MakutanoJunction

A Kenyan TV soap opera

Additional Resource | Money and livelihoods

8.1 Money and livelihoods: character/situation summary

DVD Snippet	Summary	Description
Series 1, Episode 7 4.00–5.10	Mama Mboga/ husband and money for Johnnie	Mama Mboga – a relatively poor market woman – has been begging her drunken husband for money with which to pay for, their sick son, Johnnie's drugs to cure his malaria. Her husband is reluctant as he prefers to spend his cash on drink. She insists
Series 1, Episode 7 9.33–10.21	Mama Mboga pays doctor for chloroquine	continuation of the above storyline, where we see Mama Mboga paying the corrupt Dr Washington for a cheap and out of date curative drug for malaria; chloroquine. The doctor is cheating her.
Series 3, Episode 8 4.32–5.44 and 16.41–18.03 (see below)	Red is being exploited by Solaris	Red is the daughter of the headmistress of Makutano. She is a singer and has recently been signed up by a "music promoter" from town, Pierre Solaris. This snippet shows Pierre insisting that Red complies with the contract he has drawn up or – if she breaks that contract – she pays KSh100,000 as a penalty (equivalent of around £1000).
Series 2, Episode 5 16.34–15.51	Bishop Washington buys vegetables from Mama Mboga/ Magaret	The fraudulent Dr Washington of Series 1 has metamorphosised into "Bishop" Washington in Series 2! He is now exploiting orphans in Makuatno with the intention of making money out of them. This snippet shows him placing an order for vegatables with the market women.
Series 3, Episode 8 16.41–18.03	Solaris offers Snake fake drugs to sell	Pierre Soalris (a dodgy music promoter from town, see above) sells fake headache pills to Snake (the local thug) for him to sell in Makutano Junction. Fake drugs are a real problem in Kenya. Snake buys the drugs for KSh200 (around £2).

