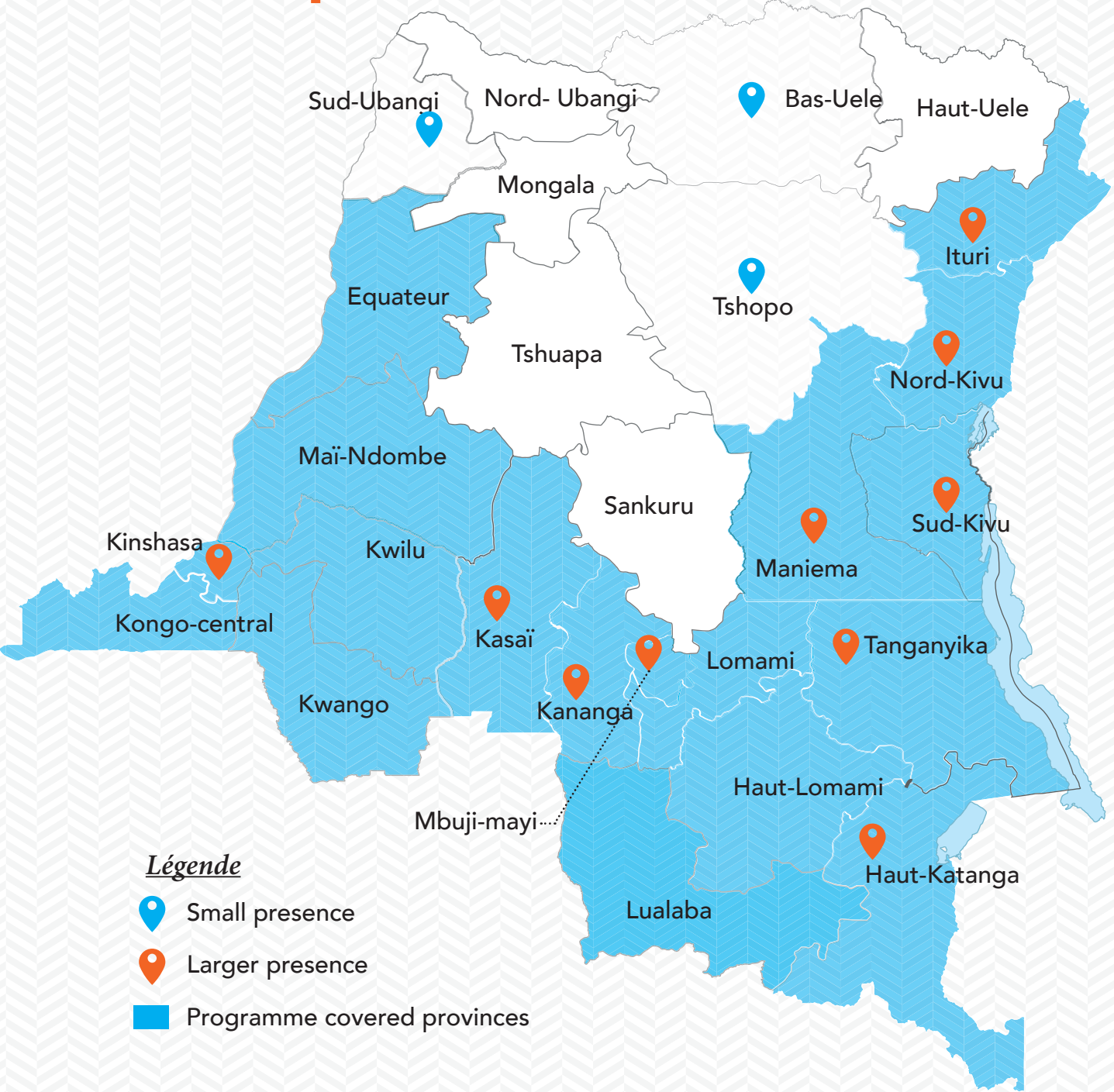


# SAVING AND TRANSFORMING LIVES

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*« No country, not one, has achieved development status or has become an emerging economy without demographic transition, without reduction of fertility and dependency ratio, and the most effective way to achieve demographic transition is through universal access to modern contraception . »*

**Dr. Sennen Hounton**  
**UNFPA DRC Representative**



# MESSAGE FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE

Uncertainties about elections at the end of December and a flurry of crises on top of a protracted humanitarian situation made 2018 a challenging year for UNFPA in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). The country experienced two Ebola outbreaks, cholera and deadly community conflicts in Ituri, Mai-Ndombe and Tanganyika that left hundreds of thousands of people internally displaced in several provinces, including pregnant women and survivors of gender-based violence (GBV). In this context, the UNFPA Country Office maintained sexual and reproductive health as a priority in the development and humanitarian response agenda, and planted new seeds for progress towards women and adolescent girls' empowerment, protection and dignity.

The 2018 annual report reflects the major results obtained in 2018 in the framework of the implementation of the fourth programme of cooperation. UNFPA-supported initiatives have touched the lives of a remarkable number of people. Contraceptives provided through UNFPA in 2018, helped avert 603,537 unintended pregnancies, 175,887 unsafe abortions and 2,453 maternal deaths. Fistula survivors have better access to services as we expanded from 4 to 11 provinces with facilities and capacities for treatment of simple cases of fistula. Through our interventions this year, nearly 10,000 girls benefited from dignity kits and more than 21,500 survivors of GBV accessed much-needed medical and psychosocial services. Nearly 18,000 students acquired knowledge and skills to make informed choices about sexual and reproductive health – a critical step towards unleashing the

potential of youth in a country with a very young population. We celebrated with other human rights advocates when the health bill passed in Parliament in December 2018, thereby improving legal access to modern contraceptives for adolescents, young people and married women or in union. The demographic dividend is firmly reflected in the draft National Strategy Development Plan. With the DRC Census Bureau, progress has been made towards the country second census, and the newly-elected President has declared the country second census one of his priorities.

In 2018, more than 10 new strategic partnerships were successfully developed, including with a mining company (Kibali Gold), oil company (Perenco), mobile phone company (Vodacom), and the Ministry of Infrastructures for the prevention of GBV along roads construction. In the spirit of UN reform and 'Delivering as One', UNFPA championed joint programming and developed innovative joint projects with UNESCO for adolescent girls (Kitumaini); with WFP, FAO, UNESCO and MONUSCO on Youth Peace and Security (Tuzikilizane); and with FAO and WFP on the integration of family planning with food security.

Our shared vision is of a nation where every girl, every woman and every young person, across the country's 26 provinces, has the power, information and means to unleash their own potential. For their valuable contributions towards achieving this vision, we extend a special thanks to our donors and partners, and particularly to our youth networks.





“  
I’m not scared to  
become a mother.  
I’m excited.”

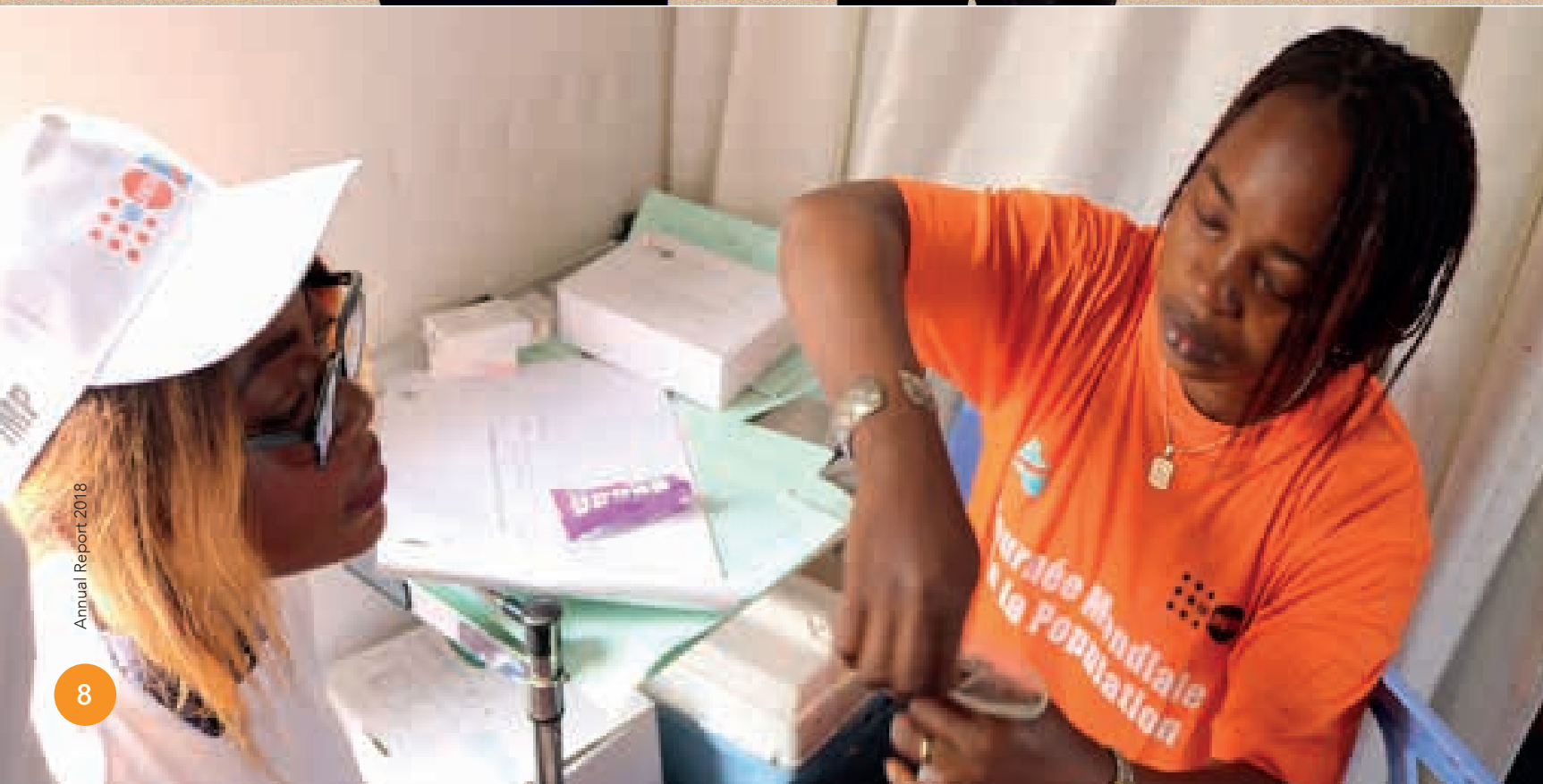
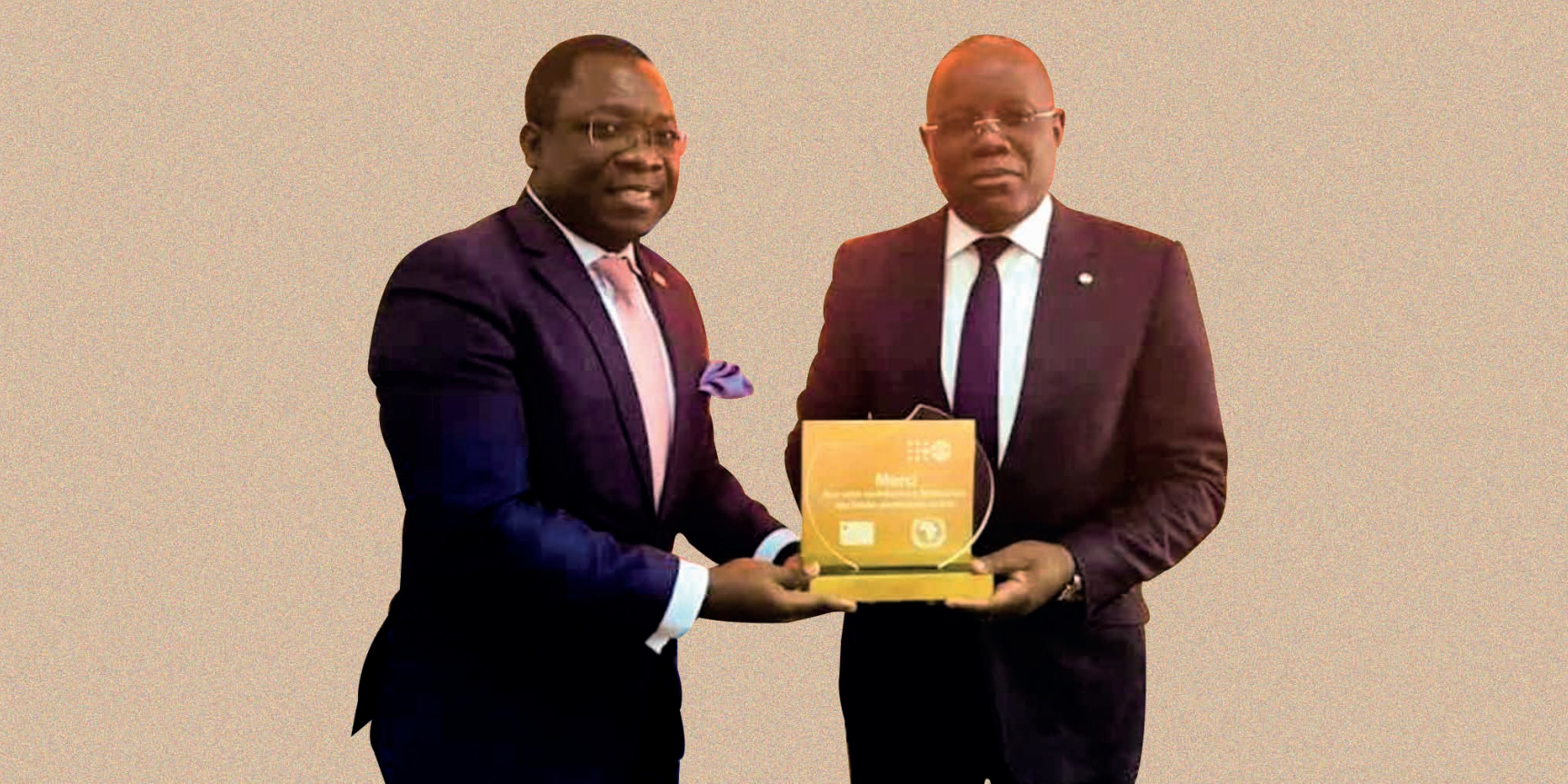
# PREGNANCY BY CHOICE, NOT BY CHANCE



Access to safe, voluntary family planning is a human right and is central to achieving gender equality, empowering women and reducing poverty. UNFPA helps ensure steady supplies and use of high-quality contraceptives.

	2018
<b>CONTRACEPTIVES SUPPLIED BY UNFPA</b>	
MALE CONDOMS	9,689,900
FEMALE CONDOMS	32,240
ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES (CYCLES)	305,987
INJECTABLE CONTRACEPTIVES (DOSES)	942,364
CONTRACEPTIVE IMPLANTS	294,429
INTRAUTERINE DEVICES	29,137
EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTIVE PILLS	26,338
<b>IMPACT OF CONTRACEPTIVES</b>	
UNINTENDED PREGNANCIES PREVENTED	603,537
UNSAFE ABORTIONS AVERTED	175,887
MATERNAL DEATHS AVERTED	2,453





# MAIN INTERVENTIONS

## MOBILE CLINICS AND COMMUNITY BASED DISTRIBUTION

UNFPA has supported the Ministry of Health and key non-governmental partners to recruit 1,996,078 additional users of family planning services delivered through mobile clinics, outreach strategies and community-based-distribution (CBD) by using student nurses and community health workers. Partners include DKT, Care International and ABEF.

## SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

UNFPA provided technical assistance and financial support to the Ministry of Health in the process of strengthening the supply chain by improving the logistics management information system (LMIS). Efforts in 2018 focused on the development of a dashboard on the DHIS2 platform to produce logistics and service data for informed decision-making. To help operationalize the system, UNFPA contributed to development of an LMIS guide and software that contributes to monitoring stocks at the regional warehouse level.

## POLICY ENVIRONMENT

UNFPA-DRC celebrated with other human rights advocate the health bill passed in the Parliament in December 2018 which improves the legal access to modern contraceptives for adolescents, young people and married women or in union. This was possible with the high level advocacy from UNFPA.





“ I’m grateful to Midwives for the care offered during prenatal consultation. ”



# SAVING MOTHERS’ LIVES



Affordable, high-quality reproductive health services save lives. Maternal deaths are decreasing rapidly in developing countries, particularly in the least-developed countries.

	2018
NUMBER OF :	
MIDWIVES TRAINED with support from the Maternal Health Thematic Fund :	612
NUMBER OF :	
WOMEN WHO UNDERWENT SURGERY TO CORRECT OBSTETRIC FISTULA :	996
PERCENTAGE OF :	
MATERNAL DEATHS REVIEWED :	24%
NUMBER OF :	
HEALTH FACILITIES THAT PROVIDED REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES AND INFORMATION TO ADDRESS GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN HUMANITARIAN SETTINGS :	24





# MAIN INTERVENTIONS

## EMERGENCY OBSTETRIC AND NEW BORN CARE

Health services providers in seven health zones (Alunguli, Kalima, Kasongo, Kibombo, Kindu, Kunda and Tunda) benefited from UNFPA-supported efforts to strengthen technical capacity for Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (EmONC). This helped to improve providers' skills in assisting 30,313 deliveries, including 5,497 deliveries for young women and adolescent girls; providing care for 981 obstetric complications and 916 caesareans; and providing post-abortion care and a contraceptive method to 241 women and young girls. In 2018, 78 providers received practical training and mentorship.

## MATERNAL DEATH SURVEILLANCE

Some 10,665 maternal deaths were reported in DRC in 2017, of which 24 percent were reviewed, according to the annual national report on Maternal Death Surveillance and Response (SMDR), produced with UNFPA support and validated by all stakeholders. Based on this information, actions were taken to improve quality of care and prevent similar deaths in the future. Also, a newsletter was produced and shared with stakeholders and authorities on the situation from January to June 2018.

To strengthen capacity, 40 health service providers in four health zones (Kahilo, Kasongo, Kunda and Pangi) participated in training on maternal death notification and review, organization of the response, and production of the quarterly report on the SMDR at the provincial level. The improving the quality of their work had demonstrated the impact of this technical support.

## CAMPAIGN TO END FISTULA

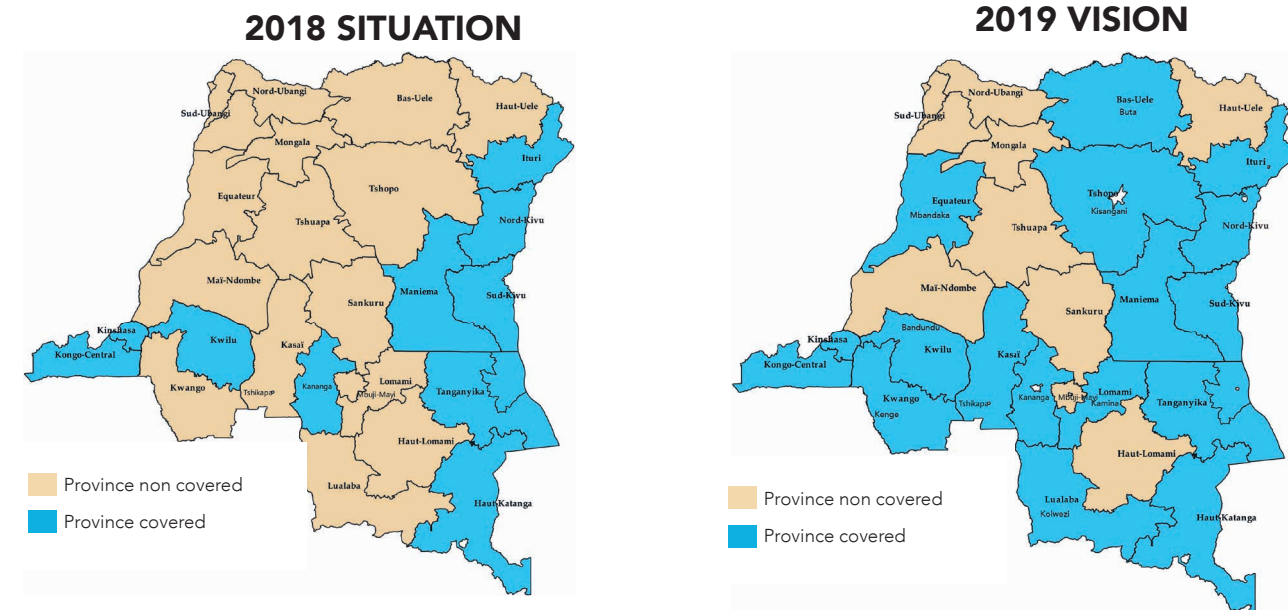
Action to promote the health, hope and dignity of women suffering this injury took several steps forward in 2018, first with validation of the national strategy to combat obstetric fistula. A new multisectoral committee was established, an event organized in Kinshasa mobilized \$200,000, and UNFPA welcomed partnerships with Vodacom and Perenco, a phone and a mining company. The International Day to End Obstetric Fistula was celebrated in several cities in DRC for the first time.

Nearly a thousand cases (996 cases) of obstetric fistula were repaired with UNFPA support in health facilities in 10 provinces.<sup>1</sup> A planned obstetric fistula repair campaign in Mbandaka (Équateur) was postponed until January 2019 for logistical and security challenges related to the presidential election.

*Kinshasa (Bunia), Ituri (Kindu), Maniema, Lubumbashi (Upper Katanga), Kisantu (Central Kongo), Kikwit (Kwilu), Kalemie (Tanganyika), Kananga (Central Kasai), Goma (North Kivu) and Bukavu (South Kivu)*



## COVERAGE OF FISTULA MANAGEMENT



## RESULTS in 2018: Midwifery Association

- 5th of May-The international day of midwives was commemorated for the first time in 9localities across DRC namely; Kinshasa, Bunia, Tshikapa, Kindu, Kalemie, Bukavu, Matadi, Tshikapa and Goma
- 7 Provincial Associations of Midwifery-Maniema, Bukavu, Kalemie, Kananga, Tshikapa, Ituri and Bandundu were supported to organize mini congresses to promote the profession. The Maniema midwifery association benefitted from institutional support in the form of office equipment, IT material and internet connection
- Midwifery associations of Kinshasa, Kalemie, Tshikapa et Boma were supported to organize integrated reproductive health minicampaigns and mobile clinics raising awareness on reproductive, maternal, new born and adolescent health interventions with emphasis on family planning. These campaigns enabled the recruitment of more than 10,000 new acceptant of modern family planning

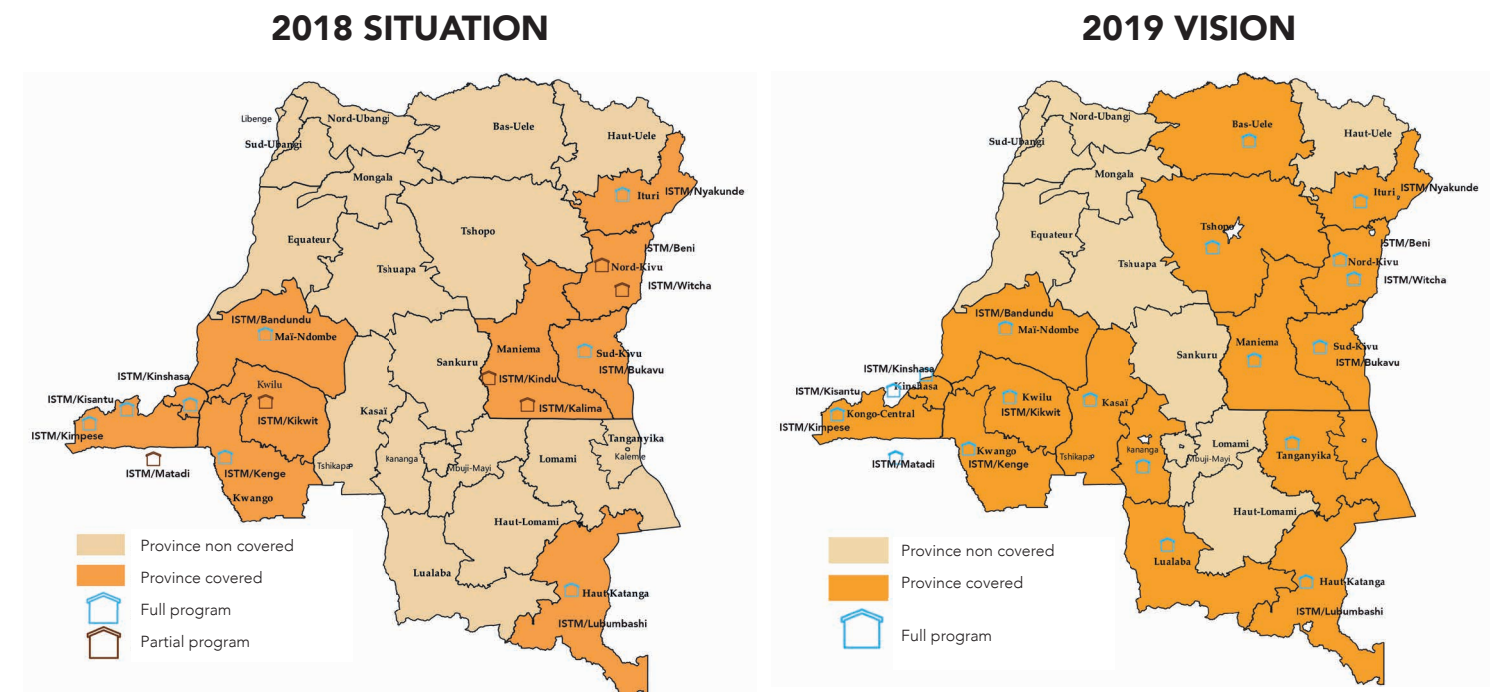
## RESULTS IN 2018: Regulation of the Midwifery Profession

- Under the patronage of the president of the socio cultural commission in parliament and the Minister of Gender, a one day of reflection was organized on the urgency to regulate the midwifery profession in DRC
- Support was provided to the process of finalizing the law on the National Order of Midwives in DRC and the draft law is now in the parliament
- 145 midwives were sworn in during the third batch of the national midwifery association's initiative destined to license midwives graduates

## MIDWIFERY PROGRAMME COVERAGE

### Results in 2018 : MIDWIFERY EDUCATION

- 18 midwifery training institutions received new midwifery training curriculum
- 612 more midwives trained in accordance with ICM and WHO norms graduated from 14 midwifery training institutions that receive UNFPA support
- 2 midwifery training institutions ISTM-Kindu and ISTM-Kalima both in Maniema province benefitted from an in-depth evaluation after which gaps were filled related to equipment of skills laboratories.
- 26 Teachers from ISTM-Kindu and ISTM-Kalima benefitted from capacity building in competency based approach to training while 22 practical mentors had their technical capacities improved
- 32 midwives from 3 maternities in Kinshasa received 8 training sessions on a pilot Mobile learning system (MLS) for the training of midwives







# PREVENTING AND RESPONDING TO GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE



	2018
NUMBER OF :	
WOMEN AND GIRLS WHO RECEIVED DIGNITY KITS:	10,981
NUMBER OF SURVIVORS OF GBV WHO RECEIVED :	
SPECIALIZED MEDICAL CARE :	10,574
PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT :	11,013
LEGAL COUNSELLING :	899
HOLISTIC SUPPORT IN ONE-STOP-CENTER :	687
NUMBER OF :	
SERVICE PROVISION POINTS EQUIPEPPED WITH POST-RAPE KITS :	52
NUMBER OF :	
POLICE OFFICER, MEDICAL AND PSYCHOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS TRAINED ON GBV CASE MANAGEMENT :	797
NUMBER OF :	
SAFE SPACES AVAILABLE FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS DURING HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE :	26





# MAIN INTERVENTIONS

## LEADERSHIP ON GBV AND SGBV

In the DRC, UNFPA chairs the GBV sub-cluster that counts at least 45 active members including national and international NGOs, UN agencies and governmental structures and has 7 sub-national presences in humanitarian hubs. UNFPA contributed to the Monitoring analysis and reporting arrangements (MARA) on conflict related sexual violence.

- In 2018, UNFPA has also been appointed as lead for Protection from sexual exploitation and abuses (PSEA) and accountability to affected population (AAP),
- With the support of the European Commission (ECHO), the Women Refugee Commission and the GBV AoR, UNFPA has led a process for the development of a national road map for the global initiative on the Call to Action on the protection from GBV in emergencies.

## NATIONAL DATABASE FOR GENDER BASED VIOLENCE INCIDENTS

UNFPA has accompanied the Ministry in charge of Gender in ensuring the availability of quality and data measuring the incidence of gender based violence at service provision points since 2010. 2018 has started a new era for the GBV National Database with the introduction

of a new application for smart phones and tablets. The upgrading process of GBV data collection application will have the added value of feeding the database online without going through the internet. This is made possible through technology-based camera and an Android application available on the tablet.

## CASE-MANAGEMENT OF SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN THE "ONE-STOP-CENTERS"

UNFPA promotes the multi-sectorial model for case management of survivors of gender based violence into a "one-shop" where all services are available (One-Stop-Center). This approach has been developed by Panzi Hospital and scaled up by UNFPA in 3 provinces of the country. In 2018, UNFPA has supported 8 one stop centres. .

## MULTIPLE PREVENTION STRATEGIES TO END GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN DRC

UNFPA has a vision to step up on prevention strategies. These include male engagement, positive masculinity, 16 days of activism on violence against women and girls, and PSEA in private sectors in partnership with the International Labour Organization (ILO)





# UNLEASHING THE POTENTIAL OF YOUTHS



	2018
NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO ACQUIRED COMPREHENSIVE SEXUALITY EDUCATION AND SKILLS TO MAKE INFORMED CHOICES :	17,783
NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL USERS FOR MODERN CONTRACEPTION AMONG ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG :	1,028,403
NUMBER OF CONDOMS DISTRIBUTED :	5,813,940
NUMBER OF CASES OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS TREATED :	300,958
NUMBER OF STI CASES IDENTIFIED THROUGH SCREENING :	245,098





# MAIN INTERVENTIONS

## TUSIKILIZANE PROJECT

The Tusikilizane (Let us listen to each other) Project promotes peaceful coexistence and social cohesion, notably between Twas and Bantous in sites for internally displaced, to build trust and prepare for peaceful community life in their respective area of return.

The project interventions include:

- Youth and Women participation in community circles for conflict prevention and peace consolidation through:
- Promotion of peaceful coexistence and social cohesion, between Twa and Bantous in IDP sites.
- Joint revenue generating activities for Youth and Women to reduce discrimination between Twa and Bantou communities.
- Enhance leadership and entrepreneurship skills of youth and women to promote the economic role in the reconstruction of their communities and society.

### Results in 2018

- 10,000 youth and women were sensitized through playing soccer matches that bringing communities together after conflict;
- 50 women and youth expanded their leadership and entrepreneurship capacities and knowledge
- 115 youth and 65 women received financial assistance to implement community activity that helped build trust, reduce discrimination between Twa and Bantou and promote the economic role of young people in their villages and IDP sites;

## KITUMAINI INITIATIVE

This initiative on comprehensive sexuality education for adolescents and young people works in and out of schools in the areas of curriculum, training and youth-friendly services.

To achieve its objectives, in 2018, the KITUMAINI Initiative has:

- Contributed to the integration of the «National Family Life Education Program» into the teaching curriculum of 70 secondary schools and 4 vocational training centers;
- Trained 75 mentors to support some of the brightest girls in the above-mentioned schools to develop the life skills and competencies needed to express their potential;
- Supported the integration of adolescent-friendly health services (accessibility, respect for neutrality and confidentiality) in 6 health facilities located near the 70 schools where the National Family Life Education Programii «was integrated into the teaching curriculum.

### Results in 2018

- 210 teachers (from 80 schools and 9 vocational learning centers) in the cities of Goma, Kinshasa and Lubumbashi were trained on the use of the National Family Life Education Program.
- 18,000 students aged between 15 and 17 (more than half of them girls) received comprehensive sex education at school and out of school.
- 60,000 adolescent girls gained access to quality services for young people
- 300 teenage mothers have learned a trade (cutting and sewing, aesthetic and culinary) while receiving at the same time, comprehensive sex education.





Award ceremony of «100 Jeunes Page d'Espoir», recognizing young people who led significant changes in their own communities.



2018 Amani Festival : DRC UNFPA representative with young people to encourage them to believe in their potential and be agents of change for achieving the SDGs



Joint field visit with The Embassy of Sweden, UNFPA CO, Pathfinder and the DRC government at Mother and child center in Bumbu health zone (Swedish Funded Project on adolescents' SRH)





# POLICIES AND DEMOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE



UNFPA :

- Support the government in the process of finalizing the National Strategic Development Plan (PNSD) by integrating UNFPA mandate, including the demographic dividend as one of the country's development levers.
- Support included regional, national and provincial advocacy for the commitment to the demographic dividend both national and provincial authorities have recognized the importance of family planning investments as a relevant choice for the country's development.
- Support technically and financially the government for the realization of census cartography and geo-referenced data collection.

## As results

- A draft of National Strategic Development Plan reframed and incorporating the demographic challenge available for validation
- Appropriation by national and provincial authorities of the importance of FP investments as a relevant choice for the emergence of DRC.
- Development of thematic analyzes on PF-Nutrition; DD-Inclusive Growth, ICPD National Report +25, 12 Monthly Data Publication of RH and GBV Interventions
- Existence of preliminary data on pilot mapping of Census





# MAIN INTERVENTIONS

## DRC SECOND CENSUS

The information generated by a new population and housing census will provide the accurate data policymakers need when shaping the country’s future. The last census was in 1984. The country needs reliable and up-to-date data to elaborate National Strategic Development Plan, and to measure achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. The census results comprise a contribution to the process of development and decentralization in DRC.

The Central Bureau of Census has initiated and organized a series of preparatory works, including two tests of equipment (tablets) and the movements of field agents in 2014 and 2015. Pilot cartography was conducted in eight sites in 2017, and a review of pilot cartography took place in 2018, one of the technical steps for preparing the census.

## GRID INITIATIVE IN DRC

Two areas of interventions were identified: mapping of health infrastructures with Ministry of Health, and population estimation with Ministry of Planning, both GRID partners in DRC along with the National Institute of Statistics-Central Bureau of Census, University of Kinshasa, UCLA-Kinshasa School of Public Health and UN agencies.

The ‘Evaluation of Pilot Cartography’ was the focus in 2018 of GRID3 efforts to strengthen national capacity for the production and use of

geo-referenced census data. Technical assistance from UNFPA provided satellite images for better photo interpretation of sites, strengthened the technical capacities of Bureau staff with study trips to Ethiopia and Congo Brazzaville, and supported set up and operation of the optical fiber between the main and back-up servers and an optimized test. The Global GRID3 programme is funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the UK Department for International Development

## STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH WORLD BANK AND DRC GOVERNMENT FOR CRVS

As part of the support to the vital statistics registration and vital statistics reform process initiated by the Congolese Government, UNFPA has mobilized \$ 3.9 million from the World Bank to implement two joint projects (CIVIPOL Conseil, DIGITECH, TRANSTEC, CARITAS Congo, IDEMIA, UNFPA)

## DEMOGRAPHIC DIVIDEND

In 2018 we launched the State of the World Population report with the UN system, Government Ministers, Ambassadors, Scientists and civil society organisations. The launch was presided by H.E. Minister of Planning, and H.E Minister of Gender Family and Infants with Keynotes from the UN Resident Coordinator and two scientific communications on a) Family Planning and Food Security, b) Family Planning, Emergence and Inclusive Growth.







# ADDRESSING EMERGENCIES THE DECENTRALIZED OFFICE IN GOMA



## NUMBER OF PEOPLE REACHED

- 760,693 Total number of affected people reached with integrated and life-saving sexual and reproductive health services, supplies and information by the Decentralized Office in Goma, which is part of the UNFPA Country Office
- 200 People reached with dignity kits 1,101: UNFPA-assisted safe deliveries
- 1,101 Number of UNFPA-assisted safe deliveries
- 71,119 People reached with adolescent sexual and reproductive health services, supplies and information
- 5,988 Women and girls with access to services provided through service delivery points that are equipped with post-rape kits
- 1,287 Number of Gender-based violence survivors reached within 72 hours
- 60 Number of Midwives reached with clean delivery kits to perform normal deliveries at the community level when there is no access to a health facility
- 8 Number of safe spaces supported by UNFPA (includes safe spaces for women, girls and youth)



## SERVICES DELIVERED

- 3 Mobile clinics and mobile teams for sexual and reproductive health supported by the DO in Goma
- 9 Functional health facilities supported by UNFPA that provide emergency obstetric care



## CAPACITY STRENGTHENED

- 130 Personnel trained on Minimum Initial Service Package for reproductive health
- 201 Number of Youth facilitators, peers and volunteers trained on sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence in DO





Donation of 10 tons of reproductive health supplies including contraceptives, life-saving maternal health medicine and medical equipment to the Government of North Kivu Province to assist in the Ebola epidemic response



DRC Representative discussing with Dr MUKWENGE (DRC Noble price) on fistula repair strategy



Youth marching in support of Ebola response in Beni (North Kivu)

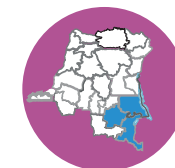


Women involvement in the socio-economic rehabilitation activities helps to reduce unemployment and enrolment of male partners in armed groups ( Youth, Peace and security, STAREC Project )





## ADDRESSING EMERGENCIES THE DECENTRALIZED OFFICE IN LUBUMBASHI



### NUMBER OF PEOPLE REACHED

- 784,065 Total number of affected people reached with integrated and life-saving sexual and reproductive health services, supplies and information by the Decentralized Office in Lubumbashi, which is part of the UNFPA Country Office
- 100 People reached with dignity kits
- 4014 UNFPA-assisted safe deliveries
- 7275 People reached with adolescent sexual and reproductive health services, supplies and information
- 596 Women and girls with access to services provided through service delivery points that are equipped with post-rape kits
- 169 Gender-based violence survivors reached within 72 hours
- 30 Midwives reached with clean delivery kits to perform normal deliveries at the community level when there is no access to a health facility
- 1 Number of safe spaces supported by UNFPA (includes safe spaces for women, girls and youth)

### SERVICES DELIVERED



- 1 Mobile clinics and mobile teams for sexual and reproductive health supported by the DO in Lubumbashi
- 12 Functional health facilities supported by UNFPA that provide emergency obstetric care

### CAPACITY STRENGTHENED



- 60 Personnel trained on Minimum Initial Service Package for reproductive health
- 240 Youth facilitators, peers and volunteers trained on sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence





Mobile Clinic for integrated RH/GBV/HIV care and services to displaced women in Kalemie



Community awareness-raising on family planning service delivery



The Governor of Tanganyika, Ambassador of Canada, the UNFPA Representative and the Representative of the Embassy of Sweden at the launch of TUSIKILIZANE project in Kalemie

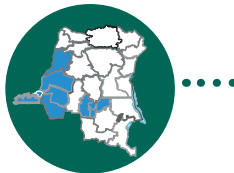


Awareness session on the peaceful cohabitation between Twa and Bantou communities in Kalemie





# ADDRESSING EMERGENCIES THE DECENTRALIZED OFFICE IN KINSHASA



## NUMBER OF PEOPLE REACHED

- 3,116,226 Total number of affected people targeted with integrated and life-saving sexual and reproductive health services, supplies and information by the Decentralized Office in Kinshasa, which is part of the UNFPA Country Office
- 7,621 People reached with dignity kits
- 374,201 UNFPA-assisted safe deliveries
- 17,842 People reached with adolescent sexual and reproductive health services, supplies and information
- 3,031 Women and girls with access to services provided through service delivery points that are equipped with post-rape kits
- 2,104 Gender-based violence survivors reached within 72 hours
- 22 Midwives reached with clean delivery kits to perform normal deliveries at the community level when there is no access to a health facility
- 30 Safe spaces supported by UNFPA (includes safe spaces for women, girls and youth)



## SERVICES DELIVERED

- 9 Mobile clinics and mobile teams providing sexual and reproductive health supported by the DO in Kinshasa
- 101 Functional health facilities supported by UNFPA that provide emergency obstetric care



## CAPACITY STRENGTHENED

- 207 Personnel trained on Minimum Initial Service Package for reproductive health
- 293 Youth facilitators, peers and volunteers trained on sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence





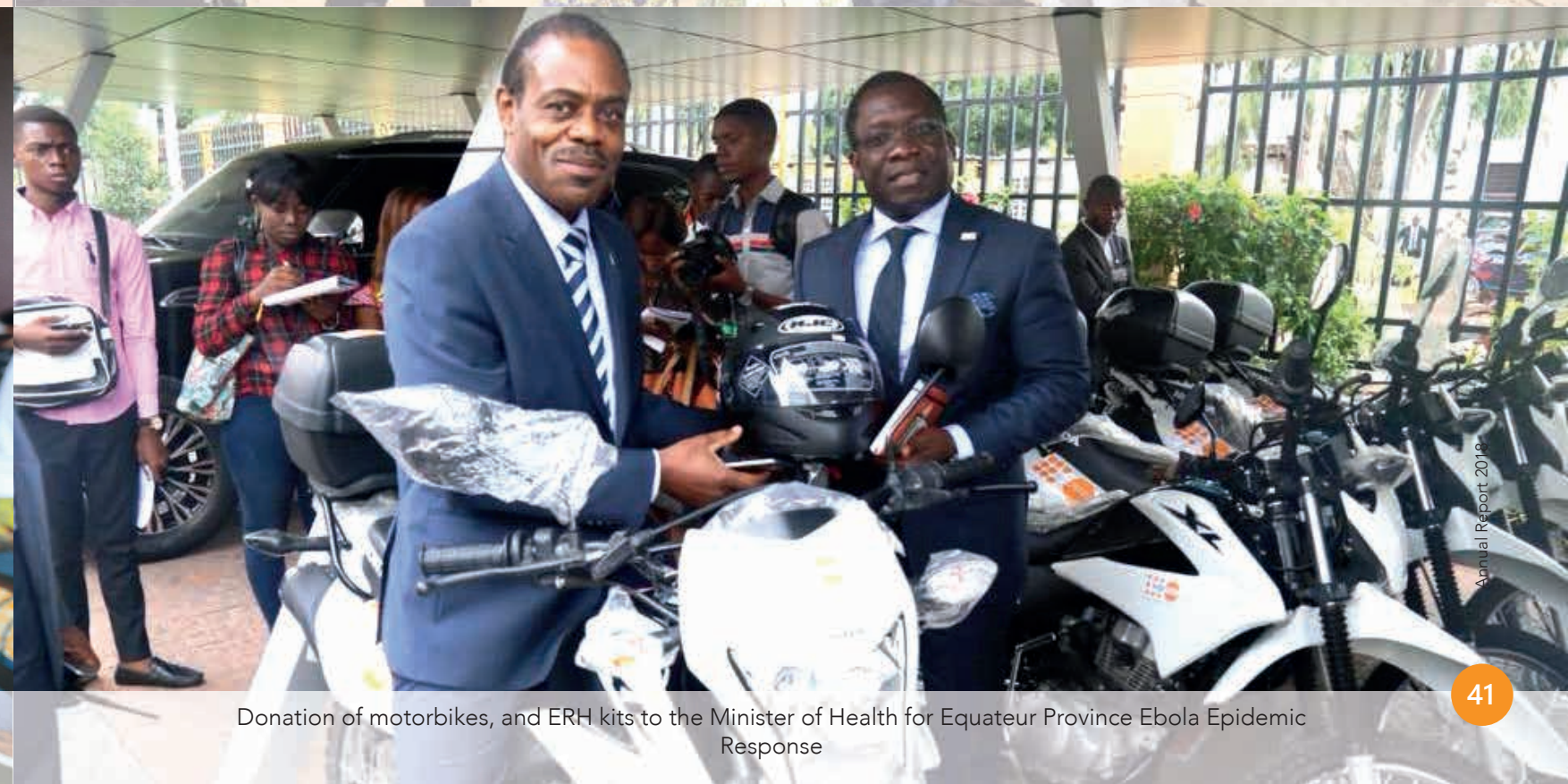
Delivery of reproductive health kits for the care of displaced women and girls in Kamako (Kasaï-Central)



Exchange between the Representative and the health staff during his visit to Kasaï

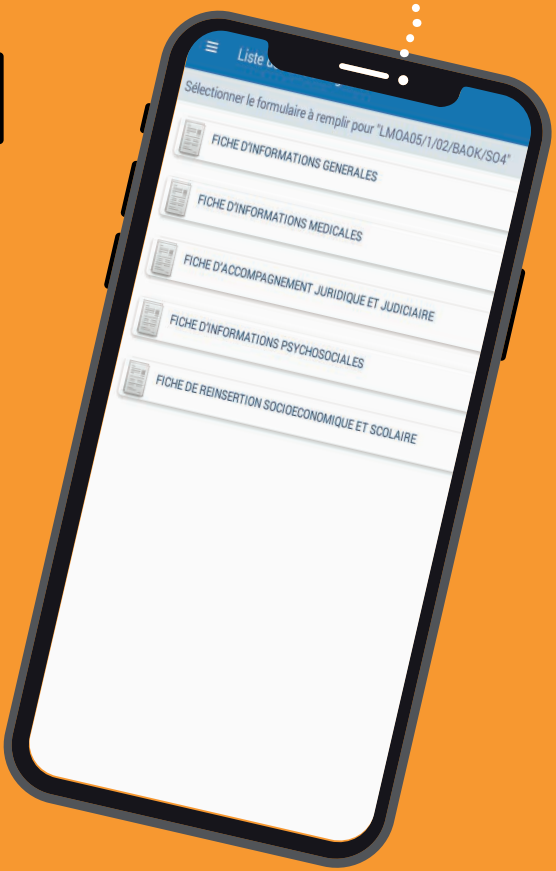
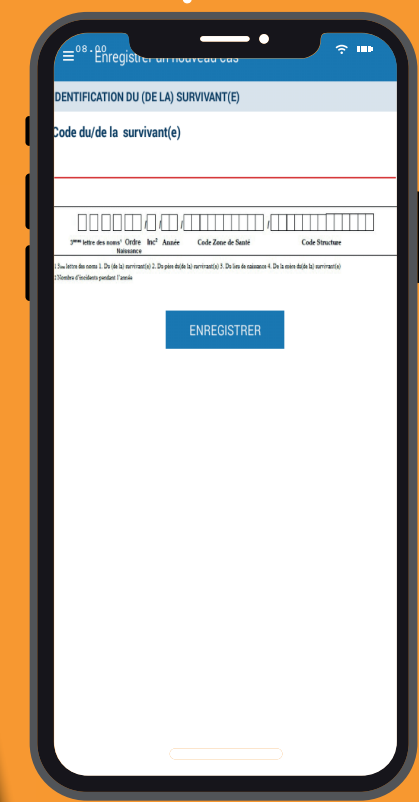
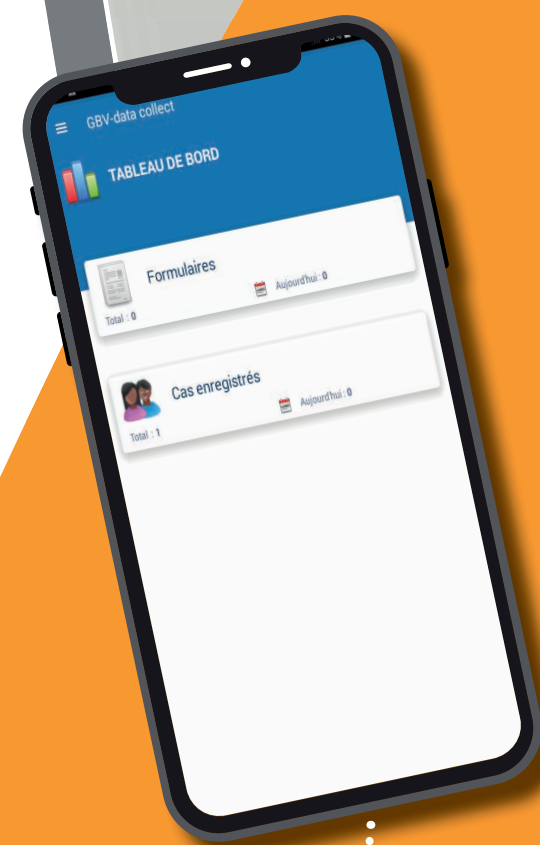


A woman whose dignity and smile is restored following successful obstetric fistula surgery (Kasaï)



Donation of motorbikes, and ERH kits to the Minister of Health for Equateur Province Ebola Epidemic Response





# INNOVATIONS

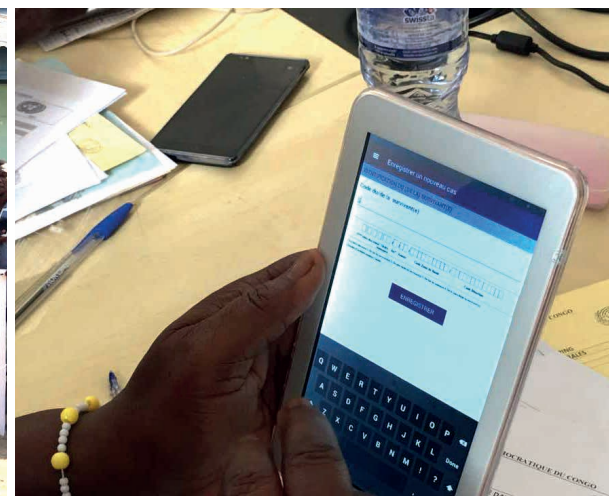
## GBV

### DATABASE SOLUTION

When the process of GBV data collection was upgraded, the app in use gained the added value of being able to feed the database online without going through the internet. This is made possible through technology-based camera and an Android application available on the tablet. This innovation will ensure:

- More timely data gathering and larger coverage
- More reliability and promptness in the transmission of information
- Reinforced accountability to donors, and larger participation for partners that can analyse their own data in the application
- The impact of GBV and support to survivors of this phenomenon

Data protection measures will maintain the highest standards of ethical principles for data collection and survivor-centred approach. The renewed database also improve the monitoring of allegation of conflict related sexual violence incidents, increasing accountability in particular of national security forces.







# INNOVATIONS

## COMM CARE FOR EBOLA CONTACTS TRACING

CommCare is a data collection platform on community health from mobile phone, in which it has designed an application on Ebola Contacts tracking and that will enable the DRC Ministry of Health:

- Make available in real-time the data monitoring on Ebola contacts
- Reduce the delay between the data entry and its use
- Strengthen the quality of work of community agents in tracking Ebola contacts.







# INNOVATIONS SITUATION ROOM

UNFPA must continually advocate for the protection and dignity of women and adolescent girls, and for the positioning of young people as agents of change, peace and security. This requires innovation in our communication about emergencies, resource mobilization and technical expertise. Inspired by the newscast 'Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer' on CNN as well as the CDC Emergency Operations Center (United States), the Country Office created a 'situation room' in the main office where at a glance any visitor or staff member can quickly grasp the scope of UNFPA humanitarian operations in DRC. Many items are displayed in the situation room:

1. Profiles of humanitarian crises and the needs of adolescent girls, women and young people, as per our core functions;
2. Key information from the IASC GBV sub-cluster and Reproductive Health sub-group on coordination monitoring, prevention and response activities, maps, and weekly updates on kits and supplies and key functions;
3. Funding pipeline for resource mobilization;

4. Human resources and monitoring of rest and recuperation and leaves to ensure continuity of services;
5. Data, including first-ever monthly bulletins that reflects the work of the GBV sub-cluster and Reproductive Health sub-group.

Information displayed in this room does more than explain what we do; this is also improving how we work. The visual and weekly tracking of emergency reproductive health (ERH) kits helps reduce stock-outs by triggering action to dispatch more kits to hubs with low volume. Similarly, the visual tracking of relief time for staff deployed in humanitarian hubs helps anticipate and avoid absences of critical technical expertise in hot spots.

Photos displayed in the room depict key response interventions in various sites. Digitalization of the situation room has started with TV screens, display of videos and maps and (coming soon) a channel for direct interviews with colleagues in the field.





# INNOVATIONS KITUMAINI HEALTH CARD

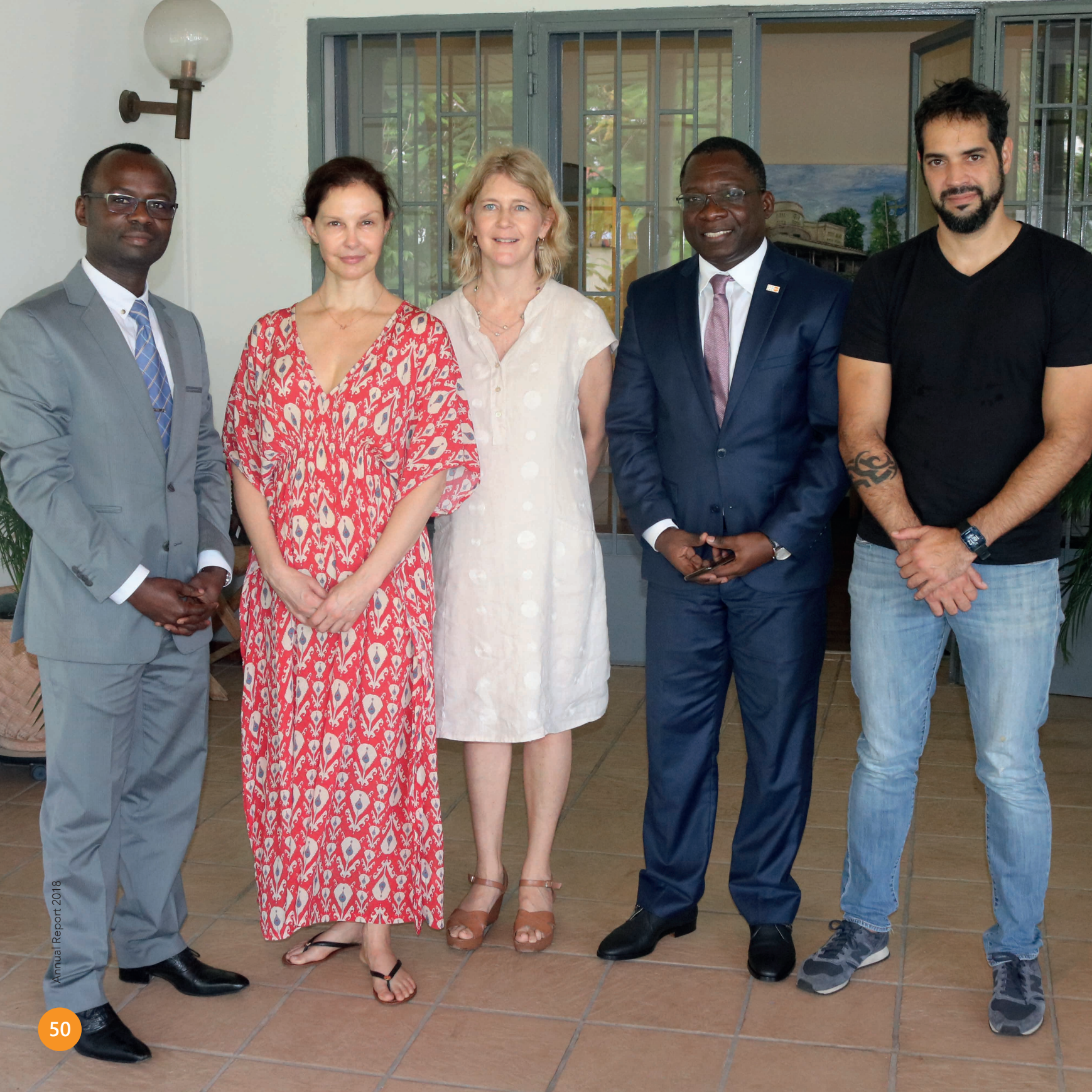
The implementation of NFC smart cards will provide day-to-day monitoring of adolescent girls' access to health services. Health facilities will be equipped with NFC smart card readers to transmit useful information/data in real time to the main server, which will be located either at UNFPA or the Ministry of Health.

The technology used will be based on a web application that allows real-time

analysis and the production of health data. Only health facilities located near schools and student residences in the targeted health zones will be equipped with card readers; they also will provide additional care for malaria cases. All Kitumaini health centres will be geo-referenced and a web mapping link will allow users to identify nearby health facilities, as well as the different services and activities offered.





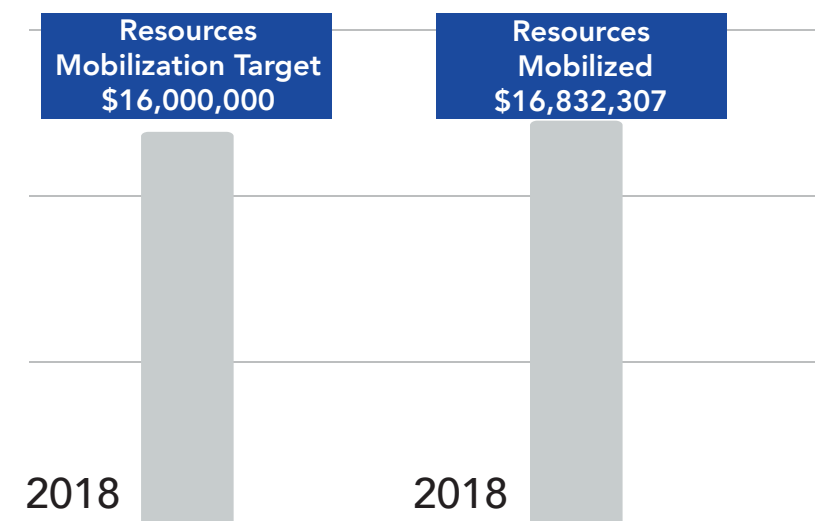


# RESOURCES MOBILIZATION



The UNFPA resource mobilization plan for the Democratic Republic of the Congo focused on a number of strategic interventions in 2018.

- Define a clear strategic focus through the three transformative results to achieve by 2020: End unmet need for family planning, end preventable maternal deaths and end gender-based violence and harmful practices. In so doing, leave no one behind.
- Maintain strong advocacy with traditional donors in the field such as Canada, Japan, Sweden, Iceland, the Netherlands, UN CERF (Central Emergency Response Fund) and Humanitarian Fund.
- Create new partnerships with non-traditional donors such as Koica, China and the World Bank through the DRC Government and with the private sector including companies such as Vodacom and petroleum firms.
- Strengthen partnerships with other UN agencies such as UNDP, WFP, FAO and UN Women.
- Build staff resource mobilization capacity in-country.
- Strengthen the UNFPA role and capacities in the humanitarian sphere.
- Address resource mobilization challenges in many ways, including through strategically pooled United Nations funding platforms and consolidated global financing mechanisms.







## RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

### MOBILIZING DOMESTIC RESOURCES WITH VODACOM FOR THE CAMPAIGN TO END FISTULA

A gala for fistula resource mobilization, a unique event in the DRC, involved high-level officials, ambassadors, politicians, parliamentarians, representatives of mining and oil companies, academia, and heads of UN agencies, international NGOs and civil society organizations. Obstetric fistula survivors were special guests at the May, 2018 event

#### As results:

- The event raised more than \$100,000 to contribute to surgical repair and socio-economic reintegration of for some 400 cases of obstetric fistula, including in remote localities never before reached by such services.
- High-level officials and institutions committed to continuing to support the Campaign.
- Evidence-based advocacy around the event raised awareness about obstetric fistula including how to prevent this injury of obstructed childbirth.
- Information and education activities increased knowledge of obstetric fistula and countered myths.
- More partnerships for the Campaign to End Fistula were facilitated, and funds collected, through SMS made possible by Vodacom.





## PERENCO INVESTS IN KONGO CENTRAL HEALTH ZONES WITH UNFPA

The petroleum company PERENCO has applied the social component of its mandate by working for community development in the city of Boma in Moanda, and also with UNFPA to improve maternal health and the empowerment of adolescents and young people.

The two organizations agreed to work in a complementary way to rationalize their resources in order to improve living conditions for local communities of Kongo Central. The areas of intervention include the health of women, mothers, young people, adolescents and newborns. This partnership will also support gender issues especially in empowering women and girls who are out of school and unemployed.

### Results in 2018 :

- PERENCO equipped health zones with 150 mattresses and 150 hospital beds.
- UNFPA provided reproductive health supplies consisting of 29,800 male and female condoms, individual delivery kits for 800 pregnant women, and contraceptives and life-saving maternal health medicines.
- This partnership has improved women's access to maternal health care and quality family planning services in the target health zones, including 2,664 deliveries attended by skilled personnel and 2,013 women who benefited from family planning methods in target health zones in 2018.





## STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

### AFRICAN UNION ANTI-CORRUPTION THEME RESONATES WITH YOUTH

The UNFPA Country Office supported the African Union Commission in DRC to celebrate under the theme declared by the AU for 2018: Winning the Fight against Corruption: A Sustainable Path to Africa's Transformation. Initiatives took place under the leadership of the African Union Ambassadors in DRC and in close collaboration with UNFPA, MONUSCO and other UN agencies.

On African Union day on May, for example, a cycling race was organized with categories for senior men, junior boys and junior girls. Participants in each category received trophies as a reward, including special trophies for junior girls offered by UNFPA.

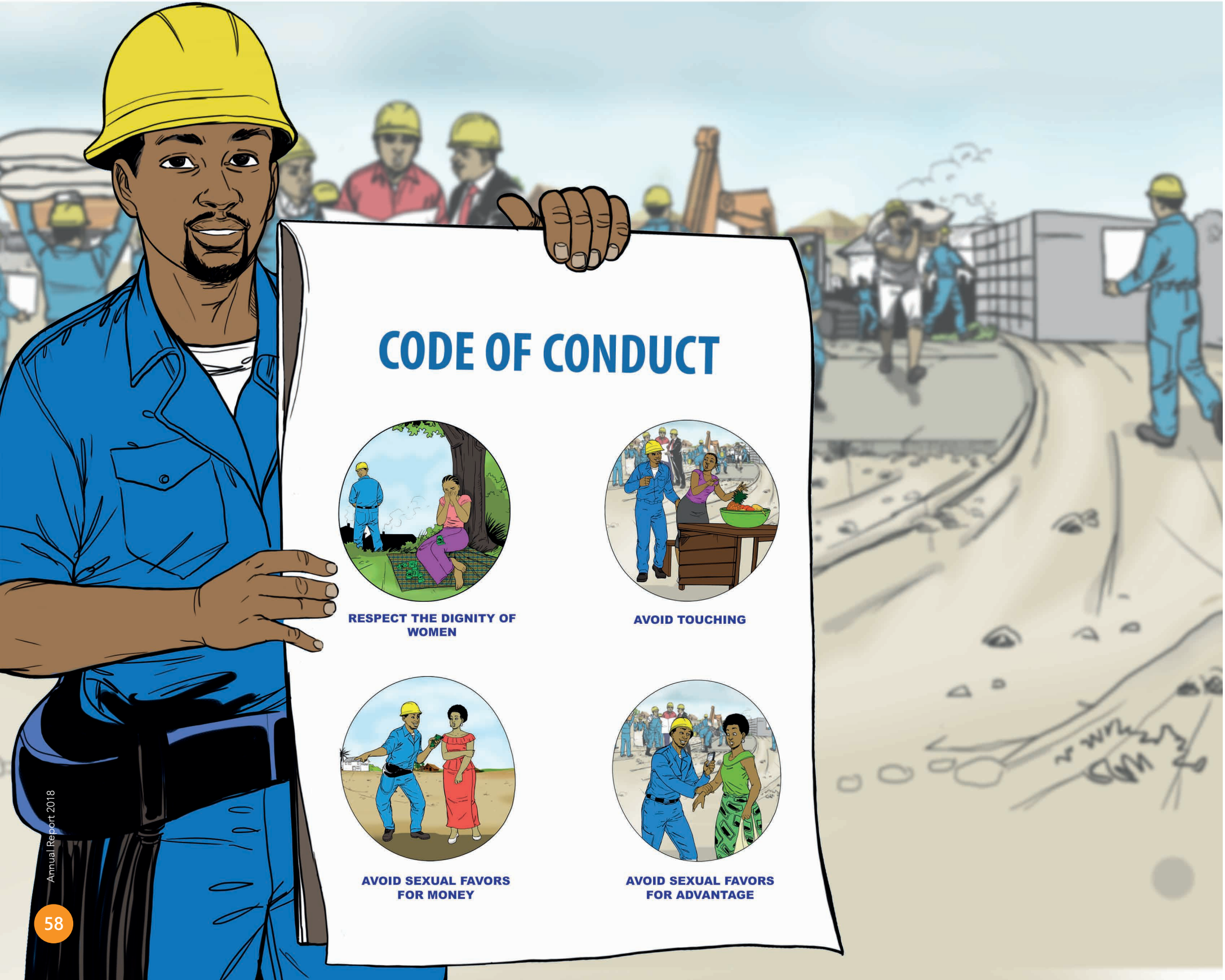
UNFPA CO mobilized 4 mobile clinics (one at the arrival point of the race at the hotspot cities of

Kinshasa) in other to sensitize adolescents and young people on the importance of family planning, early marriage and the prevention of HIV/STIs.

In the same framework, UNFPA DRC forged strategic partnerships and mobilized resources for obstetric fistula response. A unique and innovative fund raising gala was organized in collaboration with Ministry of Gender, Children, & Families, Ministry of Health, African Union, and Vodafone telecommunication company.

It saw the participation of prominent government officials, ambassadors, politicians, parliamentarians, mining companies, oil companies, UN Heads of Agencies, Heads of International NGOs and civil society, Academia, obstetric fistula survivors.





# PREVENTING GBV ALONG ROADS CONSTRUCTION WITH THE WORLD BANK

UNFPA developed a strategic partnership with the Ministry of Infrastructure and the World Bank to manage the social impacts of the World Bank investment in DRC on road rehabilitation called “Pro-Routes Project” facing challenges of allegation of sexual exploitation and abuses.

UNFPA set up a “protection package” on sexual exploitation and abuses (SEA) for companies working alongside 2,200 km of road, in partnership with the the contractor’s companies and eight NGOs including Heal Africa, Panzi Foundation, ACTED, and the “Programme de Promotion de Soins de Santé Primaires” (PPSP). Interventions included:

**Results in 2018:**

- A pool of 40 trainers on SEA among NGOs partners that then trained more than 1,500 workers and managers of the companies in charge of the rehabilitation works;
- A communication plan with an innovative communication tools and a large campaign to be launched in early 2019 ;
- Operationalization of 3 complaint mechanisms along the main axes of Pro-Routes that threatened 81 allegations confirming 14 cases as directly linked to Pro-Routes
- Victim assistance within GBV program: allowing all the 81 alleged SEA victims as well as other 555 survivors of gender based violence to get specialized services





## DRC IS COLLECTING BETTER «VITAL STATISTICS» WITH WORLD BANK, UNFPA SUPPORT

As part of the support to the civil vital statistics registration and vital statistics reform process initiated by the Congolese Government, UNFPA has mobilized \$3.9 million from the World Bank to implement two joint projects with partners including CIVIPOL Conseil, DIGITECH, TRANSTEC, CARITAS Congo and IDEMIA.

The first project is a reform of the registration system for vital events and vital statistics. UNFPA is working on the mapping of the civil registration system, a management tool that will make it possible to

take stock of the organization and functioning of this system, as well as human resources, material and financial resources available to enable it to fulfill its mission.

The second project focuses on campaigns during registration in pre-primary and primary schools, to catch up on births. UNFPA is helping establish an inter-institutional mechanism via the Ministries of Justice, the Interior and Education to establish births for 2,400,000 school children (and their families) who lack important civil law documents.





## INTEGRATING FAMILY PLANNING AND FOOD SECURITY: WFP, FAO & UNFPA

The World Food Programme (WFP) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) have developed a joint project to increase the agricultural and financial capacity of women farmers for sustainable production and improved market access. It is about increasing incomes and supporting community organizations to work for social cohesion, gender equality, peace and reconciliation.

UNFPA has joined with WFP and FAO in a strategic partnership to integrate family planning and the prevention and treatment of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections into the activities of Dimitra Clubs in Kabalo and Nyunzu (cities in Tanganyika), with

the aim of improving members' reproductive health and increasing their agricultural productivity. This partnership allowed to obtain 30,000 additional users of modern contraceptive methods in targeted health zones; 240 community-based Distributor Agents who are members of Dimitra Clubs trained in family planning; and 60 clinical providers (two per health facility) offered family planning services in target health zones.



# HUMAN AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

The UNFPA Country Office in DRC had a 2018 work force comprised of 106 people, which included 15 international staff and 91 national staff. The Management Team made use of all recommended contract types in order to respond to the various crises that occurred in the country during 2018. The use of Fast Track Procedures helped in facilitating human resources management in this fragile context.

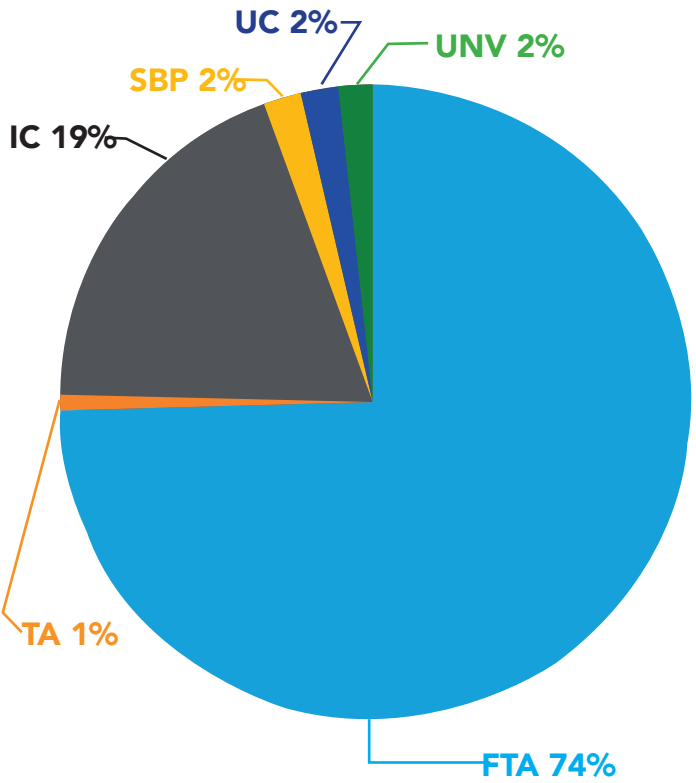
Fixed Term Appointment (FTA)	79
Temporary Appointment (TA)	1
Individual Consultance (IC)	20
Standby Partners (SBP)	2
Service Contract (SC)	2
United Nation Volunteers (UNV)	2

The Country Office’s regular team (FTA) was readily deployed in the field for quick response to any new crisis, while waiting for support and increase in the staffing structure. A first cohort of 6 youths for internship (4 communications – 1 IT – 1 Med.Doc for RH) was put in place to improve young people’s knowledge of UNFPA mandate and impact in DRC. All CO heads of unit got trained in Humanitarian response. Using SS cooperation 2 CO staffs went out of DRC and 2 colleagues from other offices joined DRC team, improving staff performance.

High level innovation retreat involving participation of one donor and one government representative helped in sharing our vision and getting feedback of the hosting country.

10 staffs (all categories) were awarded by the Management for outstanding actions performed in 2018 Competencies basdx applications and interviews trainings were offerred to 25 staff from all ranks and functions.

HUMAN RESOURCES STRUCTURE 2018



2018 total funding available for programming: USD 24 598 899.00

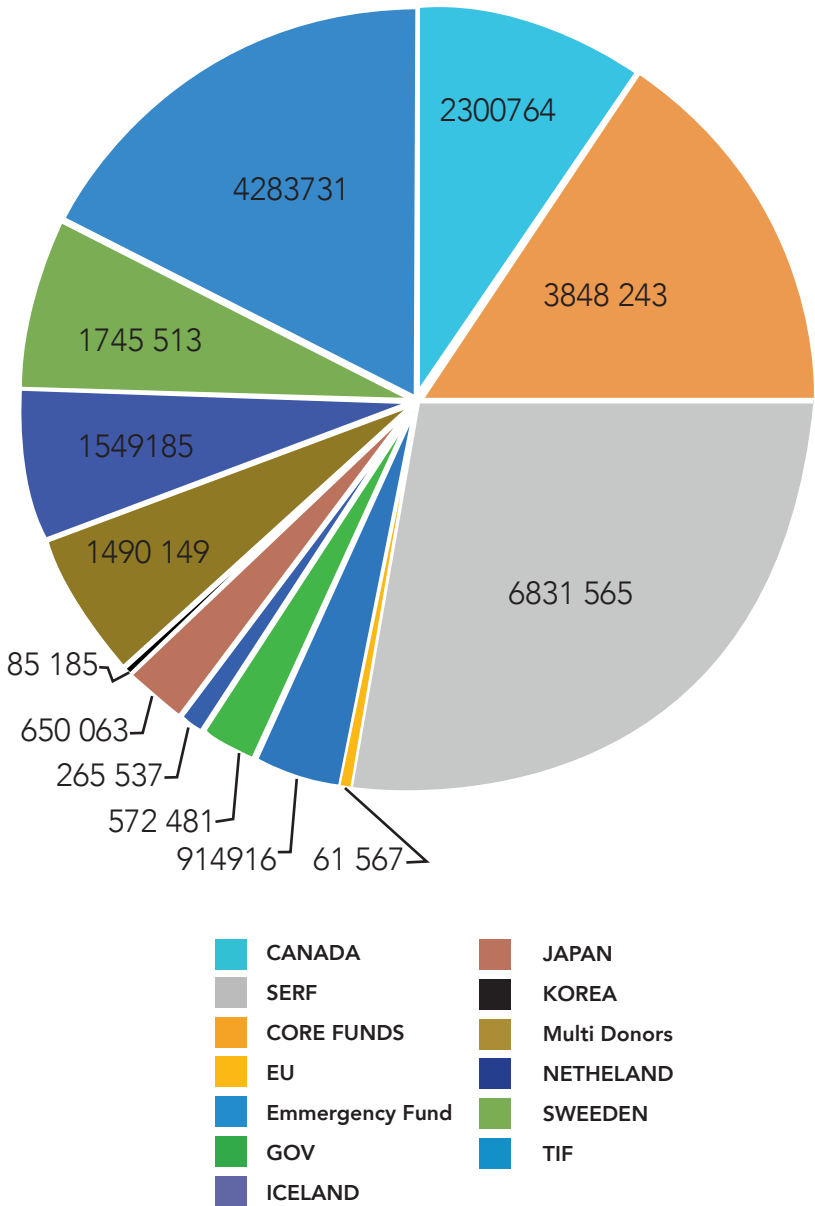
Implementation rate: 94%

DONOR	AMOUNT (USD \$)
CANADA	2 300 764
CERF	3 848 243
CORE FUNDS	6 831 565
EU	61 567
Emergency Fund (EF)	914 916
GOV	572 481
ICELAND	265 537
JAPAN	650 063
KOREA	85 185
Multi Donors	1 490 149
NETHELANDS	1 549 185
SWEDEN	1 745 513
Thematic Truest Fund (TTF)	4 283 731
TOTAL	24 598 899

To the above amount should be added \$7,402,302 for spending on supplying contraceptives and other medical commodities in support to the DRC Government actions.

UNFPA core funds represent 28 per cent of UNFPA Country Office programme funds, 72 per cent being the amount mobilized by the CO.

2018 FUNDS BREAKDOWN







**SEYDOU** (BURKINA FASO)



**NGOYI** (DR CONGO)



**WANOGO** (DR CONGO)



**PAULIN.T** (DR CONGO)



**GERVAIS** (BURUNDI)



**SIKA** (BURKINA FASO)



**ABIBA** (CÔTE-D'IVOIRE)



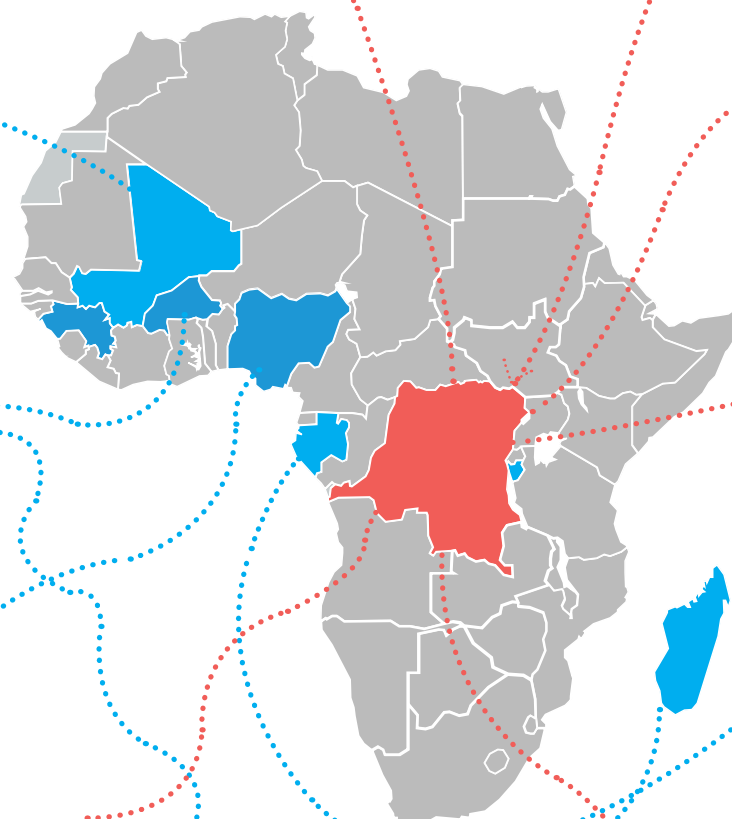
**HANNIBAL** (GUINEA)



**MIREILLE** (DR CONGO)



**ALIOU** (MALI)



# SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

South-South and triangular Cooperation is an effective modality to achieve capacity building and UNFPA transformative results.

In this context, South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) offers the opportunity for better ownership and results. SSTC is premised on the notion that countries facing common challenges and seeking to achieve common goals can make faster progress through shared learning and experiences.

The Democratic Republic of the Congo with its 26 provinces, large population, large size (about two thirds the size of Western Europe) and diverse contexts is one of the most complex business units at UNFPA. The country has been in a protracted humanitarian crisis for two decades. Throughout 2018, the UNFPA Country Office received (and also provided to several business units across UNFPA) special technical assistance in all areas of the UNFPA core mandate.

Examples of South-South cooperation in 2018 include the following exchanges:

- From UNFPA Guinea, an IT specialist provided technical assistance on CommCare, surveillance software developed by Columbia University (Earth Institute) and UNFPA Guinea and used by the Ministry of Health in Guinea for Ebola surveillance and contact tracing (Mr. Hannibal Barry).
- From UNFPA Mali, a GBV specialist was

deployed in Tshikapa, a city in Kasai district, and led the GBV sub-cluster in the framework of surge deployment in Kasai humanitarian hub (Mr. Aliou Maiga).

- From UNFPA Burkina Faso, a communications specialist (Mr. Siaka Traore) and the Assistant Representative RH (Mr. Belimvire Seydou) were deployed for strategic communication around two innovative projects and programme coordination at the Decentralized Office in Goma.
- From UNFPA Burundi, the Assistant Representative PD (Mr. Gervais Barampanze) provided technical support to the development of the UNDAF, Country Office annual review and launch of the 2018 State of World Population report in DRC.
- From Ivory Coast, Ms Abiba Ouattara (GBV Specialist) supported the design of a humanitarian-development nexus joint (UNDP, UNHCR, and UNFPA) project for women in Kasai

From UNFPA DRC, Paulin Tshimanga was deployed to the Country Office in Nigeria to share experiences on humanitarian preparedness and response. Dr. Ngoy Kishimba was on detail assignment in Mali to support the Population and Development unit. Ms. Mireille Ikoly provided support to the Country Office in Gabon for the GBV national strategy and roadmap.







# VISION 2030

Universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights



End unmet need for family planning



End maternal death



End gender-based violence and harmful practices

Leave no one behind



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