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CHILDREN WITH BONES OF GLASS

VIDEO

VIETNAM – CHILD IN
WHEELCHAIR

CRYSTAL ON-CAMERA

RICHARD ON PARENT'S BACK

RICHARD ON-CAMERA

GETTING DRESSED FOR SCHOOL

AUDIO

NARRATION:

Sixteen-year-old Phong Anh in Vietnam has a genetic disorder – osteogenesis imperfecta – which makes her bones fragile and easy to break. But she prefers to call herself 'Crystal'. (12)

CRYSTAL: (In English) F

"I'm proud to call myself Crystal, because I want people to see me as a girl who is vulnerable physically but can be hard to break mentally as the same time." (8)

NARRATION:

Across the globe in Ecuador, eight-year-old Richard Herrera suffers from the same disorder which leaves him weak and prone to fractures. (8)

RICHARD: (In Spanish) M

"Because I am disabled, I have bones of glass and I cannot run and jump. If I fall, I can end up in hospital." (7)

NARRATION:

Every day millions of children struggle. Many live

hidden lives. Discriminated against and stigmatized.
Limited as much by prejudice as by physical barriers.
(10)

REPORT

According to the UN Children’s Fund, UNICEF,
implementing the Convention on the Rights of Persons
with Disabilities adopted by the United Nations in 2006
is critical to mobilizing support for disabled children.(11)

ABID ASLAM: (In English) M

ASLAM ON-CAMERA

“This means making a serious commitment to
understanding their needs, including them in the design
of solutions, supports and services that are intended to
give them a fair chance at surviving, thriving,
succeeding.” (16.5)

NARRATION:

BOY WITH MOM

Richard is growing up in Ecuador, one of the countries
that has implemented the Convention. Today, he’s in
school and he’s at the top of his class. (7.5)

RICHARD: (In Spanish) M

“When I grow up I want to be a pilot.” (2.5)

RICHARD ON-CAMERA

NARRATION:

Crystal is also surpassing expectations. (3)

CRYSTAL AT RADIO STATION

Every Friday, she goes to the radio station to record a
special programme – Voice of Vietnam. Crystal has
been doing this since she was eight years old. (9)

CRYSTAL: (In English) F

“People with disabilities or not, they would come up to

CRYSTAL ON-CAMERA

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me and say that I inspired them. And that's my biggest goal in life. So what could be more amazing than that?"

(9)