



TV

# UNITED NATIONS NATIONS UNIES

U.N. IN ACTION

---

Week of 1 December 2003

Programme No. 881

Length: 3'32"

## NEW HOPE FOR GUINEA'S INTERNALLY DISPLACED POPULATION

### VIDEO

FATOUMATA WASHING  
CLOTHES (18")

FATOUMATA ON CAMERA (11")

DAMAGED HOSPITAL (16")

### AUDIO

#### NARRATION

Like many thousands of internally displaced people in the West African nation of Guinea, Fatoumata Camara is trying to raise her four young children in a risky and uncertain environment. When her parents were killed by rebel soldiers, she and her family had to flee to safety in another town.

#### FATOUMATA: (In Susi)

"We ran for our lives and came here when the rebels attacked us. We didn't bring anything with us, no food, clothes or money. Now I have to find work soon and feed my family."

#### NARRATION

The civil conflicts of the last decade in neighbouring Sierra Leone and Liberia have made it difficult for Guinea to ensure the safety of its own population and has put great strains on its infrastructure. This hospital was destroyed in the armed attack in which Fatoumata's parents were killed.

#### NARRATION

MATERNITY CLINIC (11”)

But despite the challenging security environment, the United Nations and other international agencies have succeeded in getting aid to thousands of displaced people and help the rebuilding effort.

PATIENTS (10”)

A maternity clinic is now operational and staff is slowly returning, says hospital director, Dr. Yaya Kamara.

DR. YAYA KAMARA ON CAMERA (19”)

KAMARA: (In French)

“We have great hope that things are going to change, that security is re-established and people trust that they will not be disturbed anymore, so more and more people will come back home.”

MARKETPLACE (19”)

NARRATION

Populations of many towns and villages swelled with an influx of thousands of displaced people looking for safety and employment. This market centre, created on the site of a former park caused environmental damage and has overwhelmed already fragile sanitation and other services.

KINGSLEY AMANING IN OFFICE (7”)

Already impoverished host families come under severe stress says UN Humanitarian Coordinator, Kingsley Amaning.

AMANING ON CAMERA (16.5”)

AMANING:

“The local communities are quickly falling into what we consider to be ‘structural poverty’, and

we need to help both the local community and the displaced persons to be able to get out of the abject poverty they find themselves in at the moment.”

NARRATION

SCHOOL (17”)

UNICEF, the United Nations Children’s Fund, has built new classrooms to accommodate a greatly increased student population. And teachers who had fled are slowly returning. But with the return to stability, reintegration of former child soldiers is a top priority.

UNICEF REPRESENTATIVE (8”)

Groups of these former child soldiers are being integrated back into normal life, says UNICEF’s, David Gressly.

GRESSLY:

GRESSLY ON CAMERA (11.5”)

“Funding permitting, we will expand it to the larger group and hopefully work to get them out of the business of carrying arms and into the business of doing something constructive for the society.”

NARRATION

WOMEN CLEANING UP/MARKET  
(29”)

Women clean the streets of this battle-scarred Guinean border town, a hopeful sign that life is returning to normal. With the establishment of a new U.N. peacekeeping mission in Liberia, people’s confidence is returning. The gradual re-establishing of a peacetime economy and the

return of displaced people to their homes offers the real prospect that people's lives can get back on track again.

This report was prepared by Richard Sydenham and Noreen Ahmed for the United Nations.

LOGO (20")