

"JOURNEY FOR SURVIVAL"

FOOTAGE

IMAGE

SOUND

NARRATOR

000 DEAD ANIMALS Drought. Desert. Famine. Here, as in much of the world, absence of the life-giver water means a death sentence.

019 SUPER TITLE:
JOURNEY FOR SURVIVAL

023 CAMEL CARAVAN These survivors are on an endless journey. A journey as old as life itself. A journey that must even today be undertaken daily by half the world's population. A thirsty journey in search of survival. Of water. For some, it may already be too late.

INTERPRETATION

038 AFRICAN WOMAN WITH STARVING BABY "First our animals died, and then our people. The water went away from our land, so we have come here to look for more."

NARRATOR

But the journey has been hard, and her child hasn't the strength to wait any longer.

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WATER-BEARERS
MONTAGE

The search for water is a doubly difficult quest, for the water that the women and children find will surely be limited in quantity, and it will almost certainly be contaminated and itself sicken or even kill them. And ultimately, the constant, wearying quest for it will burden them enough to keep them from achieving any real economic advance.

INTERPRETATION

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TANZANIAN WOMAN

"We spend six hours to go and get water from far away, and we are demanding that our husbands help us by digging trenches for pipes. We are telling the world that we ladies are being crucified with all of this carrying of pitchers on our heads."

NARRATOR

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TANK TRUCK

In city slums though the water sometimes comes by tank truck, the woman's burden is no lighter than that afforded by the ancient earthen pitchers.

INTERPRETATION

101 WOMAN SPEAKS

"One day's pay each week goes to buy water.

This week there was no work, so we could only afford to buy one small tub."

NARRATOR

106 ETHIOPIAN
WATERHOLE

So often, scarcity is not the only problem.

These waterholes are foul evidence of what the word water has come to mean for some in Ethiopia.

115 YEMENI VILLAGE

And this Yemeni desert village clings to the heights for protection, far from its polluted water source.

INTERPRETATION

123 WOMAN SPEAKS

"Can you believe that I must walk many miles from my village to collect this filth for my family to drink? It is shameful!"

NARRATOR

132 INDIAN WOMAN
ON DONKEY

Somewhere in the world at every moment, the wearying journey for survival is underway.

INTERPRETATION

137 WOMAN SPEAKS

"Each morning, I must go to fetch water for my family from the nearest well. It takes me five hours, and I must go in the afternoon again. It is a hard and a miserable life, and I suffer because my children suffer too much. We are looking for a better life, and when I find it, we will move and leave this life behind forever."

NARRATOR

163 PERUVIANS FETCHING WATER

For so many, the routine of their days, the education of their children, the purpose of their lives are all shaped and determined by the daily need to fetch water, sometimes over great distances.

INTERPRETATION

172 WOMAN SPEAKS

"We have to come every day from up in the mountains, to bring water from this lake. My children are too little to stay by themselves so they must come with me."

NARRATOR

193 INDIAN VILLAGE
WELL

Woman the water-bearer; half the developing world's human resources are often expended not on social or economic advancement but on the search for water. Walking and waiting, waiting and carrying, carrying and returning for more.

203 WOMAN IN DRY
RIVERBED

The body needs, absolutely demands, a minimum of a liter of water a day. More is a blessing. Less is fatal. This woman digs for her liter in the bed of what was once a river. And she is not alone.

232 WOMAN HOLDING
UP BOWL

Despite the ease and frequency of its contamination, water has long been a symbol of purity. And mankind has long shown its need for water, its understanding of its life-giving primacy, in the reverence it reflects toward that elemental source of life itself. Yet no amount of worship can change the fact that 97 per cent of the earth's

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water is in the oceans -- salty, undrinkable. And that two thirds of what remains is frozen in icecaps and glaciers. What is left is tragically unequally distributed and some of it is too dirty to drink anyway.

274 TANZANIANS
DIGGING

But now, for the first time, there is an international effort based on national commitments to bring water to the entire world. And not by burying the problem under big-technology solutions but by digging it out with community action.

INTERPRETATION

287 TANZANIAN
SPEAKS

"In my country, people work together. This pipeline is 240 kilometers long and it is being dug by the people of every community in Tanzania through which it passes. Thousands of Tanzanians will get their drinking water through community participation such as this."

NARRATOR

The materials for the pipeline will come from UNICEF, but the labor and the resolve are entirely their own.

ON CAMERA

311 LETITIA OBENG
312 SUPER TITLE:
LETITIA OBENG
UNITED NATIONS
ENVIRONMENT
PROGRAMME

"During the decade, we should really adopt strategies, approaches which will give us lasting solutions. It can be done with the people themselves participating really if we make them understand what it's all about. They will participate and you can use the local resources and get effective water supplies for people in rural areas which will last."

NARRATOR

318 YEMENI CISTERN
BUILDING

The technology is simple, the materials are at hand, and sometimes the solution is as basic as this community in Yemen building its own cistern and pipeline.

333 WELL-DRILLING

In Bangladesh, a simple device powered by ingenuity and muscle, nothing more, punches a new well through the sandy soil in less than a day.

351 FOUNDRY

And it has the fortuitous side effect of reviving a local industry -- a small iron foundry to cast the water pumps.

364 CAPPING WELL

The well is capped with a locally made pump, and for the first time, a thirsty village has its own supply of clean, fresh water.

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FUNERAL

But more is needed than simply an adequate supply of water. This is the funeral of a 15-year-old boy; his killer was carried by water. He was the victim of schistosomiasis, one of the many debilitating and sometimes deadly diseases linked to unsafe water or poor sanitation. Two hundred million people in 90 countries suffer from this disease.

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GASTROENTERITIS
BABY

Fifty per cent of the developing world's infant mortality is due to polluted water, diarrheal diseases and malnutrition, and fully 80 per cent of all its health problems are water-related. A doctor explains how simple the connection can be.

INTERPRETATION

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DOCTOR SPEAKS

"He caught gastroenteritis from bad water, and his mother, who knew no better, stopped feeding him. If we had clean wells and latrines, such tragedies would be dramatically reduced."

INTERPRETATION

429 GIRL SPEAKS "Before the pipes brought water to the tap,
we used to wash our dishes and our cattle in
this spring. But because of this water, my
sister died of typhoid."

NARRATOR

438 FARMER BY POOR sanitation is a relentless killer. The
LATRINES deadly cycle of disease from man or animal to
excrement to man is the greatest single cause
of sickness in the world today.

451 LATRINE CONSTRUCTION One answer to the sanitation problem is
building efficient and inexpensive latrines.
Another is effective health education.

464 SMALLPOX SCENES The world water and sanitation problem is
staggering in size and scope but so is the
disease smallpox. International co-operation
on a grand scale achieved a goal long thought
impossible: the total eradication of
smallpox. The same kind of resolve, applied
to a far more difficult task, can carry the
Decade to an even greater goal.

INTERPRETATION

481 PRIME MINISTER
SPEAKES
484 SUPER TITLE:
SURYA BAHADUR THAPA
PRIME MINISTER
NEPAL

"The United Nations have declared 1981 to 1990 as the Decade of Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation. In this context, we have planned to provide drinking water and sanitation to fully two thirds of our population during the decade, and during the next, we plan to cover the whole of our population with a potable water system."

NARRATOR

496 SUNSET SCENES

Never before has mankind joined hands to solve a social injustice as great as the inequitable distribution and availability of safe drinking water and adequate sanitation. Yet never before has the solution been so close at hand, the technology and resources so widely available.

We have the means. All that remains is the will to do it.

516 FREEZE FRAME