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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN BRAZIL

VIDEO

CARNIVAL IN RIO

AUDIO

(NATURAL SOUND – CARNIVAL MUSIC)

CARNIVAL/FUNERAL

NARRATION

Behind the music...and the parties here in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil...lies a dark secret. A secret millions of Brazilian women, like Josefina, live with every day. (10.5)

VICTIM ON-CAMERA

JOSEFINA: (In Portuguese)

"He arrived home drunk and kicked me. It affected this part of my body. I told him that it was time to stop." (6.5)

BRUISED WOMEN
COMPLAINANTS

NARRATION

Josefina is far from alone. It's estimated that more than forty percent of women in Brazil have been victims of domestic violence at some point in their lives...one every fifteen seconds. (9.5)

ON-CAMERA

JOSEFINA: (In Portuguese)

"When I sleep now, I keep my doors and windows well locked". (3)

POLICE PATROLS/
DRUG DEALERS/
ARRESTS

Poverty and rampant drug abuse in urban areas are partly to blame say experts...as are deeply entrenched cultural norms. (7)

JUNIA ON-CAMERA

JUNIA: (In Portuguese)

“This creates conflict, violence and suffering.” (2.5)

JUNIA INTRO

Junia Puglia of the United Nations Fund for Women, UNIFEM... (3.5)

JUNIA ON-CAMERA

JUNIA: (In Portuguese)

“For a large part of society, regardless of income levels, women are still considered the property of their partners. We need support and judicial solutions.” (8.5)

CENTRE/UNIFEM

NARRATION

And that’s exactly what they’re getting here – at this “safe” centre -- a pilot program run by Brazil’s Ministry of Human Rights, the Inter-American Development Bank, and UNIFEM. It’s just one part of a national effort to protect Brazil’s women. (14)

Hundreds of abused women every month come here to receive one-on-one and group counselling. (5)

They also take relaxation classes as well as assertiveness training to raise their self-esteem...(Nat SOT)...all the while creating new support networks. (8.5)

CLINIC/VISITING WOMEN
AT HOME

Also available....free medical services at a neighbourhood clinic. And if a woman misses an

appointment -- local advisors are dispatched to her home to ensure she's safe. (9.5)

ATTORNEY AND JOSEFINA

Women, like Josefina, also get free legal guidance on how to file for divorce...how to evict their partners from the home...and how to get orders of protection from lawyers like Georgia Belo Correia (11.5)

ATTORNEY ON-CAMERA

GEORGIA: (In Portuguese)

"Men see that women are not looking down forever, they're looking for their rights." (4)

MONTAGE OF WOMEN
IN STREET

NARRATION

And in another step toward full protection for women, the Brazilian government has now made it mandatory for all hospitals and clinics to report violence against women. (9.5)

UN LOGO

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