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## UN ASSISTS UGANDA AIDS ORPHANS

### VIDEO

STREET SCENES (10")

BOY/CARPENTRY (26")

ROBERT ON CAMERA (15.5")

### AUDIO

#### NARRATION

Uganda is one of the countries in Africa affected by HIV/AIDS. Among those most vulnerable: Uganda's youth.

Sixteen-year-old Robert is a resourceful young man. He has to be. One of over one million AIDS orphans in Uganda, Robert is the sole provider for his seven brothers and sister. Using the skills he learned from his father before he died, Robert rebuilds the family house. From his modest earnings making furniture he must take care of the family and pay school fees for his siblings. It's a heavy responsibility for one so young.

#### ROBERT:

"I buy food for them, I buy new clothes for them. That's if I have money. I care for...you know, they have to shave their hair, they have to be clean. Like a parent I care for them.

#### NARRATION

SOCIAL WORKER BEATRICE  
WALKS IN AND MEETS WITH  
FAMILY (28")

With assistance from the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), a social worker with a local AIDS orphan support group provides advice and counselling to the family. They also gave Robert a small loan to buy tools and wood for his furniture-making business. Social worker, Beatrice Rubeka, worries about how vulnerable this young family is without their parents.

BEATRICE RUBEKA ON CAMERA  
(20")

RUBEKA:

"We got concerned about Robert when he started heading the family so what we came in to assist this family with was mainly to do the counselling, because these are children who have taken on new roles in society. They need guidance, they need a lot of support."

CAR ARRIVES AT HOUSE (13")

NARRATION

Outside Uganda's capital, Kampala, a visiting nurse arrives at Gladys' home. Thanks to regular nursing visits and medication and her own remarkable resilience, Gladys has lived with AIDS for several years. But now she may be losing the battle.

JOSEPHINE ATTENDS TO AIDS  
PATIENT, GLADYS (22")

Gladys' 14-year-old daughter, Proscovia, tries her best to look after her mother. Proscovia dropped out of school when the demands of a dying parent meant she needed to be at home full-time. Visiting nurse, Josephine Tayganami, worries about the future of Proscovia and her little

brother.

JOSEPHINE TAYGANAMI ON  
CAMERA (27")

TAYGANAMI:

"When I came I found out that the daughter was not going to school. I told my bosses that this child needs support so we included her in the programme. We have a programme for vocational training in tailoring. I recommended her and she is now training in tailoring."

JOSEPHINE GIVES PILLS TO  
PROSCOVIA (30.5")

NARRATION

Throughout Africa, youngsters like this face an uncertain future. According to UNAIDS the AIDS pandemic is causing unprecedented devastation in African societies and economies. Today, over 28 million Africans are living with HIV today, and in some countries over 30% of the adult population is infected. Dr. Jantine Jacobi heads the UNAIDS effort in Uganda.

DR. JANTINE JACOBI ON  
CAMERA (16.5")

JACOBI:

"Again, it is difficult to get reliable figures, but we estimate that cumulative total of 1.7 million children have become orphaned because of HIV/AIDS and that means either having lost one parent or both parents. So these figures are enormous."

NARRATION

ROBERT PHOTO SHOOT (21.5")

An exciting moment for Robert as he meets two soccer stars from Uganda's national team at a photo shoot for an AIDS prevention campaign. The example of youngsters like Robert encourages others to combat this deadly disease. With help from international organizations, young people will still be the future of Africa.

LOGO (20")

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