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AT RISK FOR HIV AND AIDS: YOUNG SEX WORKERS AND MIGRANTS ON GUATEMALA-MEXICO BORDER

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VIDEO

TECÚN UMÁN, GUATEMALA
KITE FLYING/CHILDREN

VARIOUS SHOTS MIGRANTS
CROSSING

LORENA ON-CAMERA

LORENA IN ROOM, ETC.

AUDIO

NARRATION

There is an official border crossing between Guatemala and Mexico... but this is how most people prefer to cross – illegally. (9")

The area around the Guatemalan border town of Tecun Uman thrives on trafficking of all kinds. It's filled with bars and sex workers --some very young and vulnerable to abuse, like Lorena. (11")

LORENA: (In Spanish)

"One time they hit me in the face and they bashed my head against the wall (out there) three times." (5")

NARRATION

Lorena is only 16 years old. She uses her earnings of 200 dollars a month to help support her mother and six siblings -- and whatever's left to keep herself in school. (10")

STUDENTS DISCUSS CONDOM USE

For all teenage students in the area - Lorena's peers - learning how to prevent the transmission of HIV and AIDS has become a matter of survival. (8")

BOY DEMONSTRATES USE OF CONDOM

NATSOT SCHOOL SKIT

"You need to open them carefully, with your fingertips – look. (2")

TECÚN UMÁN, GUATEMALA
CLINIC/PATIENTS

NARRATION

Nearby, wellness checks are performed at the health clinic. Women working in the bars need to get checked every 8 days. A faith-based group called Educavida provides information on HIV/ AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases. (14")

MARLENY IN STREET

Marleny Lopez has specialized in the difficult task of reaching out to sex workers in the area. Providing free condoms to girls like Lorena is especially important, she says, because as minors they are less likely to receive the health services they need. (15")

LORENA ON-CAMERA

LORENA: (In Spanish)

"I keep to the back mostly, I don't go out much ...I don't qualify for a health card because I'm still a minor." (6")

LORENA WITH OTHERS RECEIVING
CONDOMS AT BAR

Sex workers like Lorena are not the only young people without documents and at risk for AIDS says Dr. Mario Aguilar of the UN Population Fund. (10")

AGUILAR ON CAMERA

AGUILAR: (In Spanish):

“The main problem is the increase in HIV/AIDS cases among migrants and vulnerable populations.”
(6”)

STREET/MAN PUSHING CART ETC.

NARRATION

Thousands of young migrants from Honduras, Nicaragua, and El Salvador come through this border area as they seek passage north. Safe-houses like this one – where they can stop for a meal and a place to sleep – are the only place to reach out to them – before they slip out of sight.
(15”)

HOUSE OF MIGRANTS

Other groups are vulnerable as well: many people here never realize they are at risk for AIDS until it's too late...(6”)

BIELCA GUEVARA ON-CAMERA

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“In our culture, people are accustomed that this only happens to prostitutes, to gays.” (5”)

BIELCA IN RICKSHAW

NARRATION

Bielca Guevara is 25 and contracted HIV from her boyfriend, who has since died from AIDS. She says it's important to make people here realize that with the right help it's possible to be HIV positive and still live a full and rewarding life. (15”)

GUEVARA ON CAMERA

GUEVARA:

“If I wouldn’t have AIDS, I wouldn’t have an opportunity to feel sympathy for someone else’s pain.” (7”)

SHANTY TOWN BY RIVER

NARRATION

For Bielca, living with HIV has deepened her resolve to help other people along this ‘forgotten border’ to better understand the disease...so they can protect themselves, and their already fragile lives. (12”)

LOGO

This report was prepared by Michele Zaccheo for the United Nations. (6”)