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Drowned Out

Armstrong, Franny. *Drowned Out*. London: Spanner Films, 2002. DVCAM, 75 min. https://youtu.be/B6pj8ZT7HZ4.

> Shot over three years by renowned documentary director Franny Armstrong, *Drowned Out* chronicles a village's fight against the construction of the Narmada Dam. It tells the true story of an Indian family's decision to stay at home and drown rather than move to city slums or be relocated to a barren resettlement site with no drinking water. With weeks left, bestselling author Arundhati Roy joins the fight against the dam and asks the difficult questions. Will the water go to poor farmers or to rich industrialists? What happened to the 16 million people displaced by fifty years of dam building? Why should we care? Drowned Out follows the Jalsindhi villagers through hunger strikes, rallies, police brutality and a six year Supreme Court case. It stays with them as the dam fills and the river starts to rise. (Source: Adapted from Spanner Films)

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Further readings:

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Related links:

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- Das Blaue Gold im Garten Eden [Blue Gold in the Garden of Eden] (Film Profile)
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Websites linked in this text:

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