

# ACCELERATING THE PROMISE

## 2019 UNFPA DRC ANNUAL REPORT



# UNFPA presence in the country



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*We must keep the 10-year-old girl, adolescent girls, women and young people at the heart of our activities; continue to fight for their dignity, their protection and rights, increase investments in their human capital for the socio-economic transformation of the DRC.*



Sennen **HOUNTON, MD, PhD**  
UNFPA Representative

# Message from the Representative

2019 was the year of the acceleration of Cairo's promise as we planted seeds for the decade of actions and the achievement of the three UNFPA transformative results. With direct UNFPA support, we recorded in 2019 30% increase in new acceptors for family planning, 22% increase in fistula repairs, 36% increase in medical and psychological support to GBV survivors compared to 2018. Five main enablers were instrumental in achieving the results presented in this illustrated annual report.

**Strategic positioning of the rights and choice agenda in the political environment:** We positioned the three transformative results in national resilience and development frameworks such as the triple nexus, climate change frameworks, poverty reduction, food insecurity and universal health coverage strategies. The agenda of rights and choice was positioned in the DRC Declaration at the Nairobi Summit by HE Vice Prime Minister, Minister of Planning; in the Special Poverty Reduction Strategy of the Head of State; and in the Zero Hunger strategy. Transformational decisions were taken to conduct a census using internationally accepted standards. The centrality of population was illustrated by the elaboration of national demographic dividend (DD) profile, in the lead up to a high-level advocacy at the 2019 Governors' Forum towards 26 provincial profiles in 2020.

**Scaling up of results-based programming:** We improved our fit-for-purpose for preparedness and response to multiple humanitarian emergencies; integrated family planning with climate change, deforestation, agriculture and food security; and successfully implemented a UN CERF grant for women and girls in DRC of \$7.2 million in seven months with over 100 per cent achievement of results on all indicators. We acted on the vision to scale up midwifery and fistula programmes to new provinces, including an innovative humanitarian midwifery surge. And we prepared and secured approval of the 5th UNFPA Country Programme (2020-2024).

**Improved operations excellence:** Our country office quality assurance Portfolio Review Dashboard showed only low priority, which was a welcome performance review. Management audit recommendations were implemented without delay, and compliance with donor reporting have been very satisfactory. Overall the UNFPA Country Office achieved a 98.3 per cent financial implementation rate, 95 per cent procurement plan implementation (with 100 per cent for emergency procurement), 4 per cent human resources vacancy rate, and 100 per cent monthly accountability on the dashboard checklist. This is quite remarkable given the complex and protracted humanitarian context.

**Record resources mobilization:** UNFPA in the DRC achieved nearly double our annual resource mobilization target, with an increase of 187 per cent from 2018 to 2019. Annual operations have grown from an average of \$25 million to \$43 million, up 160 per cent. This shows that donors trust us more and more with our results and accountability mechanisms.

**Strategic partnerships and excellent communication:** We secured advocates and champions of our agenda of rights and choices at the highest levels of government and institutions. UNFPA champions joint UN programming and has diverse partnerships including with the banking sector, mining sector and the distinguished First Lady's office. Similarly, UNFPA in the DRC is more visible and more vocal, with a record number of publications and other products, and with over 20,000 follows on Facebook more than doubling 2018 to 2019.

We would like to sincerely thank the Government for its partnership, our sister agencies for championing issues of women and girls, our humanitarian community for prioritizing the needs of women and girls during crises, and our donors for their trust and support. Our job is not finished until we reach the last mile, leaving no one behind, and until we achieve rights and choice for all.

**2019**

## Main Results



**ZERO unmet need  
for family planning  
by 2030**

**2,600,000**

NEW ADHERENTS  
TO FP METHODS



**700,300**

UNINTENDED  
PREGNANCIES  
PREVENTED



**1,700,000**

COUPLE YEARS  
OF PROTECTION





**ZERO preventable  
maternal deaths  
by 2030**

**735**

MIDWIVES TRAINED IN  
SUPPORTED MIDWIFERY  
TRAINING INSTITUTIONS



**2,881**

MATERNAL  
DEATHS AVERTED



**1,220**

WOMEN WHO  
BENEFITED FROM  
OBSTETRIC FISTULA  
SURGICAL REPAIRS



**2019**

## Main Results



**ZERO gender-based  
violence and harmful  
practices by 2030**

**10,846**

WOMEN AND GIRLS  
WHO HAVE BENEFITED  
FROM DIGNITY KITS



**14,377**

SURVIVORS ACCESSED  
MEDICAL AND  
PSYCHOSOCIAL  
SERVICES



**1,374**

POLICE OFFICER, MEDICAL  
AND PSYCHOSOCIAL  
SERVICE PROVIDERS  
TRAINED ON GBV CASE  
MANAGEMENT







**Unleashing  
youth  
potential**

**2,000,000**

STUDENTS ACQUIRED LIFE  
SKILLS TO MAKE INFORMED  
CHOICES IN SEXUAL AND  
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH



**1,200,000**

NEW ACCEPTORS OF  
MODERN CONTRACEPTIVES  
AMONG ADOLESCENTS  
AND YOUNG PEOPLE



**250,000**

SEXUALLY  
TRANSMITTED  
INFECTIONS TREATED





*Family planning services provided  
by midwives contributed to changing  
women's lives*

# ZERO unmet need for family planning by 2030

## Progress in 2019

### CONTRACEPTIVES SUPPLIES BY UNFPA

2019

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| MALE CONDOMS DISTRIBUTED  | 10,678,500 |
| FEMALE CONDOMS DISTRIBUTED                                      | 50,300     |
| CYCLES OF ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES                                   | 50,300     |
| HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDERS TRAINED<br>IN MANAGEMENT OF GBV CASES | 500,700    |
| DOSES OF INJECTABLES  | 1,230,000  |
| IMPLANTS  | 700,300    |
| INTRAUTERINE CONTRACEPTIVES                                     | 600,400    |
| EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTIVE PILLS                                   | 40,700     |
| NEW ADHERENTS TO MODERN FP METHODS                              | 2,600,000  |
| COUPLE YEARS OF PROTECTION                                      | 1,700,000  |

### IMPACT OF CONTRACEPTIVES

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| UNINTENDED PREGNANCIES PREVENTED | 700,300 |
| UNSAFE ABORTIONS AVERTED         | 600,400 |
| MATERNAL DEATH AVERTED           | 2,881   |





# Main Interventions



## Policy environment

UNFPA co-hosted with the Ministry of Health the Fourth National Family Planning Conference, and supported a critical Health Law that enables for the first time married women and adolescent girls to access modern contraception without spouse and parents' permission respectively



## Supply Chain Management

- 40% increase in volume of commodities from 2018 to 2019 reaching nearly \$7.9 million USD in both development and humanitarian settings
- 70,3% of health facilities did not experience stock out of contraceptives during the last 3 months of the national Ministry of Health commodity survey in 2019 compared to 66% in 2018.
- Five (5) (Kinshasa, Kongo central, Kwilu, Equateur and Kasai) were equipped with logistics (5 vehicles, 25 motorcycles and 100 bicycles) for reaching the last mile users with quality reproductive health commodities.



## Humanitarian

Procurement and distribution of Emergency RH Kits, including family planning supplies, tents and dignity kits in particular for those in camps for internally displaced people and during natural disasters directly supported 2,515,950 persons including for integrated sexual and reproductive health.



## Family Planning and Climate change (SDG 13), Food Security and Agriculture (SDG 2)

UNFPA successfully introduced a family planning component to the Central Africa Forest Initiative on deforestation, and partnered with FAO and WFP to integrate family planning with food security and agriculture. This contributes to increase resilience of women and households in rural communities.





*Midwives save lives  
of mothers and newborns*

# ZERO preventable maternal deaths by 2030

Affordable, high-quality reproductive health services save lives. Maternal deaths are decreasing rapidly in developing countries, particularly in the least-developed ones. Between 2014 and 2019, UNFPA-supported integrated sexual and reproductive health services, including skilled birth attendance, reached more than 58 million people.

## Progress in 2019

### NUMBER OF

2019

MIDWIVES TRAINED IN SUPPORTED MIDWIFERY TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

735

### NUMBER OF

WOMEN WHO BENEFITED FROM OBSTETRIC FISTULA SURGICAL REPAIRS

1,220

### NUMBER OF

REPAIRED OBSTETRIC FISTULA CASES WHO BENEFITED FROM A SOCIO ECONOMIC REINTEGRATION PACKAGE

1,150

### PERCENTAGE

DEATHS IN CHILDBIRTH ANALYSED IN MATERNAL DEATH REVIEWS FOR SAFER MOTHERHOOD

35%

### NUMBER OF

HEALTH FACILITIES THAT PROVIDED REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES INCLUDING INFORMATION FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST GENDER BASED VIOLENCE IN HUMANITARIAN SETTINGS

120





# Main Interventions



## Emergency obstetric newborn care (EmONC)

- Strengthened capacity of 80 health care providers in emergency obstetric and newborn care (EmONC).
- Strengthened technical capacity of 16 maternities to undertake quality obstetric care and safe deliveries.
- Rapid EmONC assessment conducted in view of establishing an EmONC network in the Maniema province.

## Maternal and perinatal death surveillance and response (MPDSR)

- Development and validation of MPDSR tools at national level.
- Strengthened the capacity of zonal and provincial health teams in maternal and perinatal death reviews.
- MPDSR annual report for 2018, second semester bulletin for 2018, and the first semester bulletin for 2019 produced and shared among stakeholders.
- Establishment of provincial committees for MPDSR in Kasai Oriental and Tanganyika provinces.



## Promotion of the profession of midwives

- National midwifery association strengthened : Kinshasa.
- Provincial associations of midwifery strengthened: Maniema, Ituri, Nord Kivu, Sud Kivu, Equateur, Kasai Oriental, Kasai, Kasai Central, Tanganyika, Congo Central, Bandundu, Haute Uélé, Sankuru.
- Under the high-level patronage of the President of the socio cultural commission in Parliament and the Minister of Gender a one day of reflection and advocacy was organized in favour of the adoption of a midwifery legislation.

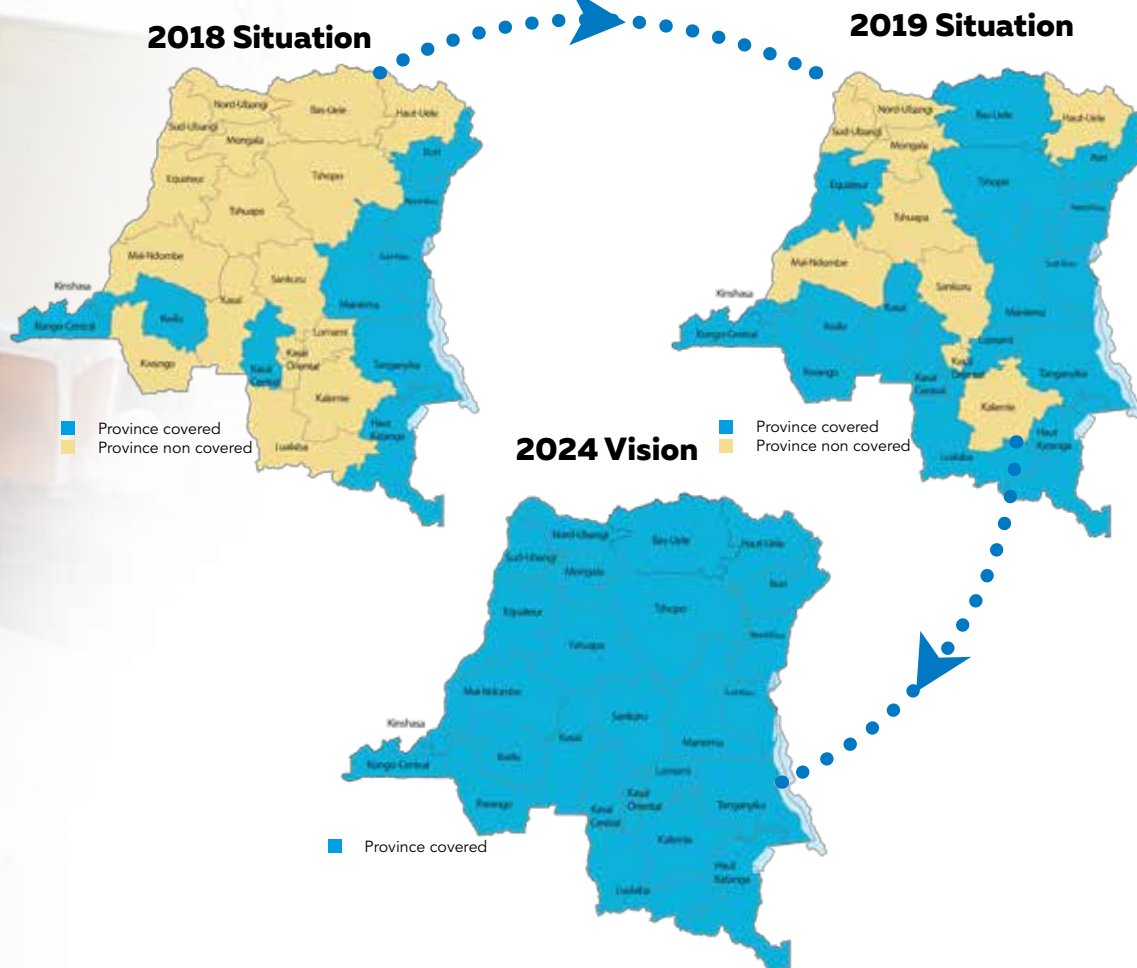






# Midwifery programme

- Trained a pool of midwives ready for prevention and response in humanitarian settings.
- Strengthened the technical capacity of midwifery tutors and student mentors of 6 midwifery training institutions.
- Operationalized the LMD process in midwifery training.
- Introduced MISP into the national midwifery training curriculum and trained 60 final year students from midwifery training institutions in MISP.

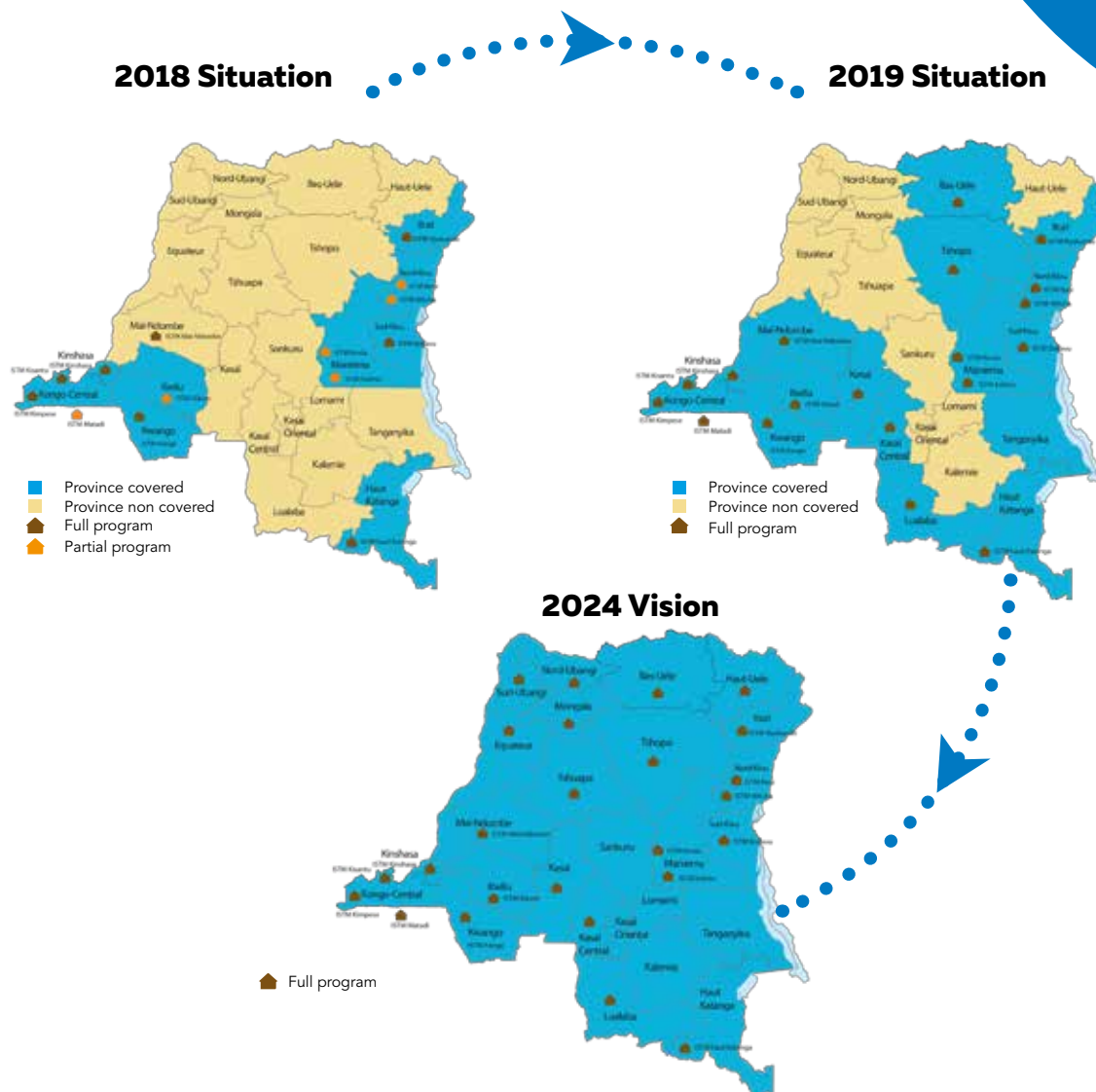


## Scaling up access to fistula care

- Organization of obstetric fistula campaigns in 14 out of 26 provinces of the country, reaching 1,220 women.
- Training and establishment of surgical teams in 6 provinces for the management of simple cases of obstetric fistula.
- Strengthened technical capacity of 14 hospitals in the management of obstetric fistula.
- Developed strategic partnerships and mobilized local resources through the organization of two gala nights (one in Kinshasa and the other in Kolwezi) for obstetric fistula repairs.
- Collaborated with two centres of excellence for fistula repairs: Fondation/Hôpital Panzi in Bukavu and Hopital St Joseph in Kinshasa.



# Coverage of fistula management







*Gender-Based Violence*

# ZERO gender-based violence and harmful practices by 2030

## Progress in 2019

| NUMBER OF  | 2019   |
|--|--------|
| WOMEN AND GIRLS WHO HAVE BENEFITED FROM DIGNITY KITS                                       | 10,846 |
| NUMBER OF  |        |
| SURVIVORS WHO ACCESSED THE MEDICAL AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SERVICES                               | 14,377 |
| NUMBER OF  |        |
| POLICE OFFICERS, MEDICAL AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS TRAINED ON GBV CASE MANAGEMENT | 1,374  |
| NUMBER OF  |        |
| MEDICAL SERVICES STRENGTHENED TO PROVIDE MEDICAL CARE FOR SURVIVORS OF GBV                 | 83     |
| NUMBER OF  |        |
| ONE STOP CENTRES SUPPORTED TO PROVIDE INTEGRATED SERVICES TO SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE  | 26     |





# Main Interventions



## Leadership and Coordination

- UNFPA is the lead agency for the coordination of GBV in humanitarian settings within the Protection Cluster. As such UNFPA leads the GBV sub cluster decentralized in 7 provinces affected by crisis and composed of approximately by 45 members that represent civil society, UN, Government and the international NGO community.
- UNFPA is also the lead agency for Protection from sexual exploitation and abuses (PSEA) and accountability to affected populations (AAP).
- With the support of the government and partnership with other actors, UNFPA contributed in the implementation of the national road map for the global initiative on the Call to Action on the Protection from GBV in Emergencies.



## Prevention, medical and psycho-social, economic re-integration

- UNFPA promotes the multisectoral model for case management of survivors of GBV into a “one-stop shop” where all services are available, known as one-stop centres.
- 26 one-stop centres received UNFPA support in 2019. Four additional one-stop centres received support by UNFPA and partners, with plans to support more in the future. UNFPA works jointly with UNDP and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), which specialize in legal assistance to survivors and socioeconomic reinsertion and capacity building for justice processes.





## Data for accountability

UNFPA supports the Ministry in charge of gender in the operationalization of the national database. UNFPA also works with this ministry for monitoring of GBV cases in One Stop Centers.

## Protection and Security

UNFPA continued to establish protection mechanisms that allow for early reporting of incidents, increased engagement of stakeholders, large-scale advocacy initiatives and better self-protection. These measures

have been made possible through multilevel and multidimensional partnership with communities, national authorities, civil society, peacekeeping missions and humanitarian organizations.







*Youth and Adolescent*





# Unleashing youth potential

## Progress in 2019

| NUMBER OF  | 2019       |
|--|------------|
| STUDENTS ACQUIRED LIFE SKILLS TO MAKE INFORMED CHOICES IN SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH | 2,000,000  |
| NUMBER OF  |            |
| NEW ACCEPTORS FOR MODERN CONTRACEPTIVE AMONG ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE                | 1,200,000  |
| NUMBER OF  |            |
| CONDOMS DISTRIBUTED  | 10,000,000 |
| NUMBER OF  |            |
| SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS TREATED  | 250,000    |
| NUMBER OF  |            |
| YOUNG PEOPLE HIV TESTED  | 2,829      |

# Main Interventions



## Kitumaini Initiative

Conceptualizing the 10 years old girl

This joint initiative with UNESCO addresses adolescent girls human capital both in and out of school and includes **a) comprehensive sexuality education, b) life skills development for all and entrepreneurship skills for out-of-school girls, c) adolescent sexual and reproductive health, and d) mentorship.**





## 2019 Achievements

- 20,000 students, more than half of whom are girls, are receiving sex education at school as a result of the Kitumaini Initiative.
- 14 schools have received a first batch of contraceptives and supplies for treatment of sexually transmitted infections and have started to offer youth-friendly services.
- Nearly 10,000 adolescent girls, both in and out of school, accessed quality sexual and reproductive health services adapted to their needs.









## 2019 Kitumaini achievements (Cont'd)

- 13 vocational training centres for marginalized and/or vulnerable adolescent girls are operational: Rehabilitated, equipped and running costs covered (5 in Goma, 5 in Kinshasa and 3 in Lubumbashi)
- 1200 marginalized and/or vulnerable adolescent girls learned a trade over 9 months at the 13 centres (July 2019 to March).
- 17 health centers chosen according to their proximity to schools and apprenticeship centres for targeted trades have integrated the offer of sexual and reproductive health services adapted to the needs of adolescents and young people.



# Main Interventions



## Tusikilizane project

Conceptualizing youth, peace and security (SCR 2250)

The intensification of the inter-communal conflict between Twas and Bantu in 2016 has led to a deterioration of the security and humanitarian situation in Tanganyika Province, and the displacement of more than 600,000 people. The PBF “Tusikilizane” project was designed to:

- Strengthen the participation of Bantu and Twa youth and women in local peace committees.
- Establish a peace education and peaceful coexistence program targeting the two Bantu and Twa communities, led by young people.
- Strengthen the resilience of the two communities through economic activities carried out jointly by Bantu and Twa women.







## 2019 Achievements

- 200 young leaders, including 113 boys and 87 girls, trained in peace education and peaceful coexistence, leadership and advocacy; they now participate with members of local committees in 25 villages in mediation and peacebuilding activities to resolve local problems.
- More than 10,000 people from the Twa and Bantou communities were informed and made aware of the peacebuilding and peaceful cohabitation actions undertaken as part of the project through 5 TUSIKILIZANE football matches in Kalemie, Kabalo and Nyunzu.
- 120 Twa and Bantou girls and boys, through their education in peace education and peaceful coexistence, were able to plan and organize awareness sessions in their communities and educational talk sessions.
- 50 women from Twa & Bantu communities who are members of local peace committees (BARAZA, Dimitra Clubs) have acquired skills in omit female leadership, citizen participation and advocacy to contribute effectively to peacebuilding in Kalemie, Kabalo and Nyunzu.
- 118 women and 182 men from 12 villages in Kalemie, Kabalo and Nyunzu participated in the assessment of economic opportunities to prepare income-generating activities of community interest to promote social cohesion and peaceful cohabitation.



*Demographic Dividend*  
**Census**  
**CRVS**

# Policies and demographic intelligence

## UNFPA support :

- UNFPA supported the Government in the process of finalizing and harmonizing the National Strategic Development Plan (PNSD) with the mandate of UNFPA, in particular the demographic dividend as one of the levers of the development of the country.
- Technical and financial support from UNFPA to organize two days of reflection on the demographic dividend issue, with a view to launching the process of drawing up a DRC DD profile.

## As results in 2019:

- A national strategic development plan is available, integrating the demographic challenge.
- The appropriation by national and provincial authorities of the importance of investing in family planning as a relevant choice for the emergence of the DRC.
- The launch of the roadmap on the demographic dividend by the organization of national days on DD and the elaboration of the country profile on DD under validation.
- Continued improvement of the functioning of the civil registration and vital statistic system, through projects funded by the World Bank, implemented by the consortium made up of CIVIPOL Conseil, DIGITECH, TRANSTEC, CARITAS Congo, IDEMIA and UNFPA.
- The test of the automatic division of the enumeration areas in several localities as a prelude to the organization of the census mapping.



# Main

## Interventions



**Organization of national days on the demographic dividend in DRC**



**Elaboration of the DRC demographic dividend profile**



**The strategic partnership with the World Bank and the Congolese Government in favour of the Civil Registration and Vital Statistics System (CRVSS)**



**The second general population and housing Census of the DRC**



**GeoReferenced Infrastructure and Demographic Data for Development (GRID3) initiative in the DRC for census data**









# ADDRESSING EMERGENCIES

## THE DECENTRALIZED OFFICE IN GOMA

### PEOPLE REACHED



|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| <b>146,288</b> | <i>Number of</i> Affected people targeted with integrated and life-saving sexual and reproductive health services, supplies and information in Decentralized office (DO) |
| <b>4,320</b>   | <i>Number of</i> People reached with dignity kits  |
| <b>546,665</b> | <i>Number of</i> UNFPA-assisted safe deliveries  |
| <b>29,748</b>  | <i>Number of</i> People reached with adolescent sexual and reproductive health services, supplies and information  |
| <b>8,704</b>   | <i>Number of</i> Women and girls with access to services provided through service delivery points that are equipped with post-rape kits                                  |
| <b>9,311</b>   | <i>Number of</i> Gender-based violence survivors reached within 72 hours   |
| <b>11</b>      | <i>Number of</i> Midwives reached with clean delivery kits to perform normal deliveries at the community level when there is no access to a health facility              |
| <b>36</b>      | <i>Number of</i> Safe spaces supported by UNFPA (includes safe spaces for women, girls and youth)  |

### SERVICES DELIVERED



|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| <b>45</b> | <i>Number of</i> Sexual and reproductive health mobile clinics and mobile teams supported       |
| <b>65</b> | Number of Functional health facilities supported by UNFPA that provide emergency obstetric care |

### CAPACITY STRENGTHENED



|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| <b>83</b> | <i>Number of</i> Personnel trained on Minimum Initial Service Package for reproductive health                                 |
| <b>57</b> | <i>Number of</i> Youth facilitators, peers and volunteers trained on sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence |



# ADDRESSING EMERGENCIES

## THE DECENTRALIZED OFFICE IN LUBUMBASHI

### PEOPLE REACHED



|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| <b>309,338</b> | <i>Number of</i> Affected people targeted with integrated and life-saving sexual and reproductive health services, supplies and information in Decentralized office (DO) |
| <b>426</b>     | <i>Number of</i> People reached with dignity kits  |
| <b>20,485</b>  | <i>Number of</i> UNFPA-assisted safe deliveries  |
| <b>63,963</b>  | <i>Number of</i> People reached with adolescent sexual and reproductive health services, supplies and information  |
| <b>1,547</b>   | <i>Number of</i> Women and girls with access to services provided through service delivery points that are equipped with post-rape kits                                  |
| <b>726</b>     | <i>Number of</i> Gender-based violence survivors reached within 72 hours   |
| <b>6</b>       | <i>Number of</i> Midwives reached with clean delivery kits to perform normal deliveries at the community level when there is no access to a health facility              |
| <b>6</b>       | <i>Number of</i> Safe spaces supported by UNFPA (includes safe spaces for women, girls and youth)  |

### SERVICES DELIVERED



|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| <b>37</b> | <i>Number of</i> Sexual and reproductive health mobile clinics and mobile teams supported              |
| <b>12</b> | <i>Number of</i> Functional health facilities supported by UNFPA that provide emergency obstetric care |

### CAPACITY STRENGTHENED



|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| <b>60</b> | <i>Number of</i> Personnel trained on Minimum Initial Service Package for reproductive health                                 |
| <b>40</b> | <i>Number of</i> Youth facilitators, peers and volunteers trained on sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence |







# ADDRESSING EMERGENCIES

## THE DECENTRALIZED OFFICE IN KANANGA

### PEOPLE REACHED



|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| <b>458,501</b> | <i>Number of</i> affected people targeted with integrated and life-saving sexual and reproductive health services, supplies and information in Decentralized office (DO) |
| <b>10,709</b>  | <i>Number of</i> People reached with dignity kits  |
| <b>34,743</b>  | <i>Number of</i> UNFPA-assisted safe deliveries  |
| <b>4,143</b>   | <i>Number of</i> People reached with adolescent sexual and reproductive health services, supplies and information  |
| <b>5,326</b>   | <i>Number of</i> Women and girls with access to services provided through service delivery points that are equipped with post-rape kits                                  |
| <b>1,248</b>   | <i>Number of</i> Gender-based violence survivors reached within 72 hours   |
| <b>54</b>      | <i>Number of</i> Midwives reached with clean delivery kits to perform normal deliveries at the community level when there is no access to a health facility              |
| <b>7</b>       | <i>Number of</i> Safe spaces supported by UNFPA (includes safe spaces for women, girls and youth)  |

### SERVICES DELIVERED



|            |  |
|------------|--|
| <b>230</b> | <i>Number of</i> Sexual and reproductive health mobile clinics and mobile teams supported              |
| <b>108</b> | <i>Number of</i> Functional health facilities supported by UNFPA that provide emergency obstetric care |

### CAPACITY STRENGTHENED



|            |   |
|------------|---|
| <b>601</b> | <i>Number of</i> Personnel trained on Minimum Initial Service Package for reproductive health                                 |
| <b>105</b> | <i>Number of</i> Youth facilitators, peers and volunteers trained on sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence |





**Humanitarian midwife**

Estelle Bahati

Location : Itula

Provinces :Sud-Kivu





# INNOVATIONS

## Humanitarian midwives surge

- In times of crisis, the risk of maternal and neonatal death is much higher. Urgent interventions can make the difference between life and death for pregnant women and their newborns. Access to sexual and reproductive health remains an important issue of concern in the provinces of DRC affected by humanitarian crises for more than 2 decades and especially in health zones hosting internally displaced persons.  
Midwives are essential if we are to realize the vision that no woman should die while giving life and that no child should come to the world without a mother.  
Midwives are the only human resource which can undertake concomitantly the different interventions destined to achieve the three transformative results of UNFPA both in development and humanitarian settings.  
Trained and qualified midwives working within communities and often under very difficult conditions and circumstances occupy a unique position to offer compassionate, respectful and culturally sensitive services necessary for a woman and her family during pregnancy and childbirth. Their competencies and skills are equally important for newborns during the first and critical month of life.
- The first pool of humanitarian surge midwives was trained on preparedness and response ready for deployment in humanitarian settings in DRC.
- This training, the first of its kind in DRC, was designed to respond to insufficiencies in the quality of management of field staff and human resources impacting negatively on the efficacy and efficiency of humanitarian interventions?
- This first training saw the participation of 30 midwives (carefully selected in collaboration with the health authorities for issues of ownership and sustainability) to undergo training using approved and adapted curriculum from surge trainings delivered by competent staff who themselves either received surge training or have successful track records working in humanitarian settings.
- The presence of these midwives has revolutionized UNFPA's humanitarian work increasing visibility, credibility and presence of UNFPA saving, touching and transforming lives and leaving no one behind in the DRC.



**Humanitarian midwife**

Fideline Mputu

Location : Kamonia

Provinces : Kasai



# INNOVATIONS

## Humanitarian midwives surge

- This specific midwifery surge training, the first of its kind in DRC (and to our knowledge in UNFPA) was designed to address a) the lack of quality midwifery workforce in areas affected by protracted crises, b) lack of MISP in midwifery curriculum in DRC, and c) to improve the resilience of the health system to address quality SRHR and GBV services in humanitarian responses. It is supported by the CERF-UF.
- Before this initiative project, many women 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 humanitarian settings, UNFPA recruited and trained 30 midwives on preparedness and response with emphasis on Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) for reproductive health in emergencies, and later deployed 18 of them in hard-to-reach humanitarian areas (Surge Midwives). This innovative strategy produced outstanding results that exceeded expectations.
- These midwives contributed immensely to changing, transforming and saving lives in the host communities and internally displaced persons' settlements. In some cases, no maternal deaths were recorded over a period of more than 6 months in localities which initially recorded at least a maternal death every week before the arrival of the midwife.
- They provided instant response to the felt needs of the populations in the targeted zones.
- They carried out continued awareness-raising aimed at behaviour change in reproductive health, family planning, and in prevention and responses to GBV and HIV AIDS and STIs. They played an important role in coordinating reproductive health stakeholders in collaboration with the zonal or district health teams.
- It is a critical humanitarian, development and peacebuilding initiative that can be implemented in all humanitarian conditions.
- Because of the outstanding success registered with this initiative, UNFPA DRC is preparing to conduct training of a series of cadres of midwives ready for preparedness and response in humanitarian settings.







# INNOVATIONS

## GeoReferenced Infrastructure and Demographic Data for Development GRID

GRID3 is supporting the realization of a fully digital 2020 round census in the DRC and is working closely with the National Institute of Statistics and the DRC Census Bureau (Bureau Central de Recensement, BCR) to provide technical guidance regarding options for incorporating geospatial methodologies into census planning and census cartography.

Creating Enumeration Areas (EAs) requires consideration of population and area size within each unit to ensure that they have approximately equal-sized populations and are a manageable size to be covered by census enumeration staff. To respond to this challenge, WorldPop and Flowminder have developed a semi-automatic approach of mapping pre-EAs to support census cartography. This approach utilises high-resolution gridded population estimates and digitized geographic features, including administrative boundaries, and natural and man-made features, such as rivers and roads, to divide the regions into small areas which are then merged to meet criteria specified for population size and geographic area.

Field testing of pre-EAs created from WorldPop and Flowminder's semi-automated approach took place across three test sites in the provinces of Kinshasa and Kongo-Central in December 2019. The field testing was conducted over four days by the BCR technical staff with participation from UNFPA and WorldPop staff.



Training of young people on the **management of sexual and reproductive health projects/programs, and of resource mobilization**

Date : **15 to 29 July 2019**

Location : **Kinshasa-Goma-Lubumbashi**

Youth and Youth Leadership Camps on SRHR  
**"My Life in My Pocket"**

Date : **July 30 2019**

Location : **Goma-Lubumbashi**



**Flash Mob**

Date : **October 2019**

Location : **Kinshasa**



Destination

**Nairobi SUMMIT**

Date : **12 to 15 November**

Date : **October 2019**

Location : **Kinshasa**  
**National caravan on the way to Nairobi**







# ICPD25 AND UNFPA@50

## Strong government commitment to ICPD

2019 marked the 50th anniversary of UNFPA and the 25th anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) and its landmark Programme of Action. The DRC participated in the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25

with a delegation that included the Deputy Prime Minister; Minister of Planning; Minister of Gender, Family and Children; Deputy Minister of Health and a large delegation of young people and adolescents, journalists and civil society representatives.

## DRC Road map

As a prelude to participation at the Nairobi Summit, a road map was adopted at the national level that included a number of steps including, for example, meeting with media leaders; journalists and communicators on the ICPD25 themes; organizing leadership camps for teenagers and young people in targeted provinces (Goma, Kinshasa and Lubumbashi); launch of the State of World Population 2019 report; celebration of World Population Day; inauguration of vocational training centres in Goma, Kinshasa and Lubumbashi; training programmes for some 50 youth associations in leadership and management of sexual and reproductive health projects; and the free offer of integrated family planning services.

The DRC welcomed the organization of the Nairobi Summit which provided an inclusive and unique platform to discuss and agree on initiatives to accelerate promises and stimulate the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action.

The challenge is to ensure a better tomorrow for each citizen with the assurance of sustainability of the actions taken today. The challenges to be met are still enormous since almost 74 per cent of the population of the DRC currently lives below the multidimensional poverty line, in a country exposed to the risks of natural disasters and where the consequences of the financial crisis turned into economic recession. The reduction of poverty and establishment of sustainable development today constitute major priorities of the Government.

# High level representation of DRC at Nairobi Summit

DRC delegation was conducted by HE. Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Planification: Madame Elysée MUNEMBWE TAMUKUMWE.



# FlashMob Kinshasa/Matadi

A flash mob organized by DRC support brought together more than 500 young people along with political and administrative leaders and heads of United Nations agencies and international NGOs. A number of activities included dance, music, capoeira and

rollerblading competition. The events featured awareness-raising by peer educators and the offer of sexual and reproductive health services. The most important part was around the signing of the stakeholder's commitment to the Nairobi Summit.



## Youth leadership camp : My Life In My Pocket

Organized as part of the celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development and of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the first leadership camp

“ My Life in My Pocket” was a gathering of

adolescents and young people. It was held with a review to strengthen their capacities, enabling them to fulfil their full potential and actively participate in the process of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in the DRC.



# African nations rollers cup





# Youth Incubator for SDGs

The **Professor Babatunde OSOTIMEHIN** Youth Incubator for SDGs aims to provide a platform for active engagement of DRC youth to allow a better integration of their voices in different processes of elaboration of strategies, projects and programmes through new technologies. The aim is to improve access to sexual and reproductive health, promote reproductive rights, support young people's transition to adulthood and actively engage young people in decision-making processes that affect their lives. The Youth Incubator for SDGs is led by AfriYAN, a youth-led organization, a key

platform which aims to promote meaningful youth participation at national, regional and global levels through advocacy and political dialogue on population/ sustainable development, sexual health rights and reproductive health (SRHR), health in general and the well-being of young people in particular.

In 2019, the youth incubator organized a number of activities to fulfil young people's potential and access to information and services regarding their Sexual and Reproductive Health and Right.









# Resources Mobilization and Strategic Partnerships

Resources mobilization focused on strengthening strategic partnerships to achieve the UNFPA three zeros. Key actions included strong advocacy with traditional donors (Canada, Japan, Italy, Sweden, Iceland, Netherlands, UN CERF and the Humanitarian Funds), creating new partnerships with non-traditional donors (Koica, China) and the private sector, and developing strong partnerships with the World Bank and other United Nations agencies.

## Several partners trusted us in 2019

- First programme support from Sweden
- Canada flexible humanitarian funds
- CERF-UF grant on women and girls
- CAFI project integrated family planning into environmental protection food security and agriculture focus
- World Bank through government partnership with UN agencies.









# Resources Mobilization and Strategic Partnerships

## Foundations

- ▶ DNT Foundation of the First Lady supported the fight against GBV;
- ▶ Paul G. Allen Foundation supported the reproductive health service package for the fight against Ebola in North Kivu and Ituri;
- ▶ Buffet Foundation : leveraging financing initiatives and mechanisms to support contraceptive access through domestically-led resource.









# Resources Mobilization and Strategic Partnerships

## Private Sector

- ◆ Gala night in Kinshasa with the Distinguished First Lady
- ◆ Gala night in Kolwezi mining with HE Governor of Lualaba
- ◆ Mutombo hospital, Panzi, St Joseph hospital
- ◆ Ecobank (cervical cancer), VODACOM (fistula), RawBank.

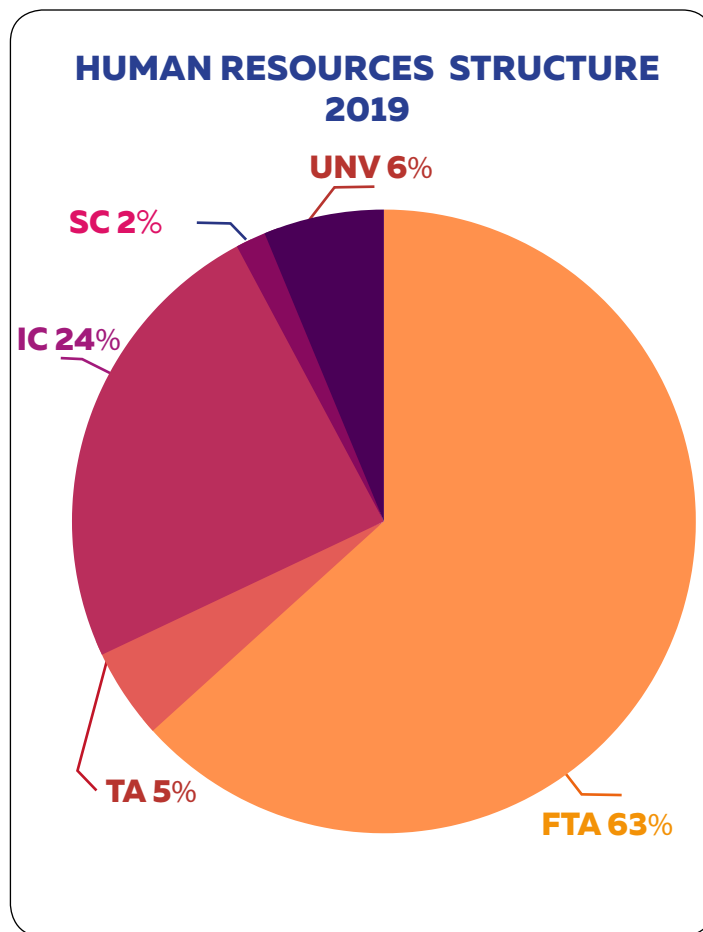


# HUMAN AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

The UNFPA Country Office in DRC had a 2019 work force comprised of 128 people. The Management Team made use of all recommended contract types in order to respond to the various crises that occurred in the country during 2019. The use of Fast Track Procedures helped in facilitating human resource management in this fragile context.

|                                       |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Fixed Term Appointment (FTA)</b>   | <b>81</b>  |
| <b>Temporary Appointment (TA)</b>     | <b>6</b>   |
| <b>Individual Consultants (IC)</b>    | <b>31</b>  |
| <b>Service Contract (SC)</b>          | <b>2</b>   |
| <b>United Nation Volunteers (UNV)</b> | <b>8</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                          | <b>128</b> |

The Country Office's regular team (fixed-term appointment) was readily deployed in the field for quick response to any new crisis, while anticipating support and an increase in the staffing structure. A cohort of six youths carried out internships (three in communications, two in IT and one in human resource), with the objective of improving young people's knowledge of the UNFPA mandate and impact. Eight United Nations Volunteers were recruited. The Country Office also deployed 18 humanitarian midwives to help vulnerable people in areas affected by humanitarian crises.

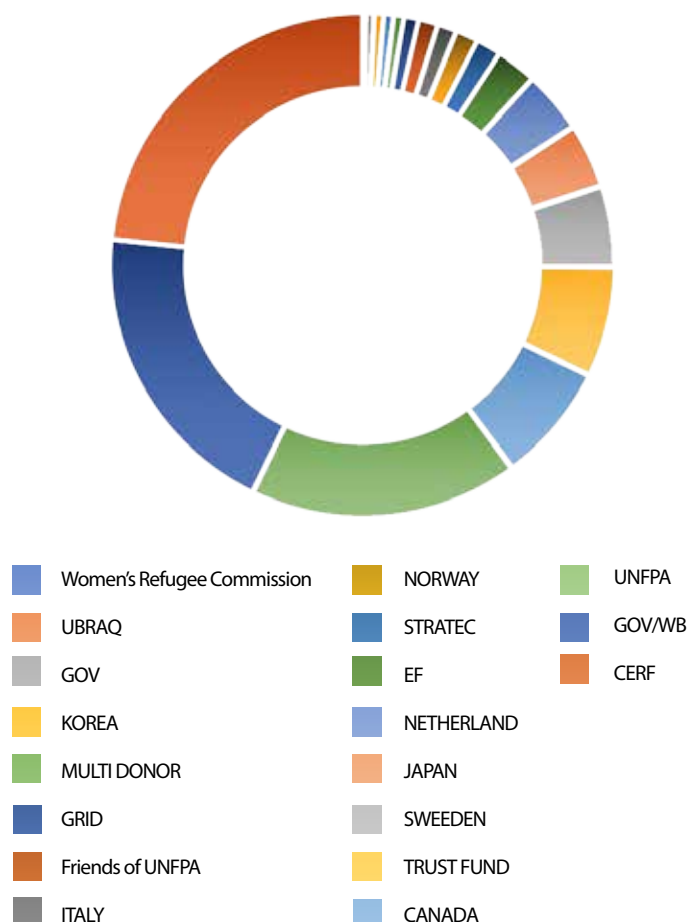




**43 million** of total mobilized funding available for programming: Total expenditures of **US\$ 33 million** with an implementation rate of over **98.3%** on 31 December 2019.

| DONOR                      | AMOUNT            |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Women's Refugee Commission | 32 949            |
| UBRAQ                      | 34 538            |
| GOV                        | 186 070           |
| KOREA                      | 200 000           |
| MULTI DONOR                | 215 381           |
| GRID                       | 222 439           |
| Friends of UNFPA           | 315 784           |
| ITALY                      | 418 957           |
| NORWAY                     | 421 058           |
| STRATEC                    | 485 153           |
| EF                         | 543 093           |
| NETHERLAND                 | 878 794           |
| HF                         | 1 345 557         |
| JAPAN                      | 1 391 543         |
| SWEEDEN                    | 1 771 986         |
| TRUST FUND                 | 2 374 577         |
| CANADA                     | 2 586 195         |
| UNFPA                      | 5 818 700         |
| GOV/WB                     | 6 550 389         |
| CERF                       | 7 858 128         |
|                            | <b>33 651 293</b> |

## 2019 FUNDS BREAKDOWN



UNFPA core funds represent 17.29 per cent of UNFPA Country Office programme funds, with 82.71 per cent of this amount mobilized by the Country Office. In 2019 CERF-Underfunded Emergencies is the most important contributor in the implementation of the programme.

# Vision 2030

## Universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights



End unmet need for family planning



End maternal death



End gender-based violence and harmful practices

## Leave no one behind



 **OBJECTIFS**  
DE DÉVELOPPEMENT  
**DURABLE**



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