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UN HELPS MOROCCAN HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

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GRADUATION CEREMONY

INSIDE A CLASSROOM

It looks like an ordinary graduation day...but it's not. (4)

MUSTAFA WITH

FAMILY/CERTIFICATE

For eighteen year-old Mustafa Barkeesh the images are familiar... happy classmates...a diploma...a proud family. (8.5)

MUSTAFA

WALKING/COMMUNICATING W/

CLASSMATES

But there's something out of the ordinary here. Mustafa can't hear a word of the ceremony...he's deaf. (6.5)

IN THE HOME OF SEVERELY

HANDICAPPED BOY

AND GIRL

Mustafa is one of more than 1.5 million people with disabilities in the North African Kingdom of Morocco. (7)

DISABLED MAN WALKING W/

CANE

Life here has been difficult for those like Mustafa and especially for those with severe physical handicaps, like four year-old Othman...and nine year old Hamza. (10.5)

MUSTAFA SHOWING

CERTIFICATE TO FAMILY

The disabled are stigmatized...considered a liability for their families – common cultural beliefs

in this region. There are few government resources for care and education, and few, if any, employment opportunities for the mildly impaired. (15)

SOCIAL WORKERS VISITING
FAMILY

Changing attitudes is difficult...but it is beginning to happen through national outreach programmes launched by the government and the United Nations Development Programme. (10)

Hundreds of social workers throughout Morocco now visit households directly...to teach families how to bathe...feed...and care for their disabled children. (10)

COOKING

And for the thousands of deaf people in this region, there's now job training....classes in the culinary arts...and one-year hands-on schooling in hair-styling. (10.5)

HAIRSTYLING WORKSHOP

KHARSHUF INTRO

Kharshuf Bu Shuaiab is President of an outreach organization in Casablanca. (4.5)

BU SHUAIAB: (In Arabic)

KHARSUF ON-CAMERA

"We hope from training these handicapped people that they will become productive citizens and depend on themselves." (11.5)

NARRATION

MUSTAFA BARKEESH IN A
BARBERSHOP

As for Mustafa, after graduating from the hair-styling program, he was set up with a number of interviews – showing off his skills to prospective

employers. (10)

As he told us in sign language...(2.5)

BARKEESH: (Sign language)

BARKEESH ON-CAMERA

“Finally, I graduated and I can’t wait to start working...I’ll go door-to-door, knocking on doors until I get a job.” (8)

HAIRSTYLING WORKSHOP

And that is very likely to happen – the programme says there’s nearly a one-hundred percent placement rate, with graduates even working abroad. For those once marginalized, it’s a chance to break boundaries...a chance at independence. (16)

GRADUATION INSIDE A
CLASSROOM

LOGO

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