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ANGOLAN REFUGEES IN NAMIBIA

VIDEO

TERESA & CHILDREN EATING
IN FRONT OF TENT (18.5")

TERESA LUKAMBA
ON CAMERA (14.5")

PAN OSIRE CAMP
TENTS
COOKING (19")

REFUGEES IN CAMP (15")

AUDIO

NARRATION

Teresa Lukamba and her six children have been living in this tent for the past year and a half. She fled Angola in 2001 when the civil war killed her husband and destroyed her house. For her, Osire Camp in the neighbouring country of Namibia is a safe haven.

LUKAMBA:

"Since I arrived here, I feel free. There's no bombardment, no shooting. Also, we get medical assistance here. They give us food and clothing, and my children are entitled to go to school."

NARRATION

The Osire Camp is located some two hundred kilometres east of Namibia's capital, Windhoek. Set up by the UN Refugee Agency, UNHCR, it opened in 1992 to provide shelter to refugees from nearby nations.

Over the decade, the camp's population has

multiplied rapidly. Originally, four hundred lived in the camp. Now, there are twenty-four thousand. More than ninety percent of them are from Angola.

REFUGEES RECEIVING
RATIONS (16")

Providing adequate supplies for a growing population is a constant challenge facing the camp officials. Currently, residents receive a monthly food ration that includes maize, cereal, beans and oil.

REFUGEES AT CLINIC (13")

On average, some four thousand patients visit the camp clinic each month. Besides treating illnesses, its responsibilities include immunization of children, and giving supplementary feeding to the malnourished.

STUDENTS ATTENDING
CLASSES (15")

The camp has the largest primary school in Namibia. Over five thousand pupils are enrolled in seventy classes. These new blocks, when finished, will provide an additional fourteen classrooms.

CHILDREN PLAYING
SOCCER (19")

For most students, their favourite activity is soccer. These talented players advanced the refugee soccer team to the finals of the Regional Football League last year, beating the other more experienced and better-equipped opponents.

WOMEN SEWING (8.5")

The camp also offers a variety of workshops and activities to help refugees maintain and improve their skills and interests.

PEOPLE PLANTING (13")

A group of former farmers started a plantation two years ago. Managing it all by themselves, they grow fruits and vegetables as an additional source of food.

MARKET SCENE (13.5")

They offer their products in the camp's market. It's the most vibrant place in Osire where people can trade. Rudd Lubber is the High Commissioner of UNHCR.

RUDD LUBBER ON CAMERA (17")

LUBBER:

"The world often thinks that refugees are poor miserable people but it's not totally true.

Refugees are those who had the courage and the strength to go out and we have to capitalize on their courage and strength now to rebuild their own country."

PEOPLE AND TERESA RECEIVING FOOD RATION (23")

NARRATION

Teresa, a young widow with six children, has survived by sheer strong will. The refugee camp is only a temporary relief. As Angola ended its twenty-seven-year conflict last year, the hope is that lasting peace will return soon, allowing her to go home and rebuild her life in safety and dignity.

LOGO (20")

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