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## **CANCER CARE IN HAITI**

**VIDEO** AUDIO

#### NARRATION

AUBREY WITH HER HUSBAND IN HOSPITAL WARD / CANCER **PATIENTS** 

Aubry Jean Roberts is one of many women with cervical cancer at the General Hospital in Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince. The incidence of the disease here ranks among the world's highest, but there are few options for treatment. (12.5")

## **CORNELY ON-CAMERA**

DR. JEAN CORNELY: (In English) "When they don't have the money to go overseas, they stay home and die in a very bad situation. You can say in an inhuman situation." (10")

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### NARRATION

DR CORNELY IN WARD **EXAMINING PATIENT RECORDS** 

Dr. Jean Cornely is a gynaecologist who will perform Aubry's surgery for free. Cutting out tumours is Dr. Cornely's mainstay. (8")

Aubry says she discovered cancer had attacked her cervix when she went to the hospital to give birth. Surgery combined with radiotherapy would give her a fighting chance. (9")

**AUBRY SPEAKS** 

**NARRATION** 

STACK OF PATIENT RECORDS /
WOMEN IN CROWDED WAITING
ROOM / CANCER PATIENTS

65% of patients with cervical cancer are cured with radiotherapy. Even in advanced stages, roughly half of all women with cervical cancer can be cured. But there are no radiotherapy facilities in the country. (14")

DABRESIL ON CAMERA

GUSTAVE DABRESIL: (In English) **M**"We say to the patients the M; M; M. 'M' for maison in French means home. M for mort, means die. M for manger, means eat. MMM. The three Ms" (18")

# NURSE AND DOCTORS AT HOSPITAL WARD

Dr. Gustave Dabresil wants more for his patients. The United Nations International Atomic Energy Agency, the IAEA, is supporting local doctors like him to undertake three years of training at specialized hospitals in Canada. (13")

Dr. Ana Maria Cetto is IAEA's Deputy Director General and Head of Technical Cooperation. (6")

**PATIENTS WAIT** 

DR. ANA MARIA CETTO: (In English) F

"We have been helping Haiti to train specialists in cancer treatment at different levels. You need the physicians, you need the technicians, you need the medical doctors who have this specialist training". (16")

DR. ANA MARIA CETTO ON CAMERA

#### NARRATION

DR. CETTO WITH HAITI PRESIDENT PREVAL. The effort is part of a wider, high-level programme to establish a national centre for the treatment of cancer in the country. In affluent nations, early detection through screening has effectively prevented this type of cancer. (12")

STUDENTS LOOK AT BOARD HOSPITAL / RADIOLOGY BLDG. / DOCTOR EXAMINES X-RAYS

However, in many developing countries women are rarely screened, the diagnosis comes too late, and adequate treatment is just not available. (8")

BUSTLING STREETS / CU.

WOMEN
MS. PATIENTS WAITING

The IAEA is helping combat the escalating crisis where it's most needed. (5")

BROCHURE / PEOPLE WAIT
OUTSIDE HOSPITAL

It is unlikely that a treatment centre will be built in time to help Aubry fight her disease. But for her newborn daughter, and the country's youth, this small investment could mean a brighter and healthier future. (12")

AUBRY WITH HUSBAND AND NEWBORN

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