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Caption

February 27, 2023 - Omo River's valley, southwestern Ethiopia: A little girl laughs in the door of her family hut made with rusted corrugated metal, while holding two big, dirty plastic bottles filled with milk. Dessenech tribe, is a Nilotic ethnic group living near the border between Ethiopia and Kenya. They are known for their unique way of life, which is deeply connected to the river and their environment. Like many Nilotic groups, they have a strong animistic belief system. They believe in a connection between the natural world and the spiritual realm, often seeing their cattle, land, and environment as sacred. The Dessenech believe in living without calculations, free from counting ages, numbers, animals, deaths, or even the seasons of rain and drought. They embrace a life that is focused on the present moment, feeling unburdened and alive. They traditionally practice pastoralism, herding cattle, goats, and sheep. They also engage in some agriculture, growing crops like millet and sorghum, though their environment can be challenging for farming. Fishing is also a significant activity, particularly because of their proximity to the Omo River and Lake Turkana. (Maro Kouri/Polaris) (FOTO:DUKAS/POLARIS)

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