refuge here in Guinea during the previous civil war in Cote d'Ivoire, eight years ago. He was fortunate to receive technical training offered by the UN refugee agency. But that appeared to be all the luck he got in his new sanctuary. After training as an information technician, five years on, he still cannot find work. Yet all his local classmates are employed. 26

JUMANDE SULEIMAN ON
CAMERA

JUMANDE SULEIMAN: (French Dialect) **M**

"I don't feel good about it. I don't have a job. Having a job would enable me to do things I can't do now. What I am doing? I am washing my friend's clothes. Who among you would do this? No one." 15.5

(breaks down)

NARRATION

JUMANDE CRYING

He has been at it for 8 years. Now it is too much to bear for this young man whose hopes for a better life are dwindling.
7.5

NAVI PILLAY WITH REFUGEES

He met UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay, during her official visit to Guinea, where she expressed concern over the high influx of refugees fleeing insecurity in neighbouring Cote d'Ivoire. 12.5

NAVI PILLAY ON CAMERA

NAVI PILLAY: (English) **F**

"I'm very disturbed to find that here in Guinea, some of them have been refugees here for some time. They are being discriminated, even though one or two of them is educated and has skills they can't find employment...and I intend while on my mission here in Guinea to raise these matters with the government ." 18.5

NARRATION

REFUGEE CAMP

In Nzerekore, a refugee camp near the Guinea border, hundreds of new refugees are settling in. They are fleeing from the current Cote d'Ivoire conflict. 10

NASMA CAMARA ON CAMERA

NASMA CAMARA: (French) **F**

"During the war, the rebels entered the house and assassinated people. We were scared....we were beaten there, they killed my husband." 12

NARRATION

CAMARA AND CHILDREN

Nasma Camara and her daughter Diafi are not recent refugees. Their children have inherited their refugee status and the problems that come with it. 10

CAMARA'S CHILDREN OUTSIDE
THEIR ONE BEDROOM HOUSE

Her children have never been to school since their arrival in Guinea due to their refugee status. As her now grown up daughter explains. 8.5

DIAFI CAMARA ON CAMERA

DIAFI: (French Dialect) F

"I did not bring with me my school files, I came with nothing. When I presented my refugee status they would deny me entry into school." 13

DIAFI AND DAUGHTER

NARRATION

Neither Diafi nor her brother went to school. Now 20 and a mother, she fears her own daughter - like her - may not receive an education. Also, because of her refugee status, her two-year old girl has been denied medical treatment since birth, not even receiving vaccinations. 20

REFUGEE CAMP

About 1.5 million people, the United Nations says, have been displaced by the current conflict in Cote D'Ivoire. 7

PEOPLE WASHING CLOTHES IN
RIVER

They all live in the hope that peace will prevail, and it will become safe to go back down this road - to their homes. 7.5

UN LOGO CLOSING

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