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## FIXING GONAIVES

### VIDEO

ELLIETTE

ELLIETTE WASHING BABY

ELLIETTE ON-CAMERA

FILE FOOTAGE/FLOOD

AERIAL GONAIVES

STREET MARKETS/CARS

### AUDIO

#### NARRATION

Elliette Jean Beauplan will never forget what happened that day.

Three of her cousins swept away in a raging river of brown mud. (7")

#### ELLIETTE: (In Creole)

"They were holding onto each other. A wave came, then another. And then they were gone." (5)

#### NARRATION

Her husband and children escaped the flood waters as Hurricane Jeanne slammed into Gonaives Haiti in September 2004...killing thousands...and leaving one of Haiti's largest cities knee-deep in mud. (12")

Five months later...and many in Gonaives still suffer. The needs are great says Cecilia Piazza, Head of Civil Affairs of the UN Peacekeeping Mission in Haiti. (10")

CECILIA ON-CAMERA

CECILIA: (In French)

“You can see a lot of clean up in the main access town. As soon as you get out of downtown, there you can see a lot remains to be done.” (9”)

PEOPLE WORKING ON  
STREET/DRAINAGE  
HOUSE IN RUIN

NARRATION

While much of the city’s essential sanitation... water...and health services, like the city’s main hospital, have been restored, in poor neighbourhoods, large sections still remain in ruins. (12”)

PEOPLE IN FOOD LINE

What’s more, over one-hundred thousand people still rely on monthly food aid provided primarily by the World Food Programme and distributed under the security of UN Peacekeepers. (11”)

YVON MESSEROV ON-  
CAMERA

MESSEROV: (In Creole)

“I’ve been here in the hot sun. I have no choice but to wait in this line” (5)

PEOPLE AT MARKET

NARRATION

Income is also desperately needed. More than half of the people are unemployed and survive on less than two dollars a day. (7)

ELLIETTE WORKING AT CANAL

As a stop-gap, humanitarian groups rolled out cash-for-work programmes, offering a dollar-a-day to help remove debris, and dig out the city. Project Manager Yvon Messerov. (12)

YVON MESSEROV ON-  
CAMERA

MESSEROV: (In English)

“This project permits the people to have a better life. They also receive a little cash to permit them to buy food, and house materials.” (14”)

KIDS COLLECTING WATER

NARRATION

But the threats continue...especially for Elliette, who lives near this canal. The rainy season is fast approaching and the canal – built to prevent flooding – is not fully excavated. It’s a race against time. (12”)

ELLIETTE ON-CAMERA

ELLIETTE: (In Creole)

“If we don’t do this work, the houses will be washed away.” (3”)

NARRATION

More than thirty million dollars in international relief aid is earmarked for emergency assistance. But it’s an uphill battle – years of deforestation make this already devastated island vulnerable to even more flooding next time disaster strikes. (15”)

LOGO

This report was prepared by United Nations Television (3”)