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UNMEE HELPS ERITREAN AND ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE

VIDEO

WAR SCENES (11")

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AUDIO

For two years, Eritrea and Ethiopia fought a bloody and destructive border war in the Horn of Africa. In 2000, a ceasefire was agreed.

Today, with hostilities ended, the bitter legacy of the conflict is still evident on both sides. Homes, schools and hospitals are destroyed. Fields are abandoned because of landmines.

To consolidate peace and help the local population of both sides rebuild their lives, the United Nations Security Council in 2000 established the U. N. Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea, known as UNMEE, to monitor the ceasefire.

Through its Civilian Military Cooperation programme, UNMEE has assisted both countries to rebuild vital infrastructure. Here in Senafe on the Eritrean side, a heavily damaged hospital is being demolished by UNMEE to make room for a new one. Captain Bhagyeshwari Edalli from India is one of UNMEE's engineers.

CAPTAIN EDALLI ON CAMERA (6.5")	<u>EDALLI:</u> “There is no other place for providing medication for the people. So, it is required, or it’s a must, to remove this completely, and make a provision for the construction of a new one.”
SCHOOL RENOVATION (15")	Schools were also among the casualties of the war. The elementary school of the Eritrean town of Adi Keih was heavily damaged. With UNMEE’s assistance work is now under way to renovate the school premises.
PATIENTS IN FRONT OF UNMEE TENT (15")	And in Adigrat on the Ethiopian side, local people converge on UNMEE’s regional headquarters seeking medical treatment. A free service only UNMEE can provide.
EXAMINING BABY (14")	Every day hundreds of patients line up to be examined by UNMEE’s doctors. Children and men and women of all ages come from afar seeking medical treatment for all types of illnesses. Major Upasana Thakur is one of three doctors serving with UNMEE.
THAKUR ON CAMERA (12")	<u>THAKUR:</u> “See the problem basically is because of the poor living conditions, unhygienic habits, malnutrition and lack of education and lack of health care facilities. So if a person comes to you, he is actually himself, he is a complete hospital in himself with a lot of disease starting from top to

bottom.”

CLINIC/LAB (19”)

UNMEE also supports local medical facilities. This clinic in the town of Edaga Hamus, South of Adigrat in Ethiopia, serves 130,000 local people. UNMEE donated a small laboratory. Now basic tests can be done on the premises. A service unavailable before.

STREET SCENES FROM
ERITREA/ETHIOPIA (23”)

Eritrea and Ethiopia are among the poorest countries in Africa, if not in the world. The annual per capita income is less than \$100 for both countries. The soldiers and civilians of UNMEE are helping the two nations put the war behind them as a first step towards recovery and improving living standards.

LOGO (20”)

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