

SCRIPT PAMOJA MTAANI VIDEO GAME

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PRESENTATION

To play a high tech computer game, and on the side skills to prevent HIV/Aids.

That's what young people from the slums in the Kenyan capital Nairobi are doing with a new 3D game.

This game is designed using sights and sounds from the slums in Nairobi, and is very realistic.

No high tech weapons in futuristic scenes here, but all real life situations take from the slum.

The game was designed in the United States, and paid by using government funding. By playing the youth are supposed to come together, and learn how to improve their lives.

The game is now played in three locations, and attracting almost too many computer savvy youth.

BETA LENGTH 1'59"

SOUNDBITE VIDEO GAME, ATTACK IN A MINIBUS

The game is called Pamoja Mtaani, meaning 'Together in the Hood' in Swahili.

Players assume the role of characters who find themselves attacked in a bus.

SOUNDBITE MAN STICKING OUT GUN

'Don't move.

Don't try. You'll die."

SCENE OF SMART DRESSED YOUNG MEN IN GAME, VINCENT PLAYING GAME

The idea is then to recover the stolen goods one by one.

A virtual world, but one with real lessons for people like 23-years old Vincent from the local Mukuru slum.

QUOTE VINCENT MUTUKU

I do come here to play the game because first it's fun.

Secondly I come to meet other friends.

Because apart from playing the game we mingle together and talk about the challenge that we face in the community.

VINCENT WALKING THROUGH GAME, VINCENT WALKING THROUGH MUKURU, WOMAN SELLING GROCERIES, WOMEN SEATED

And there are many challenges in Mukuru. Hardly anybody has a job here. Crime is rife, and many women are forced into prostitution.

QUOTE VINCENT MUKURU outside

The option that they have is crime. Going out to sleep with other people who are HIV positive, and the diseases.

PEOPLE SITTING NEXT TO OPEN SEWER

As a result the number of HIV cases is much higher here than the national average of 6 per cent.

A trend that 'Pamoja Mtaani' is trying to reverse.

SOUNDBITE GAME

SHOTS OF GAME, VINCENT SOLVING RIDDLE

Players are presented with a number of problems related to crime and issues like HIV It's then up to them to work out solutions and to make responsible choices

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YOUTH PLAYING, LADY SEATED AT DESK

This might seem far away from the daily reality of the slums but organisers are convinced it can make a difference:

QUOTE GLADYS WAINANA, site co-ordinator Pamoja Mtaani

What I would say about that is that someone walks in with no skills, and goes out thinking what else can I do with my life to be able to get more.

LOW WALKING SHOT THROUGH DIRT, ENDING AND SCARED CHILD

Still, unemployment and poverty in Mukuru are unlikely to be resolved with the click of a mouse, and it could take a while before the results of the game become tangible.