

BIGGER THAN US TRAVEL BOOK

WELCOME TO AN UNDERGROUND REALITY, WHERE KIDS CHANGE LIVES,
LIVE BIG AND CRACK OUR RESISTANCES TO SAVE US FROM OUR INDIFFERENCE



**IF NOT NOW, WHEN ?
IF NOT US, WHO ?**



Dear friends,

You are receiving this book because you contributed to our crowdfunding campaign. Let me take a minute to explain the impact you had.

It is not about the money you gave. You were among the first to believe in our project. You trusted us. I kept on thinking about it when we were challenged. I still do. This travel book is for us to share with you, our very first supporters, the beauty we saw, the courage we felt and the fabulous individuals we met.

This film is for us all. Thank you for getting it before anyone. And thank you Celine for putting all these memories together. This is precious. As everyone is. See you at the film release.

Flore and the BIGGER THAN US team

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OUR 7 CHARACTERS

OUR THREAD : MELATI WIJSEN

A 18 YEARS-OLD INDONESIAN
ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST

HER MISSION FOR THE PAST 6 YEARS ?
RAISING AWARENESS ON POLLUTION AND
ADVOCATING FOR A BAN ON PLASTIC BAGS



« I STARTED THIS JOURNEY CHASING
CHANGEMAKERS BECAUSE I NEEDED TO
UNDERSTAND THE INTERCONNECTEDNESS
OF IT ALL AND THE BIGGER THAN US
ENERGY WE SEEM TO SHARE. »



BEKAA VALLEY, LEBANON : TEACHING WITH MOHAMAD



**71,44 MILLION PEOPLE ARE FORCIBLY DISPLACED AROUND
THE WORLD**

**92% OF YOUNG REFUGEES ARE HOSTED IN DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES**

IN LEBANON, 1 OUT OF 4 INHABITANTS IS A REFUGEE



**MOHAMAD CREATED A SCHOOL IN A
REFUGEE CAMP IN LEBANON AFTER
ESCAPING THE SYRIAN WAR WITH HIS
FAMILY.**

**TODAY 200 CHILDREN HAVE ACCESS
TO EDUCATION WITH PROFESSIONAL
TEACHERS.**



**« EVERY SINGLE ACTION THAT YOU TAKE IS A
FORM OF REVOLUTION. »**

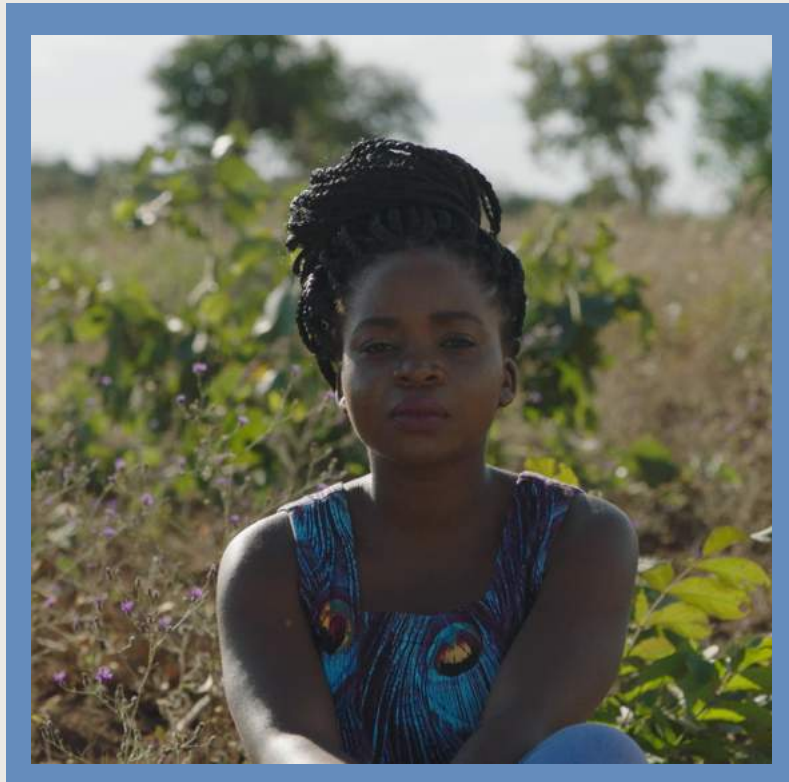
MALAWI : FIGHTING TRADITION WITH MEMORY



CHILDREN REPRESENT 50% OF THE EXTREME POOR IN THE WORLD

WORLDWIDE TODAY, 1 IN 5 YOUNG WOMEN WERE MARRIED AS CHILDREN

IN MALAWI, 42% OF GIRLS ARE MARRIED BEFORE 18

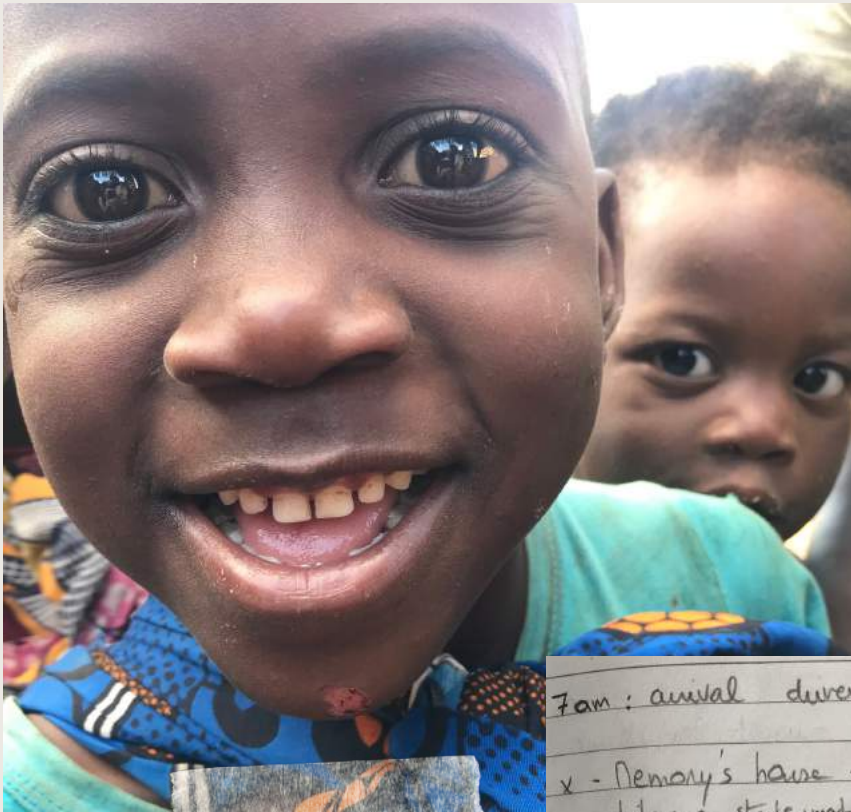


MEMORY IS A MAJOR FIGURE AGAINST CHILD MARRIAGE AND ABUSE IN MALAWI AND AROUND THE WORLD.

IN 2015 SHE MANAGED TO GET THE LEGAL MARRIAGE AGE CHANGED FROM 15 TO 18 IN THE CONSTITUTION.



« I FEEL REALLY ALIVE, AND I FEEL PURPOSEFUL, I FEEL LIKE THIS IS SOMETHING I HAVE TO DO. »



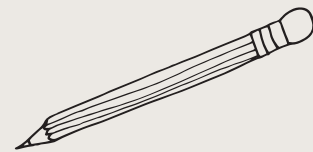
« FOR ME THE BIGGEST QUESTION APART FROM THE 'HOW', IS TRYING TO FIND SOMETHING WITHIN ME. »



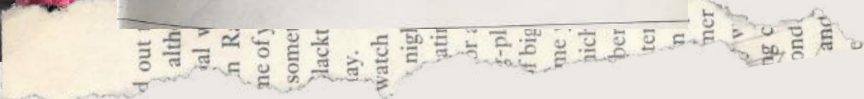
Fam: arrival dinner + briefing

- x - Memory's house → greenscreen
- Litagne steals + night itw → room / terrace
- x - Coffee shop → just meeting
Δ has to be open on Sunday
- x - Botanic garden → itw / discussion
- x - White Rock → itw discussion
- x - Genet office → meet someone
- x - Parliament
 - University
- x - Night Club living room

2pm: Green screen - Hotel or Home
 3pm: itw personal journey - Home
 + deambulation?



« BRING OUT THE BIGGER PERSON THAT IS IN YOU AND LET THE PERSON OUT. »



COLORADO, USA : SINGING WITH XIUHTEZCATL



WORLDWIDE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS SHOULD BE REDUCED BY 40-50% FROM 2010 LEVELS TO PREVENT A 1.5 °C GLOBAL WARMING

THE USA GATHER 4% OF THE WORLD POPULATION, BUT ARE THE SECOND BIGGEST EMITTERS OF GREENHOUSE GAS



XIUHTEZCATL IS AN INDIGENOUS CLIMATE ACTIVIST, HIP-HOP ARTIST, AND POWERFUL VOICE ON THE FRONT LINES OF A GLOBAL YOUTH-LED ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT.

HE USES BOTH LEGAL TOOLS AND MUSIC TO HAVE AN IMPACT ON ALL FRONTS.

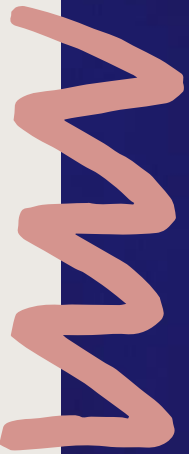
FIL.

- 1) Le savoir indigène
- 2) Ce que l'on fait à terre
- 3) ~~Xiu, son PS~~
- 3) BTU = le profit à Poi
- 4) Le rôle de la musique
à de l'aut pour tout
- 5) d'acte en justice
- 6) le recours / et des pays

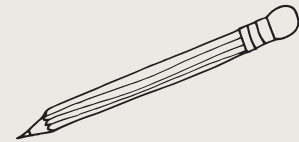
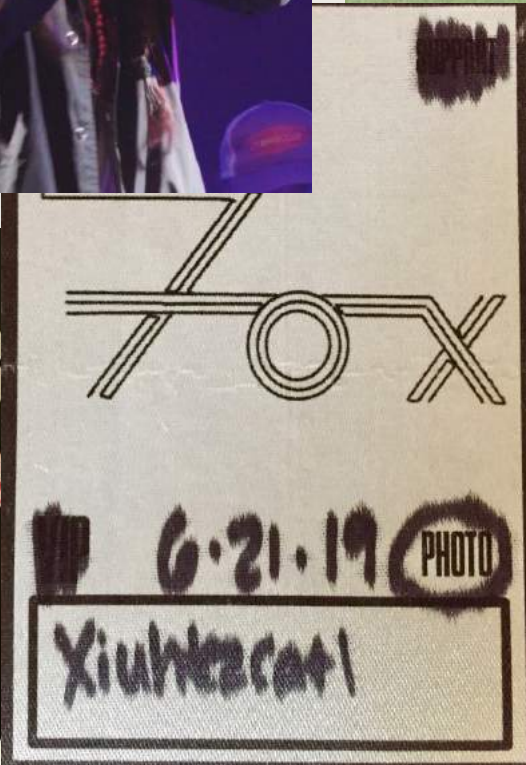
BTU
Colorado



« WE DON'T SPEND ENOUGH TIME TALKING ABOUT WHAT WE CAN DO AND WHAT THE SOLUTIONS ARE AND HOW PEOPLE CAN PLUG IN AND BE A PART OF THAT. »



« ANYWHERE THAT YOUNG PEOPLE OCCUPIES SPACE WE ARE CHANGING THE STORY. »



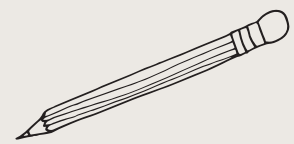
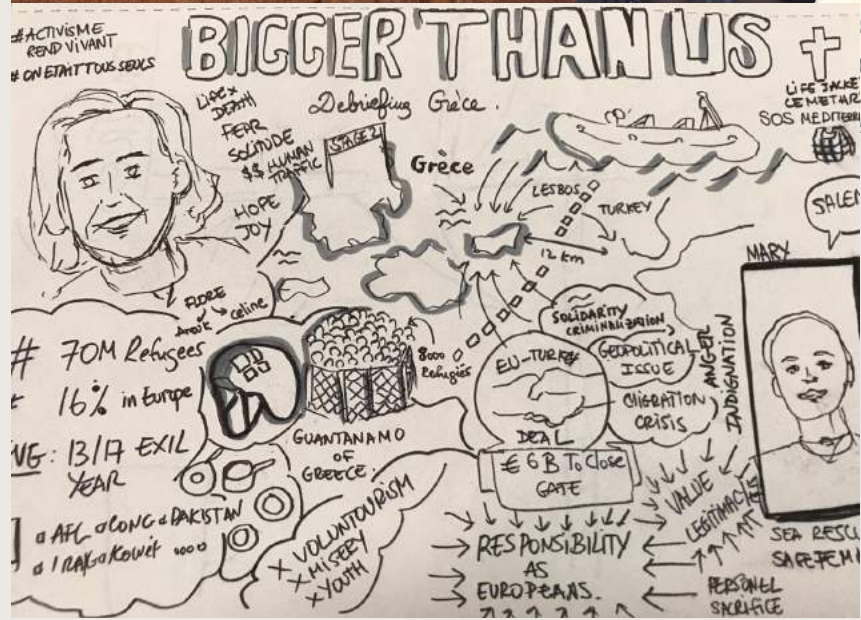
« REMEMBER TO TAKE TIME TO HEAL AND TO PLAY AND TO CELEBRATE. »

« IT COULD BE US »



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ATHENS	ATH
FRANKFURT	FRA

What do we not get?



« THE SMALLEST THINGS, THAT'S ALL THAT IT IS. »

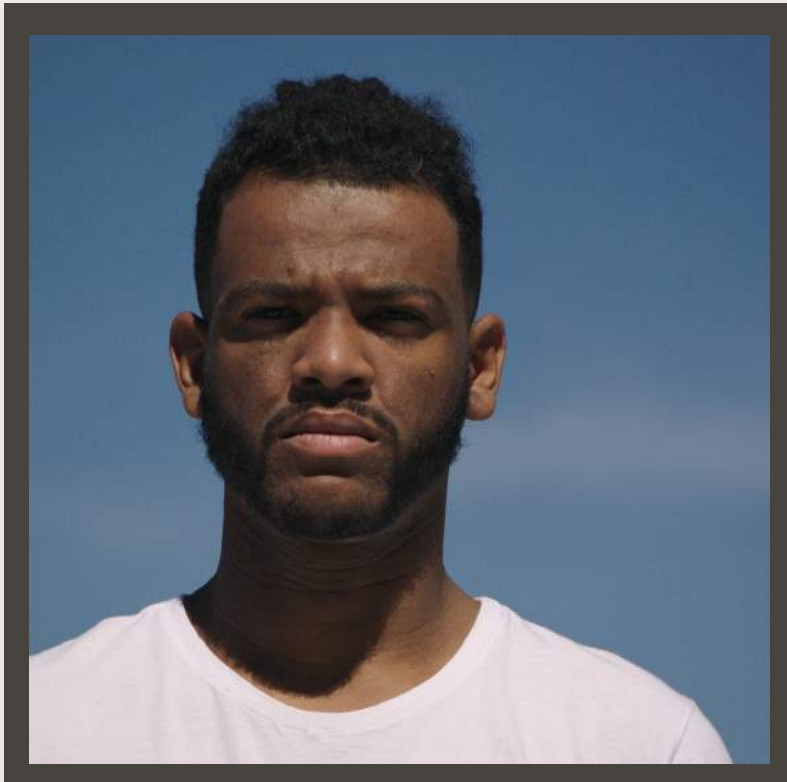
BRAZIL : REPORTING WITH RENE



IN RIO, MORE THAN 1 IN 5 PERSONS LIVES IN A FAVELA

6 BRAZILIANS HAVE THE SAME WEALTH AS HALF THE
POPULATION OF THE COUNTRY

BETWEEN JANUARY AND APRIL 2019, THERE HAVE BEEN
MORE THAN 4 PERSONS KILLED BY THE POLICE EACH
DAY IN RIO



AT 11 YEARS OLD, RENE SILVA CREATED A
NEWSPAPER, "VOZ DAS COMUNIDADES", TO
SHARE INFORMATION AND STORIES ABOUT
LIFE IN HIS FAVELA : COMPLEXO DO ALEMÃO.

TODAY, 60 JOURNALISTS ARE WORKING FOR
VOZ DAS COMUNIDADES AND THOUSANDS
UNITS OF THE JOURNAL ARE DISTRIBUTED
EACH MONTH.



« WE ARE AT WAR, THOUGH IT IS NOT
DECLARED. »



« THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA ALWAYS EMPHASIZE VIOLENCE. I WANT TO SHOW A DIFFERENT VIEW OF WHAT'S INSIDE THE FAVELA. »



« WE'RE HERE TRYING TO LIVE WITH DIGNITY INSIDE THE FAVELAS. »

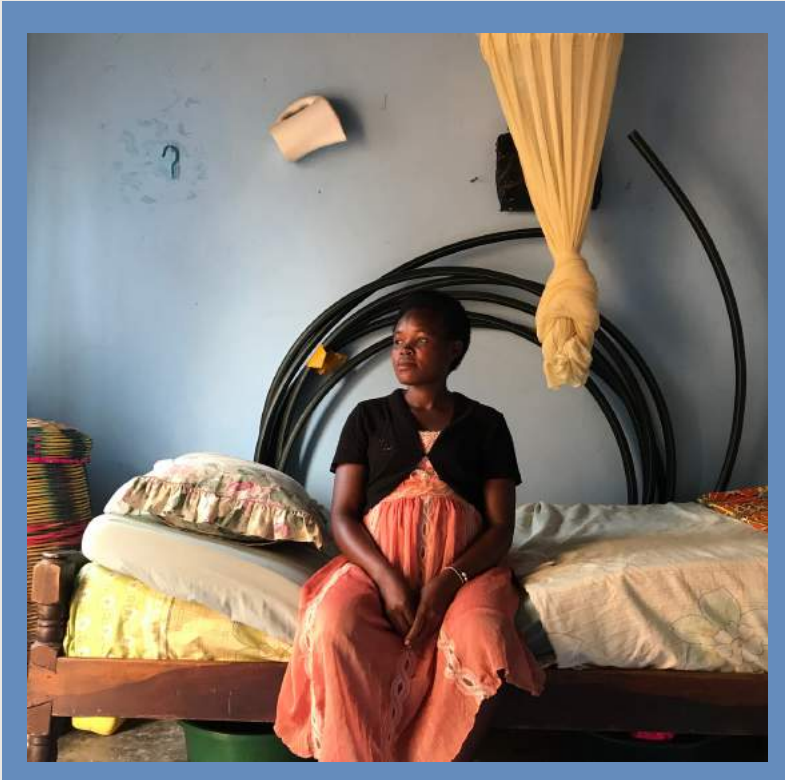
UGANDA : HANDS IN THE SOIL WITH WINNIE



UGANDA IS THE THIRD LARGEST REFUGEE-HOSTING COUNTRY IN THE WORLD

AGRICULTURE GROWTH IS TWO TO FOUR TIMES MORE EFFECTIVE TO REDUCE POVERTY THAN GROWTH IN ANOTHER SECTOR

IF WOMEN HAD THE SAME RESOURCES AS MEN, THEY COULD INCREASE YIELDS ON THEIR FARMS BY 20-30%

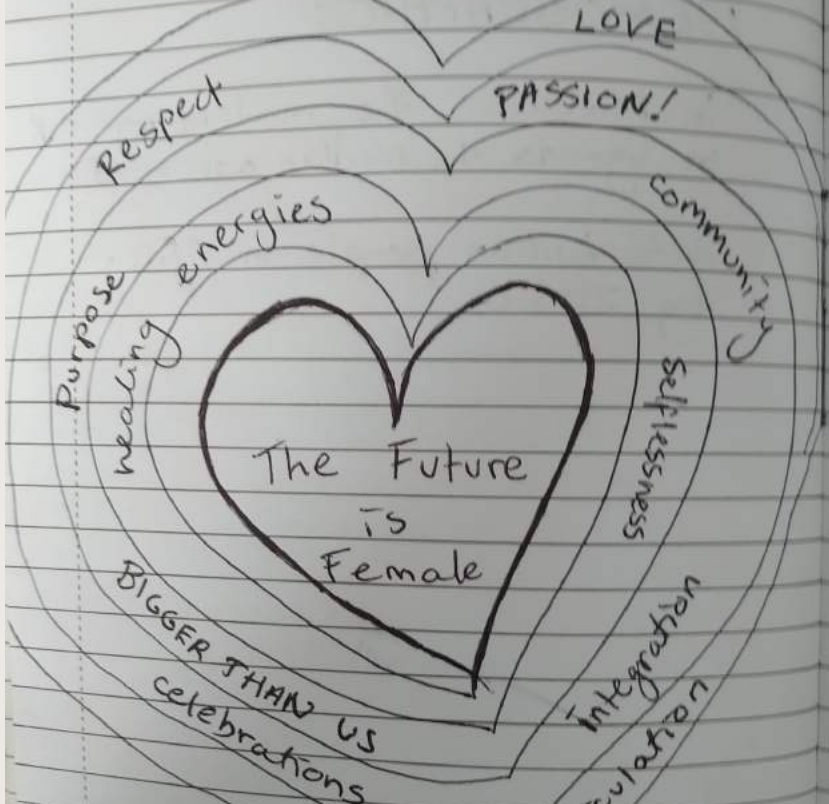


IN 2012, WINNIE HAS CREATED YICEUGANDA, AN ORGANIZATION THAT ALLOWS SMALL SCALE FARMERS TO ACHIEVE FOOD AND FINANCIAL SELF-SUFFICIENCY.

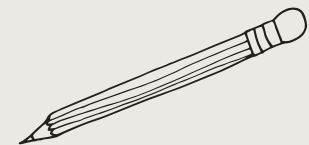
SHE CONTRIBUTES TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF VIRTUOUS LOCAL AND REFUGEE COMMUNITIES.



« WE HAVE TO GIVE REFUGEES THE TOOLS TO SURVIVE AND KEEP HOPE. »



« WOMEN ARE MARGINALIZED AND HAVE TO ENDEAVOUR EVERYTHING. BUT WHEN EMPOWERED, THEY ARE STRONG. »



« TRY TO PUT YOURSELF IN PEOPLE'S SHOES. SHARE EXPERIENCES. SHARE LOVE. SMILE. »

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INDONESIA : BACK TO MELATI



THE LAST FILMING TOOK PLACE IN THE LARGEST LANDFILL OF INDONESIA IN JAKARTA, CAPITAL OF MELATI'S HOME COUNTRY.

SHE WANTED TO RAISE AWARENESS ON PLASTIC POLLUTION AS A SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUE.

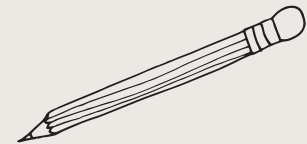
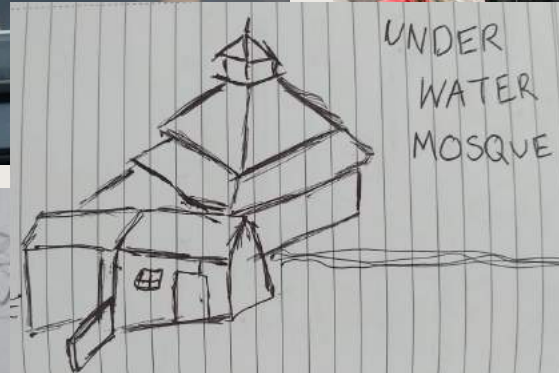
INDONESIA IS SECOND ONLY TO CHINA WHEN IT COMES TO DUMPING PLASTIC WASTE INTO THE WORLD'S OCEANS

THERE ARE MORE THAN 15 MILLION INFORMAL WASTE PICKERS IN THE WORLD

40% OF JAKARTA IS ALREADY BELOW SEA LEVEL. THAT WILL BE 95% IN 2050



« IT'S NO LONGER ABOUT WHO YOU KNOW BUT ABOUT WHAT YOU DO : HAVE A COFFEE OR CHANGE LIVES. »



« WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND
THAT WE HAVE TO GO BACK
INTO OURSELVES IN ORDER TO
BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF
WHAT IS AROUND US. »

OUR TEAM : THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFE TIME



FLORE : BECAUSE THIS IS MUCH MUCH BIGGER THAN ME, HERE ARE THE GREAT SOULS AND TALENTS WHO SHARED THIS ADVENTURE WITH ME.

3 WOMEN, 3 WORDS : BRIGHTNESS, KINDNESS, DEDICATION

ANOUK :
MADE IT ALL
POSSIBLE ON
THE FIELD.
INCLUDING
LOCATING A
BOAT
BEFORE THE
POLICE.

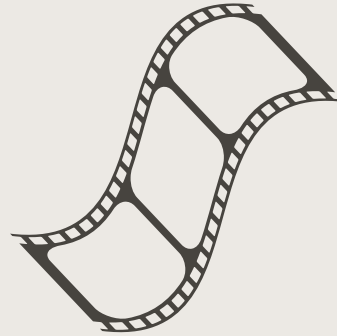


DOROTHÉE :
MADE IT ALL
POSSIBLE FOR
US TO GET
THERE SAFE
AND SOUND,
INCLUDING A
LAST MINUTE
TOUR OF
AFRICA.



CELINE : CHECKED, RE-
CHECKED, FOUND, CALLED.
SO WE HAVE THE BEST
STORY TO TELL.

**CHRISTOPHE : WHEN GREAT
FILMING MEET KINDNESS.
THIS PIC TELLS IT ALL :**



**TESS : DARED IT ALL, EYES
EVERYWHERE, SUBLIME
SHOTS. COMMITMENT AT
HER BEST.**



**THE SOUND ENGINEERS : THEY ARE THE MOST DISCREET. YET WE DEPEND ON THEM.
THEY JUST GET IT. BEFORE US :**



JEAN-LUC



FANNY



HIDAYAT

OUR SUPPORT

IN PARIS

DENIS CAROT

MARION COTILLARD

LUDOVIC DARDENAY

MARIE MASMONTEIL

ULYSSE PAYET

RIITA DJIME

CHRISTINE CUSTODIO

JOSEPH SACUTO

LOLA BATTIST

MAHAUT CHAUDUN

UGO MOULET

ALBAN-LUC AUDEBRAND

HUGO STIEGLITZ

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RAPHAELLE GASSE

SAMANTHA HOLDSWORTH

ANTOINE DE CAZOTTE

FENIA COSSOVITSA

CHRISTIAN BOUDIER

MARCELA BITTENCOURT

JIMMY ODONG

HALIDA LLALUDE
LECLERC

HARLA RATNA NUARI

Being ♡

Being a kid

Being a teenager

Being a girl

Being a refugee

Being an artist

Being an inspiration

Being a puppet

Being an activist

Being a witness

Being a channel

Being a teacher

Being a learner

Being a story teller

Be coming power.
