Media for Social Change Exists in 500 Language Versions



Ottawa, Ontario May 4, 2023 (Issuewire.com) - Chocolate Moose Media's (CMM) media, with the mission of producing positive social change educational videos, now exists in 500 language versions. This marks a significant milestone for the organization, which has been dedicated to improving the world's human condition for the past 28 years.

The 500 language versions are found across 4,391 videos, mostly animated, covering a broad spectrum of social and health issues. CMM's videos are unique in that they are individually voiced by local voice talents and are not subtitled. This approach is particularly helpful in countries with low literacy rates, where the videos can be used to educate and inform populations who may not have access to traditional written resources.

The most recent addition to CMM's collection was an animated video created in Pidgin English for Cameroon created to reduce mortality among women during pregnancy. Notably, CMM's series with the most language versions is the Peabody Award-winning *The Three Amigos*, which is an HIV/AIDS prevention program created in 45 languages.

It's important to note that the 500 versions of the videos are not simply recorded in distinct languages. Rather, they are a fusion of various languages, accents, and dialects, strategically designed to reach a diverse and extensive audience. By providing extended language accessibility, CMM is arguably one of the best social change platforms on the market today.

In many cases, CMM's videos are the sole media resource addressing critical social issues and providing health education in any given language. For instance, their video on Ebola prevention in West

and Central Africa is available in 19 languages. Similarly, their video on malaria prevention is accessible in all 16 languages of Madagascar. CMM took special care to create videos even in languages that are seldom used.

What makes Chocolate Moose Media's work so impactful is its ability to create media that is both local and accessible for all, creating an inclusive education environment. By producing content in the language of the community, they can reach over 80% of the world's population, making their resources widely available to people all around the globe.

As such, CMM's work has been utilized in 198 countries and regions worldwide. Their portfolio covers a wide range of subjects, including but not limited to, public health education topics such as a dozen communicable diseases, maternal and infant health, and vaccinations. They also address essential subjects like racism, refugees, immigration, solar power, environmentalism, human rights, sexual and domestic violence, and violence against children, among more than <u>60 other topics</u>.

Almost all of CMM's productions are available on founder <u>Firdaus Kharas' Vimeo channel</u> for free. These videos can be enjoyed without any charge or any use restriction.

"When I set out on this path, I never thought about my work in terms of milestones; there are just too many issues in the world. It's always been one step at a time, but the cumulative steps have now reached far and wide on many topics of importance to bettering the human condition," reflected Kharas. "As we set out on our next 500 languages, we will continue creating some of the conversations that lead to change in every corner of the world. We will not leave anyone behind, no matter where they are located or how obscure their language."

This localized approach to video production ensures that communities around the world have access to valuable information and resources, regardless of language barriers or literacy levels. It's just one of the many ways that CMM is making a difference and contributing to positive social change.

About Chocolate Moose Media

Since its creation in 1995, Chocolate Moose Media (CMM) has established itself as a pioneering producer of animated behavior-change communications. Their work is focused on addressing critical health and social issues that impact people worldwide.

At the helm of CMM is Firdaus Kharas, a renowned social innovator, director, and humanitarian. Through animation, documentaries, and videos, CMM aims to educate, entertain, and ultimately change individual and societal behaviors for the better. Their goal is to positively influence the knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors of viewers, particularly children and young adults, with the overarching aim of improving the human condition.

Chocolate Moose Media and its founder have received an impressive <u>120 international awards</u> for their groundbreaking work. Their innovative approach to behavior-change communications is making a real difference in communities worldwide and serves as an inspiration to us all. https://chocmoose.com/

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