

PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

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

INTRODUCTION

Despite all the efforts being made by national and international communities to restore peace in the D.R.Congo especially in the Eastern part, fighting in some parts of this region is still going on as some armed groups have refused to join the peace process established under the “Amani Process”.

IDPs assisted by this project come from Ituri district (old IDPs) and others come from Rutshure (new IDPs) following the war that has been affecting the east of DR Congo for nearly 6 years. Despite their suffering some of them refused to return because they were not sure of the security in their home villages or towns as militia and various other armed groups are still violating people and loot their belongings.

Friends of CME have been supporting IDPs through PPSSP works since 2003.

The current project aims at contributing to the improvement of IDPs and vulnerable groups' welfare through humanitarian support and development of self-reliant activities in Beni and surroundings.

Specific objectives pursued include:

- Provision of humanitarian assistance to 1245 new IDP households in Beni town
- Reinforcement of production capacity to 248 IDP households in Beni and surroundings and by that mean fight against malnutrition of young children and women
- Reinforcement of capacity of at least 100 vulnerable people including children, widows, women/girls victims of sexual violence, widows in 2 evangelical churches in Beni and surroundings
- Promotion of literacy among education disadvantaged people including women, mother-girls and children.

This project started in June 2008, sooner after the receipt of funding.

ACHIEVEMENT

After updating IDP data through households identification in the sites, we proceeded to the distribution of the agricultural tools, seeds, hygiene related non food items and small animals (chicken).

Planned activities	Achieved activities	Comments
Distribution of 500g of laundry soap to 1245 households of new internal displaced people (IDPs).	Distribution of 1kg of laundry soap to 371 households of new IDPs from Rutshuru	Before the provision of these items we had to update the number of beneficiaries including old and new IDPs. The actual number of households was 371 instead of 1245 as some others moved from the area seeking better places to live. The remaining beneficiaries received 1kg of laundry soap instead of the planned 500g.
Distribution of 2 plastic jerrycans to 1245 households of new IDPs	742 jerrycans were distributed 371 households, each of them receiving 2 pieces.	Water is crucial for life. Jerrycans help IDPs to fetch and store water. Although 40 litres per household seems to be not enough but it has been very much appreciated as no other assistance was received so far.

Provision of impregnated mosquito bed nets to children under five years and pregnant women to prevent malaria.	No distribution of mosquito bed nets was made due to budgetary constraints.	Although this activity was well described in the narrative proposal, it was omitted in the budget. It's why it could not be carried out.
Distribution of seeds to 248 households of old IDPs in order to alleviate hunger and prevent malnutrition.	1672kg of soya beans and 627kg of maize were distributed to 209 families among old IDPs distributed in 8 IDP camps in and around Beni town.	209 households were identified instead of 248 initially planned as most of them have returned back to their home villages or decided to resettle in different locations. Each family received 8kg of soya beans and 3kg of maize to be planted in order to get more food. They have got some lands around their houses in the camps or lent by host communities.
Distribution of small animals to 248 families of old displaced people.	209 hens and 209 Cocks were distributed to 209 families in the 8 selected camps.	Seeds and small animals were given only to old IDPs because they have got some space in the camp to raise those animals and grow vegetables. On the contrary, newly arrived IDPs are staying in host families and do not have access to land yet.
Distribution of agricultural tools such as machete and hoes to 248 households in order to increase their food production.	209 machetes and 209 hoes were distributed to 209 families receiving each one of these materials.	Again agricultural tools were distributed to old IDPs.
Conduct literacy education to children, widows and mother-girls who do not know how to read and write through the CELPA Church.	Literacy classes (French and Swahili) are organised from Monday to Friday at the CELPA Church in Beni and Eringeti. 14 adults people are attending a Swahili literacy class and 19 people for a French literacy of whom 89.5% are women. 23 pygmies are also attending the Swahili literacy in Eringeti village.	The project provided literacy materials and pays a token some of money to teachers as incentive to ensure the training. Classes are run in Beni town and Eringeti village. However, needs remain enormous as many people want to get trained but resources are limited.
Ensure training of widows, victims of sexual violence and other vulnerable women in income generating activities through CELPA Church.	22 people including mother-girls, widows, women and girls victims of sexual violence are being trained in tailoring, knitting, embroidery from Monday to Friday. 3 sewing machines and 1 knitting machine and related furniture were provided.	Training is ongoing until the end of the project (December 2008). We are afraid that the project may get to the end before we could see the real impact of the project on the beneficiaries lives as activities started in June this year.

DISTRIBUTION OF OLD IDP BENEFICIARIES BY CAMP

No	Site	No Households	Parents		Size of family	< 5 years		Total	Pregnant women	Lactating Women	Malnourished children
			M	F		M	F				
1	TUHA	61	57	62	306	34	51	85	15	24	0
2	KANGAYE BI	59	46	52	221	15	25	40	3	11	0
3	MUKULYA	84	78	94	435	54	82	136	15	20	0
4	SOTESKI	8	8	10	36	4	13	17	0	2	0
5	NGADI MABAKIMA	11	12	9	32	2	3	7	1	1	0
6	NGADI THIS 39	18	17	16	74	6	12	18	1	5	0
7	MAVIVI CECA20	5	3	5	47	3	4	7	0	0	0
8	MATEMBO	2	2	2	13	0	2	2	0	0	0
	S/TOTAL	248	223	250	1164	118	192	310	35	63	0

From the table above it's noted that no malnourished person (especially children and women) was identified in the IDP camps as a result of the nutritional and agricultural support from Friends of CME. We say thank you.

TESTIMONIES

The whole IDP community thanks the donors who through PPSSP always support them and lead them towards self-reliance in spite of the multiple socioeconomic challenges they face on a daily basis.

1. Masika Francine, a mother of six children stated: "We harvested soya beans early because of hunger and had to consume it before it became ripe".

2. Another woman, a widow said: "Through the support of this project I harvested maize and after saling some of it, I got some money to pay for the school fees of my children who were expelled from school for long time due to lack of financial resources. Another bite was kept for our survival".

3. "We sold our maize and have started raising rabbit, guinea pig, goat... and our wives began small sales of the basic items to respond to the daily needs in oil, sodium chloride, laundry soap and the schooling of the children" said Mr Kakule, father of a large family.

4. "Producing maize and beans on our own helps us to make a favourite meal called MBILIBO", states John Sikuli.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Code	Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Budget	Expenditure up to July	Difference	%	Remarks
1	Direct cost							
	Non food items							
	Soap	2500	0.5	1250	408.65	841.35	32.69	
	Jerrycans	1245	2	2490	3708	-1218	148.92	Prices went up
	Subtotal 1			3740	4116.65	-376.65	110.07	
1.2	Agricultural seeds and tools							
	Seeds kits	1	2115.7	2115.7	2329.55	-213.85	110.11	Prices went up
	Tools kits	248	7	1736	1453	283	83.70	we bought less than planned as the number of beneficiaries went down
	Chicken	496	5	2480	2090	390	84.27	idem
	Subtotal 2			6331.7	5872.55	459.15	92.75	
1.3	Training							
	Literacy education			1500	1000	500	66.67	Ongoing activity
	Income generating activities			1000	750	250	75.00	idem
	Subtotal 3			2500	1750	750	70.00	
	Total Direct cost							
2	Indirect cost							
	Transport			500	340	160	68.00	
	Monitoring and evaluation			1000	462.5	537.5	46.25	idem
	Subtotal 4			1500	802.5	697.5	53.50	
	Total cost			14071.7	12541.7	1530	89.13	
	Fund received from FOCME			13647				
	Balance end July 2008			1105.3				

WE SAY THANK YOU