

ESCAPE TO NOWHERE

by Carmen Té



SYNOPSIS

Escape to Nowhere shows the desperate life conditions migrants from Africa experience in Sicily, Italy and Europe. They live in an irregular camp in tents, cook on a selfmade archaic fire, work on the potato fields for a little money that they have to share with their life companions who did not get any even a bad paid daily job, they are medical assisted by some volunteers of Medicine sans Frontiere like in Africa. Most of the protagonists understand that it is very difficult to change their life in Europe. Through Moubarak words we learn about their way of thinking and about the distance between the storytelling at home and the reality in the "exile" land:

"People returning to Africa told us Europeans are racists. I didn't believe them. Some believed them, others didn't. I always have to see for myself, with my own eyes... Now that I've had my own experiences I know they were right. If I go back it won't be easy, either. But what can I do? It's God's decision."

FESTIVALS

2008

Boundless – WDR, France Television, NpS, EBU, Unesco
DOK.fest Munich

Unsichtbare Welten – Menschen ohne Aufenthaltsstatus in
Deutschland – Gasteig, München

Unabhängiges Dokumentarfilmfest Osnabrück in Wettbewerb
Open Eyes – Filme für Menschenrechtsbildung Nürnberg

2009

Evangelische Versöhnungskirche KZ – Gedenkstätte Dachau
2009

Sole e Luna – Film Festival Palermo
nominated for First Steps Award

2010

O' Curt Film Festival Neapel
nominated German Human Rights Prize

Germany 2008

52 min

ORIGINAL TITLE

VERGEBLICHE FLUCHT

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Current Affairs, Human Rights,
Migration, Politics, Social issues

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

English, Arabic, Italian

PREMIERE

Germany (2008)

PRODUCTION COMPANY

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