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UNFPA ASSISTS WAR-AFFECTED WOMEN IN SIERRA LEONE

VIDEO

WAR AND POVERTY SCENES

EMILY WALKING

EMILY ON-CAMERA

EMILY WALKING IN MARKET
WITH A MAN

AUDIO

NARRATION

For more than a decade, the West African nation of Sierra Leone was devastated by civil war. More than 60,000 people were killed; hundreds of thousands more were maimed or driven from their homes. Many sought refuge in neighbouring countries. (16.5)

Emily Kamara was 14 years old when her family fled to Liberia. But upon their return to Sierra Leone, something terrible happened to them. (10)

KAMARA:

"On the way when we were coming back, they killed my mother and my older brother." (5.5)

NARRATION

Emily is one of more than five thousand young women who were abducted as children, and, raped and brutalized by the rebels during the war. (11)

EMILY ON-CAMERA

KAMARA:

“They made some of our friends their wives, they made some of them their cooks” (6.5)

EMILY AND OTHER GIRLS

NARRATION

The war ended in 2001, and thousands of young girls were left to fend for themselves. Many were forced to choose sex work as their only means of survival. (11.5)

JULIANA KONTEH ON-CAMERA

KONTEH:

“They go into prostitution, so that they would be able to support themselves.” (4.5)

MRS. KONTEH WITH GIRLS

Juliana Konteh is Director of the Centre for Women in Crisis Movement. (5)

MRS. KONTEH ON-CAMERA

KONTEH:

“Over five thousand women really need to be rehabilitated and these women lack knowledge, they have no skills. Some of them have never been to school.” (11)

CENTRE/ TRAINING

NARRATION

The centre was opened in 2001 with support from United Nations Fund for Population Activities, UNFPA. (8.5)

TRAINING

More than 400 war-traumatized girls come to the centre every day. They attend literacy classes and receive training in job skills. (9.5)

UNFPA RES. REP. IN SIERRA
LEONE

NARRATION

Dr. Mamadou Diallo heads UNFPA's office in
Sierra Leone. (5)

DR. DIALLO ON-CAMERA

DIALLO:

"When they graduate out of the skills' training
program, they receive installation kits and a small
installation grant to help them set themselves up
for business so as to disengage from commercial
sex and get themselves a way of making a
decent living." (15)

NARRATION

Finding a job and leading a normal life is what
Mariam Brima plans to do. (5)

MARIAM BRIMA ON-CAMERA

BRIMA:

"I am going to open a shop, so I can support
myself." (6)

MEDICAL

NARRATION

Some of the girls still work in the sex trade. Their
risk of exposure to sexually transmitted diseases
is very high says Centre physician, Dr. Frank
Nayama. (11)

DR. NAYAMA ON-CAMERA

NAYAMA:

"These women come with sexually transmitted
diseases like Gonorrhoea, Syphilis, Vaginitis and
all the rest of it". (10)

NARRATION

COUNSELING/GIRLS CRYING

The girls receive regular medical check-ups and treatment for STDs and HIV/AIDS, but they also suffer from the psychological scars of war. Some break down as they talk about their personal experiences. Many need counselling. (16.5)

EMILY AND SON

As for Emily, her immediate plans are to get off the streets and find a job to take care of her son. She hopes that someday she'll get married, plan a home and family, and put the traumas of war behind her. (14)

LOGO

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