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STORY HEADLINE:

South Sudanese refugee Anjelina Nadai Lohalith selected again to run in 1500 metres for IOC Refugee Olympic Team in Tokyo 2020

DATE: 8 June 2021

LOCATION: Eldoret, Kenya

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: South Sudan

LANGUAGE: English

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STORY SCRIPT:

Middle distance runner Anjelina Nadai Lohalith, a South Sudanese refugee based in Kenya, has been included in the IOC Refugee Olympic Team to compete at Tokyo 2020.

Anjelina first competed for the IOC Refugee team in Rio 2016, and is one of 56 refugee athletes currently supported by the IOC through the Olympic Solidarity Scholarship for Refugee Athletes programme

She was forced to leave her parents and flee her village in war-torn South Sudan as a six year old. She won school competitions at the Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya and professional coaches were alerted to her talent.

The family she left behind in South Sudan has always been motivation for Anjelina as her athletics career has progressed: "I want to work hard to change the life of my family," says Anjelina. She was also selected to join other young people around the globe in a *Young Leaders Mentoring Programme* ahead of the last Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

She will aim to show the results of her training in Kenya with her second Olympic chance at Tokyo 2020.

The 29-member IOC Refugee Olympic team (EOR)* initiative at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 is a continuation of the IOC's commitment to play its part in addressing the global refugee crisis, and another opportunity to continue to convey the message of solidarity and hope to millions of refugees and internally displaced athletes around the world.

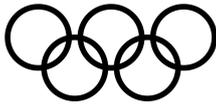
**The IOC Refugee Olympic Team will compete in Tokyo under the French acronym EOR which stands for Equipe Olympique des Réfugiés.*

SHOTLIST:

00:02 Overhead view of Eldoret town, Kenya

00:07 Anjelina Nadai Lohalith, Refugee Athlete, training

00:22 Various shots of Anjelina listening to music



00:29 SOUNDBITE: Anjelina Nadai Lohalith, IOC Refugee Olympic Team (EOR), Athletics 1500m (English Language)

Q. How did you become a refugee?

"When the war began this displaced me from where I was, because in the village I was in everything was burnt down. All the good places that we were in were destroyed so there was a lot of displacement and also my relatives were displaced from there."

00:49 Anjelina looking out into the horizon

00:54 Anjelina looking out into the horizon close up

00:58 SOUNDBITE: Anjelina Nadai Lohalith, IOC Refugee Olympic Team (EOR), Athletics 1500m (English Language)

Q. How was your life in your home country before you left?

"During that time the war was very violent. During the day couldn't sleep, only preparing food, then during the night we used to move inside the bush and then we'd come back out the following day."

01:14 Anjelina tying her shoelaces

01:18 Tilt up from Anjelina's feet as she wears her socks to her face

01:22 Close up of hands tying shoelaces

01:24 Pan down of Anjelina's face as she ties her shoelaces

01:29 Anjelina walking with her backpack

01:32 Anjelina unzipping her jacket

01:34 Anjelina standing at the starting line with other athletes and taking off

01:45 Anjelina running at the athletics competition

01:55 Overhead view of field with athletes running

02:01 SOUNDBITE: Anjelina Nadai Lohalith, IOC Refugee Olympic Team (EOR), Athletics 1500m (English Language)

Q. Why is a refugee Olympic Team important?

"Competing in the Olympic Games as a refugee it will bring a good message all over the world because the peace is created and some people will also appreciate that being a refugee is not just a refugee but a human being like other people so you can do better also like other people are doing."

02:25 Anjelina stretching with other refugee athletes, Uthuk Uko'o Bul, James Chienjiek Nyang and Simon Lodai Luhaju

02:30 Anjelina stretching with one of her coaches

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