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EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

1. The New Silver

Lack of capital is a heavy chain hanging around the necks of the poor of Bolivia and the Bolivian government alike. 500 years after the Spanish took the silver from Bolivia's mines and left the local population in poverty, the Bolivians are determined to secure the revenues of Bolivia's new silver: gas. However, access to sustainable lines of credit is crucial at all levels of society.

2. Bombay Jungle

Bombay is a place for work, opportunities and dreams. People come to work in the city and earn their living which they can't earn back in their villages. But nothing is free in the metropolis. The high price of land has taken housing out of reach of the poor. Today, 55% of Bombay's people live in shanties, slums and on pavements.

3. The Price of Cotton

Cotton farmers Abraham Coulibaly from West Africa and James Machan from Texas are in competition with each other on the world market. But the differences between the two are startlingly clear. This film shows the initiatives of people who are trying to change a system of agricultural subsidies that damages both sides.

4. Made in China

Wayne Petersen scans the labels at Walmart: Made in China? No thanks! But the production jobs Wayne sees disappearing to China are new opportunities for Li-Jieli to improve her and her family's lives. However, in the end it seems that both Wayne and Li-Jieli are paying a price for the progressive competition on the worldwide labour market.

5. The Strongest Link

If you lose a doctor you lose a hospital. If you lose a mother you lose a family. But Bulewa Princess Cima, 28 years old, 6 months pregnant and HIV positive will not wait for the government to help her. After discovering her illness, Bulewla became an active member of an NGO supporting women in the townships.

6. The Tunnel and Other Lies

In post-war Bosnia, to be in the right does not mean getting your rights. While influential people succeed in defending their interests in the bureaucratic maze, the average citizen still pulls the shortest straw. Through the help of the passionate lawyer Branka Inic, people are trying to seek justice. Corruption might be their biggest problem.