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Why Poverty? Land Rush

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> Rich, land-hungry nations are leasing Africa's best farmland. Is it a crisis, or simply economic development? Screened in more than 70 countries, this hour-long documentary tells the story of an industrial sugar plantation being built in rural Mali, West Africa. Digging into questions of economic development and land rights, the film follows characters who are trying to escape poverty without forsaking their traditional way of life. (Source: Normal Life Pictures)

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