ENSURING SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS TO WOMEN AND GIRLS IN CONFLICT-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES OF THE DRC

INTERVENTIONS AREAS OF THE 2019 CERF UNDER FUNDED (UNFPA)

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

BUDGET BREAK DOWN

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- Kalule
- Matova
- Munkungu
- Mivumo
- Kyombe

Ensuring Sexual and Reproductive Rights to Women and Girls in Conflict-Affected Communities of the DRC
Context and challenges

- Implement $8 million worth activities within 9 months in the DRC humanitarian context, particularly in remote and hard to reach areas, often still behind
- Find (head hunting) and assign skilled, dedicated and motivated staff in a very short time in spite of Human Resources Fast Track Procedures
- Ensure a rapid supply of lifesaving Emergency Reproductive Health Kits and equipments to meet the needs of beneficiary communities.
- Select capable implementing partners for timely delivery of activities even in remote and hard to reach areas (last mile delivery)
- Obtain timely waivers at regional and headquarters levels for financial operations when required

Keys achievements at mid term

42.24% of the target beneficiaries at mid-term

8,252 prenatal consultations provided through the 18 midwives surge deployed by UNFPA

8,443 pregnant women received antenatal consultation and information on family planning

5,631 safe deliveries have been directed by qualified personnel; and

5,673 new-borns assisted

109 women have been relieved from fistula through surgery campaign while beneficiaries received social reintegration package.

4,924 persons have received STI through syndromic approach

1,761 survivors of various forms of gender-based violence have received tailored assistance including 781 medical supports for sexual violence, 440 post rape surveillances and 20 reintegrated to normal social life.

9,631 condoms distributed

3,610 new acceptants of modern contraceptive methods are being cared of

1,860 dignity kits distributed in affected community and including in IDPs camps

40 tons of Emergency Reproductive Health kits deployed in affected communities

Innovations

Midwives save mothers and newborns lives through the provision of specialized care. As per IRC the total number of Midwives is 2,758 (World Midwifery Report 2011), about 1 midwife for 13,000 persons. This ratio is far below the WHO standards of 2 midwives per 5,000 persons. In the health zones covered by the CERF UF, this ratio is even lower. Indeed, there were many women who gave birth in precarious conditions without assistance from a qualified midwife.

In order to cope with this situation and to provide appropriate health care for women and newborns, in the remote areas covered by the CERF UF allocation, UNFPA recruited, trained midwives in the Sexual and Reproductive Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) in 4 provinces, and deployed them far to reach humanitarian needs (midwives surge). This innovative strategy has produced outstanding results that exceed expectations. These midwives working in difficult conditions are changing, transforming and saving lives in the host communities.

For example, the midwife of Nyagongo territory in North Kivu, affectionately called M. Yaya Gloria by the community, works on a radius of 48 kilometers. Gloria is one of those brave midwives who is saving lives in the humanitarian context and delivering health babies.

In the KALOHE health zone, 340 km from Bukavu in South Kivu, Ms Estelle BAHATI, whom she is not in a health center to assist with childbirths and counseling on family planning, devotes her time on awareness-raising sessions for girls on family planning, contraception and the consequences of early pregnancy, and helping women and girls exercise rights and choice.

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Some lessons learned

Preparations: Anticipated identification of potential candidates to quick-start the implementation of activities with consultancy contracts whilst finalizing HR procedures even before the allocation of the CERF grant.

- The establishment of a High level interdepartmental taskforce under the overall monitoring of the Deputy Executive Director in charge of the programme to accelerate procurement of reproductive health kits, to fast-track recruitment and to clear waivers for financial implementation.

- The flexibility offered by UNFPA Procurement Service Branch in term of packaging and supply and multiplication of entry points in order to reach beneficiaries rapidly (Goma & Kinshasa ports of entry).

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- The focus on nexus intervention strategy of the project helped at strengthening communities and their healthcare systems.

- The logistic support of MONUSCO and UN agencies including WFP became crucial for effective deployment of supplies to the field and reach the last mile covered by the CERF UF grant.

- Managing risks (no risk zero), agility, adaptability are critical for successful implementation of a large CERF grant in a short period of time.

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- Devotes her time on awareness-raising sessions for girls.

- On family planning, contraception and the consequences of early pregnancy.

- Helping women and girls exercise rights and choice.

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- Focus on nexus intervention strategy.

- Helped to strengthen communities and their healthcare systems.

- Logistic support of MONUSCO.

- WFP became crucial for effective deployment of supplies.

- Last mile covered by the CERF UF grant.

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- Mobile clinics using MONUSCO Prefabs

- Given the terrain and remoteness, UNFPA DRC has developed the innovative approach to transform peace keeping mission pallets into mobile clinics with MONUSCO engineering.