



**Grandmothers:
The unsung heroes of Africa**

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Directed by: Liz Marshall

Duration: 28:40

Grandmothers: The unsung heroes of Africa is a moving half-hour film highlighting the crucial role grandmothers play not only in caring for AIDS orphans but also in holding their families and communities together. Through intimate portraits of four African grandmothers — Salome, Catarina, Karmela and Matilda — the film invites the world to listen to their stories and take action.

Four grassroots projects in South Africa, Kenya, Uganda and Zambia run by remarkable community-level organizations are profiled in the film. These are just a few examples of the over 150 projects in 14 sub-Saharan countries supported by the Stephen Lewis Foundation (SLF). The film premiered at the Grandmothers' Gathering in Toronto (August 11–13, 2006) and was also shown at the Global Village in conjunction with the XVI International AIDS Conference.

Distribution: In many places, people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS continue to be stigmatized and discriminated against within their own communities. **For this reason, the film is not intended for distribution or purchase within Africa.** The grandmothers profiled in the film courageously agreed to share their stories with a North American audience, with the understanding that the films will not be shown in their home countries.

Screenings: We hope this film can play an important role in your community activities. DVD copies are available for \$20 (covers duplication and shipping). Cheques or money orders payable to the Stephen Lewis Foundation (mark "Grandmothers Film" in subject line) can be sent to:

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Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign: In March 2006, on the eve of International Women's Day, SLF launched a campaign to raise awareness and mobilize support in Canada for Africa's grandmothers. To learn about the campaign visit www.stephenlewisfoundation.org, email: campaign@stephenlewisfoundation.org or call 416 533-9292, ext 234.