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## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN MOZAMBIQUE

### VIDEO

ANNA AND HUSBAND ON WAY  
TO POLICE STATION

COUPLE WITH POLICE OFFICER

ANNA ON-CAMERA

COUPLE ARGUING

FANCISCO ON-CAMERA

### AUDIO

#### NARRATION

53- year old Anna Masumuana and her 59-year old husband, Francisco Male, are back again at this police station, near Maputo, capital of Mozambique in East Africa. (11)

After 36-years of marriage and 15 children and grand children, Anna has decided to press charges of abuse Against her husband. (8)

MASUMUANA: (local language)

"My husband beats me up because he claims that I don't provide him with food." (3.5)

#### NARRATION

Francisco, a local fisherman, spends all his income on booze and women. He uses the food issue to justify beating up his wife. (8)

FRANCISCO: (local language)

"The reason I use violence against my wife is that - she refuses to cook for me." (4)

WOMEN IN A MARKET

NARRATION

According to women's rights organizations in Mozambique, women are frequently subjected to abuse and other forms of unequal treatment. And they are unprotected under the law. (10)

MALATHI PILLAI ON-CAMERA

PILLAI:

"They really don't know what to do, where to go, how do they address the situation." (3)

PILLAI WALKING

NARRATION

Malathi Pillai is Chief of the Protection Unit with UNICEF in Mozambique. (4.5)

PILLAI ON-CAMERA

PILLAI:

"They are weak in the sense that the people who are committing the crimes against them, the predators or the perpetrators have more power over them." (8)

POLICE COMMAND CENTRE

NARRATION

The police also are not trained to handle abuse cases or to provide support to the victims of abuse and violence. But change is slowly taking place. (10)

POLICE WORKSHOP

UNICEF and the government of Mozambique conduct workshops for police officers on how to handle cases of domestic abuse and violence. More than 30 centres are now opened in the country to provide safe haven for victims of

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abuse and exploitation. More than 20,000 cases were reported in 2004. (20)

POVERTY SCENES

Mozambique is one of the poorest countries in Africa and many women enter into marriages for economic security. Then they find themselves becoming victims of domestic abuse. Virgilia Matabele is Minister of Women affairs. (14.5)

MATABELE: (In Portuguese)

MATABELE ON-CAMERA

"Fighting poverty is one of the government's priorities in order to empower women economically." (4.5)

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ANNA IN SHOP

As for Anna, she is already economically independent. She owns a small shop in her neighbourhood. Now, she has the power and the courage to fight for her rights. (11)

LOGO

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