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### RWANDA: HYDROPOWER BRINGS HOPE

#### VIDEO

MUTOBO FALLS  
PEOPLE

WOMEN DANCING

PEOPLE WITH COMPUTERS

SCHOOL/STUDENTS PLAYING AT THE FIELD

TEACHER

CLASSROOM OF STUDENTS  
WITH LAPTOPS

#### AUDIO

##### NARRATION

In the hills of northern Rwanda, a community celebrates. 4.5

It's the second anniversary of the Mutobo hydroelectric plant that brought electricity to this remote village. Now the plant is being officially handed over to the people. 12

At the Kitabura Village School. 2

NATSOT TEACHER (ENGLISH) M

*"Okay? Open your computers..."* 2

##### NARRATION

The pupils here have recently been chosen to take part in the Government's ambitious "One child, One laptop" programme. The aim – to equip them with skills that will allow them to play an active role in 21<sup>st</sup> century life. 16

Just two years ago, studying and logging on to the Internet was a distant dream as there was no electricity here says Headmistress Christine Musakine. 10.5

MUSAKINE ON-CAMERA	<p><u>MUSAKINE:</u> (FRENCH) F</p> <p><i>“Since we’ve had electricity the quality of education has improved. The children now have access to the Internet.” 7</i></p>
FALLS	<p><i>NATSOT FLOWING WATER</i></p>
RIVER HYDRO-ELECTRIC PLANT	<p><u>NARRATION</u></p> <p>Driven by water from the Mutobo River, the plant provides electricity to some 5,000 people in nearby areas. In a country where only a fraction of its 13 million people has access to electricity, it’s a major breakthrough. 15</p>
WS. FARM LAND PANS TO SMALL ELECTRIC PLANT	<p>In rural areas where the Government considers too expensive to connect to the national grid, small-scale plants like this – one of four constructed in partnership with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization – are cost-effective way of bringing clean energy to the people. 18</p>
BAKERY	<p><i>NATSOT DOUGH MACHINE</i></p>
BAKER JEMARIE OPERATING MACHINE	<p><u>NARRATION</u></p> <p>Jemarie Modesta, a baker in the nearby village of Kabere, is among the thousands benefiting. 7</p>
JEMARIE MODESTA ON-CAMERA	<p><u>MODESTA:</u> (KINYARWANDA) F</p> <p><i>“We chose to come and work here because this machine uses electricity – without electricity it will not work. We use high quality flour and it is very expensive to make the bread by hand. The electricity helps us to</i></p>

*work very fast and to bake a higher quality product.”*

17.5

NARRATION

JEMARIE PREPARES DOUGH W/  
BROTHER-IN-LAW, PASCAL But it's not just Jemarie who's benefiting. The money from her bakery is also funding the studies of her 20-year-old brother in law, Pascal. 11

PASCAL NABAYO: (ENGLISH) M

PASCAL NABAYO ON-CAMERA *"I get the money from here for school fees and I get money for buying notebooks, pencils, soaps, shoes."*

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NARRATION

TURBINE WHEELS  
ELECTRONIC GAUGES  
POWER LINES The Government's target is to transform Rwanda from a war-torn nation to a magnet for investors says Minister for Energy & Water, Coletha Ruhamyia. 10

RUHAMYA: (ENGLISH) F

RUHAMYA ON-CAMERA *"Where we have managed to connect electricity, where we have managed to put those mini hydros, the lives of people have changed."* 5.5

NARRATION

CAPITAL CITY Now Kigali, the capital city, boasts a new road network, street lights, and free-flowing traffic – a sign of progress. The country's economy is among the fastest growing in Africa. 13.5

NATSOT TEACHER M

TEACHER VOX POP *"You ...stand up!"* 3

NARRATION

STUDENTS LEARNING  
WITH LAPTOP COMPUTERS But it's pupils like these – computer savvy, idealistic and eager to learn – that the country's main hopes for

the future rest on. The first generation to have been born after the 1994 genocide, they're learning new skills that will help build a Rwanda that makes everyone proud. 19.5

UN LOGO CLOSING

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