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1. Situation Overview : High lights



National authorities and scientists are unanimous about a decline in seismic activities in the city of Goma and its surroundings. Accompanied by the first lady and eight ministers, the Congolese head of state visited the region to sympathize with those affected paying particular attention to shelter needs. The week before, provincial authorities organized people's return to their homes, with the exception of villages totally decimated by the lava flow that followed

the May 22nd, 2021's volcanic eruption; The Government has identified relocation sites where those who lost their houses will be relocated. Nevertheless, in addition to Government actions, it is important to support response on health including reproductive health and protection issues. This is due to destruction of houses and disappearance of plot boundaries with possible loss of lands titles. Within precarious shelters, boys, girls, women and men are living in the same spaces regardless of specific needs including access to water and the use of latrines. This exposes to gender-based violence. Due to the increases of security services there are many allegations of rape on women, the exposure of women and girls including adolescent girls at risk of rape, sexual exploitation. The degradation of the protective environment also increases the number of cases of physical assault and risk of sexual violence against separated and unaccompanied children. In addition, many service delivery points had been destroyed and others are non-functional because of displacement of staff or destruction of equipments and infrastructures including the main water storage system of Goma.

2. Humanitarian Needs

UNFPA carried out rapid needs assessment missions in the new context of the return and relocation of disaster victims. These missions show enormous challenges to meet urgent humanitarian needs in the area of sexual and reproductive health and protection against gender based violence. Maternity hospitals located in Nyiragongo, Munigi, Turunga and Kabati are all experiencing deterioration of buildings including deterioration of medical equipments. In addition, there is an urgent need to strengthen their institutional capacities to meet the increased needs of the population relocated in different sites. UNFPA needs dignity kits and menstrual hygiene kits, in the face of high demand. Other lifesaving commodities include reproductive health kits for health centers and high concentration IDPs sites. This is in addition to the need for food and non-foods items, increased number of pregnant women in need of assistance as well as people with specific needs.



3. Funding requirement

UNFPA, is appealing for **USD 1, 9 millions** as part of UNFPA's response to Goma volcano.

4. Government, UN and Other Stakeholders' Response



(MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER) For a week, the Prime Minister coordinated on the spot with the provincial authorities and the sectoral ministers the main activities of the response to the ongoing humanitarian crisis. The national assistance includes food and non-food items to the affected populations. The government of North Kivu had already used all media channels to inform inhabitants on new developments about seismic activities in Goma and its surroundings. Furthermore, logistics are provided for planned return to the villages and homes spared by the natural disaster. Goodwill donors and civil society organizations are also mobilizing for psychosocial and in-kind assistance to the most vulnerable populations. This is in addition to the ongoing provincial contingency plans (security, protection, shelter, food, health care).

More over, both national and international non-governmental organizations are also addressing the following:

- Need for psychosocial support for displaced and host populations (SOFEPADI,
- Need for adequate shelter, safe spaces and reception facilities
- Support to Hospitals providing medical care for affected communities (MSF, Red Cross, Heal Africa)
- Individual protection kits
- WASH Hygiene (IMA, MERCY CORPS) and dignity kits.
- In addition, Kenyan's government provided humanitarian aid to Congolese government , consisting mainly of food products, medicines and assistance kits

Alongside UN agencies and other humanitarian organizations, UNFPA in coordination with the national coordination of PSEA team continues awareness raising sessions for humanitarian personnel and assures the referral pathways for cases of gender based violence (GBV) as well as communication on the Interagency Helpline for Protection against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse **49 5555** including the posting and distribution of communication tools and awareness-raising sessions for small groups and with community radios.);

5.Key Activities implemented by UNFPA and results (Rutshuru, Minova, raid evaluation ongoing)

UNFPA's attention is more focused now on return sites implementing interventions around sexual and reproductive health and strengthening community mechanisms for protection against GBV; Empowerment of vulnerable women and girls to prevent harmful survival practices (early marriage and sex for survival, etc.); Briefing of the camp managers and members of WASH and SECAL clusters on the mitigation and reduction of GBV risks in the sites/ camps that will be planned and erected.

Thanks to humanitarian midwives (trained by UNFPA in 2020), UNFPA assists the maternity hospitals of the General Referral Hospitals (HGR) of Kirotshe the CSR / Afia-Sake for emergency deliveries and psychosocial support. With partners AFRIYAN, HOPE IN ACTION, LUCODER NGO, SOFEPADI and the National Reproductive Health Program (PNSR), UNFPA continues to evaluate health facilities in massive return areas including Kibati, Kanyarushinya, Turunga, Ngangi, Buhene, Buyimba, Majengo etc... UNFPA continues to provide Sexual and Reproductive Health Kits to women who gave birth in health centres of Minova, Munigi, Turunga, Kibati, Kanyarutshinya, Kirotshe and the Keyshero Hospital.

UNFPA is coordinating for replenishment of post rape kits and commodities through IMA implementing partner. Thus, the Keyshero Hospital, the PNSR of South Kivu and the health zones of Kirotshe and Nyiragongo respectively received **41,296,51** and **58 post-rape kits**, in addition to more than 5 tons of SRH kits donated to the health zones of Goma, Nyiragongo, Kirotshe, Rutshuru, Minova, Kalehe.

6. Resource Mobilization and Finance

UNFPA further proposes an emergency intervention package including the following:

- Support to assistance at birth, to about 800 pregnant women including emergency caesarean sections to those that will develop complications;
- Provide individual delivery kits for **5000 pregnant women**;
- Support the medical treatment of **5,300 cases** of sexually transmitted infections;
- Provide holistic care for **1,760 victims** of gender-based violence at targeted health facilities
- Support the One-Stop Centre at Kyeshero Hospital to provide holistic services;
- Support family planning services for **12,200 new users** of a modern family planning method;
- Train **180 health care providers** especially midwives working in maternity settings on the prevention and control of infections;
- Distribute **3 000 dignity kits** to vulnerable women and girls including adolescents and young girls.
- Provide targeted health facilities with emergency reproductive health kits capable of treating **150,000** persons in 3 months.

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