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THE TERRIBLE PLIGHT OF CHILD-MOTHERS IN NORTHERN UGANDA

VIDEO

MOTHERS/BABIES

WORLD VISION ACTIVITIES

UPDF/UGANDAN MILITARY
GUNSHIP

DISPLACED POPULATION

LAKOR ON-CAMERA

FLORENCE AT WORK – WORLD
VISION ACTIVITIES

AUDIO

NARRATION

These young women are the most poignant legacy of a little-known civil war that has shattered the lives of the Acholi people in northern Uganda. (7)

For 19 years, the government of Uganda has fought against the Lords Resistance Army or LRA – a rebel militia that uses child soldiers abducted during night-time raids. (11)

Florence Lakor is well-acquainted with these child-soldiers: (3.5)

LAKOR:

“All of them were trained how to handle a gun and many of them have gone to raid and loot food. Some of them were made to kill and beat others.” (12)

NARRATION

Florence should know. Her own daughter was abducted in 1996. To cope with her tragedy,

Florence began working with World Vision International, a non-governmental organization supported by the United Nations. (12.5)

ACTIVITIES – WORLD VISION

ANA APARO

ANA APARO ON CAMERA

	<u>NARRATION</u>
DRAWING CLASSES	Not all child-mothers will talk. For them, art is a powerful tool to help release fears and bottled-up emotions. The pictures they draw are filled with battle scenes, killings, and men with guns. (13)
DRAWINGS	
MORE WORLD VISION ACTIVITIES	The girls and their babies will stay here for up to six months while World Vision searches for their parents and relatives. But some child-mothers like Jennifer Acan, are afraid to go home. (11)
JENNIFER ACAN	
	<u>ACAN:</u> (In local dialect)
ACAN ON-CAMERA	"Even before I was abducted my father was drinking and beating us all the time. I have been told that he is even worst now. " (10)
	<u>NARRATION</u>
JENNIFER MEETS HER FAMILY	Many child-mothers believe their lives are ruined - that no man will ever accept a child fathered by a soldier in the LRA. And there is a stigma for their family. Jennifer's mother says she is happy to see her daughter, but she can't stay with her. Fortunately for Jennifer, her sister Evelyn, who was herself abducted, will put her up for now. (21)
ANA APARO GOES HOME	Ana Aparo hopes to stay with her brother. Her mother and father are dead - killed by the LRA. But when Ana goes to the village, she finds her sister-in-law - not her brother - at his hut. In spite of the warm welcome, it's unlikely Ana will be allowed to stay here. (16)

NARRATION

BEATRICE LAMWAKA GOES
HOME

Beatrice Lamwaka and her daughter are lucky. Her aunt is the only adult in her extended family left alive. She welcomes Beatrice and accepts her as a new daughter. (10)

HAPPY FAMILY REUNION
CONTINUES

The first indictment from the International Criminal Court targeted the Lord's Resistance Army. The rebel leaders are now officially among the world's most wanted men. But the tragic legacy of the child-mothers will cast a pall long after the conflict ends, as another front in the war that needs reconciliation across generations. (21)

UN LOGO

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