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MALI'S YOUTH FIGHT THE SPREAD OF HIV/AIDS

VIDEO

GIRL IN YOUTH PARLIAMENT
(21")

AUDIO

NARRATION

In the West African country of Mali, young people make up over fifty percent of the population. They face a rapidly changing world. But a common thread running through their lives is the hope for a better future. Seventeen-year-old Fatoumata Noumansana is vice-president of Mali's youth parliament.

FATOUMATA NOUMANSANA ON-CAMERA (10")

NOUMANSANA: (in French)

"Children are a very sensitive part of the population. They need attention, health, education and to participate. Most of all they need to be listened to."

YOUTH CENTRE (22")

NARRATION

With help from the United Nations Population Fund and other agencies, a centre for adolescents in Mali's capital, Bamako, provides a much-needed meeting place for social interaction, education and sports. As well as an internet café, youth advisors provide advice, support and information to these vulnerable young people.

NARRATION

CONDOM DEMONSTRATION FOR YOUTH EDUCATORS (18")

An important part of the centre's work is preparing youth educators to instruct young people in correct HIV/AIDS prevention methods and to pass on accurate information among their peers. International agencies in Mali have mounted a coordinated effort against AIDS, says UN Representative, Jocelline Bazile-Finley.

BAZILE-FINLEY: (in French)

JOCELLINE BAZILE-FINLEY
ON-CAMERA (13")

"The essential thing is to be able to reduce the spread of the pandemic. All the UN agencies have made the fight against HIV/AIDS one of their top priorities."

NARRATION

AIDS CENTRE BAMAKO (10")

People living with HIV and AIDS in Bamako visit a UN supported health centre. Here patients receive medical attention, counselling and support.

DOCTOR WITH PATIENT (7")

But adequate medical supplies are severely limited, says the health centre's doctor, Aliou Sylla.

SYLLA:(in French)

DR. ALIOU SYLLA ON-CAMERA (12")

"As a doctor the problem I encounter is I have a lot of patients but I don't have the means to help them all. While I cure some, I am letting others die because of lack of medication. Ethically that poses a problem for me."

NARRATION

CLOTH DYEING PROJECT (16.5")

Through projects like this cloth dyeing and batiking enterprise, Mali's youth are generating some much-needed income. The world's 1.2 billion adolescents are the key to growth and international stability, but poverty and poor healthcare are threatening their future.

NIGHTCLUB CONDOM
DISTRIBUTION (27")

Outside a nightclub in downtown Bamako, members of the youth centre fan out among club patrons reminding them of safe-sex techniques and distributing condoms. With another 14 people globally becoming infected every minute, young people spreading the word to other young people is the best hope for slowing the spread of the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

LOGO (20")

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