

IDP AND VULNERABLE SUPPORT PROJECT IN NORTH-KIVU AND ITURI, NORTH-EASTERN D.R. CONGO

FINAL REPORT

I. INTRODUCTION

Since 2002 and 2003 the town of Beni received many IDPs from Ituri and other areas of North-Kivu province, such as Rutshuru. Although 80% of them had returned in their home areas by 2007 (after the general elections), a considerable number decided to stay in IDP camps on the Beni-Eringeti axis. During this period no food and non food items were distributed. Following fighting between FARDC and CNDP (rebel movement lead by Laurent Nkunda) on one hand and fighting between armed groups among themselves on the other hand, many people had to flee from Rutshuru and Masisi territory to establish in Beni. As longer as their stay distribution became, fewer were humanitarian supports. This was a threat to people's lives and more particularly that of most vulnerable (children under five years, pregnant and lactating women as well as severely ill people.

In the community it has been also observed that lack of knowledge is a determining factor for poverty and malnutrition. It's why during the year 2008, PPSSP targeted both old and new IDPs for support and chose to work with one Pentecostal church (CELPA) to address the issue of literacy and income generating activities among vulnerable groups.

The current report gives the summary of activities carried out during the year 2008, considering that an intermediary report was produced in July 2008.

The current report covers the period June to December 2008.

II. PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The overall objective was to contribute to the improvement of life conditions of displaced people and vulnerable groups through humanitarian assistance and life skills learning in the Beni and Oicha health zones.

Specific objectives of the action include:

- ✚ To bring humanitarian assistance to 1245 IDPs households in Beni town.
- ✚ To reinforce production capacity of 248 IDP households in Beni and surrounding villages to fighting malnutrition in children and women.
- ✚ To build capacity of at least 100 vulnerable people of whom children, widows, women and girls victims of sexual violence in Beni and surroundings through the Free Pentecostal Church.
- ✚ To promote basic education through women, mother-girls and children literacy.

III. ACHIEVEMENTS

The table below summarises the main activities carried out and results achieved.

Project intervention domains	Beneficiaries	Planned activities	Activities carried out	Observation and project impact
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IDP support	New IDPs from Rutshuru	Distribution of 500g of laundry soap to 1245 households	371 households received 1 kg of laundry soap each	During the distribution some IDPs had already changed the location it's why out of 1245 planned, only 371 households were served. The reduced number of IDPs allowed us to increase the quantity of soap for each family. This soap helped them to prevent diarrhoeal diseases and promote basic hygiene practices.
IDP support	New IDPs from Rutshuru	Distribution of 2 plastic jerry cans to 1245 households	742 jerry cans were distributed to 371 households, each of them receiving two pieces.	For the same reason as above, the number of new IDPs receiving jerry cans was less than planned. Jerry cans helped each family to store enough water for the day although it's far to meet the sphere standards compared to the number of people in each family.
IDP support	New IDPs from Rutshuru	Distribution of treated mosquito bed nets to children under five years and pregnant women in order to prevent malaria	No mosquito bed nets were distributed to the target groups	During budgeting, this activity was omitted. So, due to funding limitation, there was no way to carry out distribution of bed nets.
IDP support	Old IDPs from Ituri	Distribution of vegetable seeds to 248 families in order to contribute to the alleviation of hunger and prevention of malnutrition.	1672 kg of Soya beans and 627kg of maize were distributed to 209 households distributed in 8 IDP camps in Beni town.	Each family received 8 kg of Soya beans and 3 kg of maize. After harvesting they were all happy to eat food from their own gardens. Part of their harvest was sold in order to provide for other family needs, such as payment of school fees for their kids.
IDP support	Old IDPs from Ituri	Distribution of small animals for livestock to 248 households	209 pair of chicken were distributed to 209 households distributed in 8 IDP camps in Beni.	Each family received one hen and a cock. 80% of the beneficiary families count now more than 6 chickens and are grateful that they can now enjoy eating eggs sometimes and others sale some chicken to provide for other family needs. Others lost some of their chickens due to epidemics although they were vaccinated.
IDP	Old IDPs	Distribution of	209 machetes and	209 families received each a

support	from Ituri	agricultural tools to 248 households in order to increase their food production	209 hoes were distributed to 209 families	machete and a hoe to help cultivate their fields. They were all happy to be able to produce their own food as they received seeds and tools. They are now self-dependent although their current production is not enough to cover all their basic needs due insufficient access to land.
Support to vulnerable groups through the Church	Pygmies	Conduct literacy classes to teach people how to read and write	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Distribution of soap and salt to 28 pygmy families - Construction of a hangar used as classroom for literacy education and prayer. - Conduct literacy classes for 28 people 	28 people attended the literacy classes including children, men and women. Classes for children and adults were separated. Pygmies were very happy and felt honored and considered as other ethnic groups. They were proud as they could read and write their names. This activity needs to be continued if fund available.
Support to vulnerable people through the Church	Girls victims of sexual violence	Organising literacy education for mother-girls	Literacy classes were organised for 11 vulnerable girls. Through these classes they learned reading and writing skills as well as lifeskills education	The 11 beneficiaries have never been to school before. Through this project they can now read and write Swahili. They need more time to get more knowledge, unfortunately the activity had to be discontinued due to lack of funding.
Support to vulnerable groups through the Church	Women and men	Organising adult literacy education	13 women and 2 men attended a literacy class to learn French grammar, reading, pronunciation and greetings	After six months of training women and men who attend this class are now able to express themselves in French. This also needs to be continued if funding is available
Support to vulnerable groups through the Church	Vulnerable women and victims of sexual violence	Developing income generating activities as part of psychosocial support	Sewing and knitting machines were distributed supplied to the church for training of vulnerable women and girls on embroidery, knitting and sewing	25 women and girls, including widows, orphans and victims of sexual violence learned tailoring, embroidery and knitting. They are happy that they can make by themselves napkins, children pullovers and sewing some clothes (mostly for women and children) and repair men's wears. They are happier because from their labor they can provide for their basic needs such as soap, body lotion, etc.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT:

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V. DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED

- It was difficult to assist all IDPs from Rutshuru as some of them moved to other locations and others did not register.
- Support of vulnerable groups through the church had to be discontinued in December 2008 due to lack of funding
- Increase in price of materials and other supplies
- Lack of transport means for the church leaders did not allow them to supervise activities more frequently as they wished

VI. NEEDS

- ❖ Capacity building of trainers and animators
- ❖ More funding needed to continue activities already started such as literacy and income generating activities
- ❖ Reinforcing capacity of the church to effectively assist more vulnerable groups

VII. CHALLENGES

- ❖ Following the example of the Free Pentecostal Church, more churches need support to conduct the same activities
- ❖ Capacity building of church leaders in development and fighting against HIV-AIDS and health promotion
- ❖ Lack of funding compared to increased needs

VIII. THANKS

PPSSP and beneficiaries are very grateful to Friends of CME and any persons who from near or far away contribute to the alleviation of suffering of people in DR Congo especially IDPs.

Photos below speak more than words.

May God bless you all.

On the behalf of PPSSP

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Young ladies who have never been to school are able to read and write as a result of the project funded by Friends of CME and implemented by PPSSP-CELPA. This activity needs to be continued for more impact as they learn not only reading and writing but also life skills.



Vulnerable women and survivors of sexual violence are being trained for income generating activities to promote their financial self reliance. To get more impact, this activity needs to be continued for at least 6 more months.



Ready for sale napkins are result of training of vulnerable women and survivors of sexual violence.



Pygmies assisted through the project. They need more support to improve their life conditions