

SEEKING REFUGE

JULIANE'S STORY – A JOURNEY FROM ZIMBABWE

Zimbabwe's children, struggling to survive

Zimbabwe, once the breadbasket of Africa, is one of the poorest countries in the world. The average annual income per capita was about \$ 660 in 2011, compared to about \$ 44,000 in Germany. Around 1.7 million people (Zimbabwe's population is about 12.6 million) are suffering from acute hunger. This means that every seventh person doesn't get enough to eat. Every day about 200 people die of AIDS. Life expectancy of 52 years is among the lowest in southern Africa. In Germany it's more than 80 years. Over 1.3 million children are orphans because their parents died of AIDS. About 120,000 children are HIV positive. Many children cannot go to school because their parents have no money or are dead. A lot of children are now not only living on the streets, they are giving birth on the street. A second generation of street children is growing up. In 2005 the government started a campaign to clear slum areas across the country. At least 700,000 people lost their homes. In 2008 there were reports that men and women had to leave the capital of Harare and had to walk to work for about 28 km there and back because the bus fare cost nearly a week's wages. Because of the political crisis in Zimbabwe South Africa has three million refugees from Zimbabwe. More than 115,000 left their country in 2012.



1. Read this newspaper article and pick out the main facts about hunger, illness, orphans, living on the streets, leaving the country.
2. Which of the facts about the lives of children in Zimbabwe do you find most shocking?
3. Describe this photo from the film and say what Juliane's life was like before she was left by her mother one day. Don't forget to describe her feelings and hopes for her future.



4. Watch the film and put these photos in the right order. Then find a good caption for each photo.



a) _____



b) _____



c) _____



d) _____



e) _____



f) _____

5. What does Juliane want to express with her drawing at the end of the film?
6. After watching the film discuss how relief organizations could help better the situation of children living on the streets in Zimbabwe. Find organizations in your area that help people in Zimbabwe.