Democratic Republic of Congo
Crisis Type: Volcanic eruption-Natural Disaster
Situation Report N° 2, 7 June 2021

1. Situation Overview: High lights

Barely a week after the volcanic eruption of May 22, 2021, North Kivu authorities and scientists note a significant decrease in seismic activity. UNFPA humanitarian team on the field observes return movements of people from Sake to Goma. Many of them report that their homes were burglarized and/or looted. Also, most of the displaced persons and members of the host families are faced with shortages of food and livelihoods. Like other humanitarian organization, UNFPA sent rapid assessment missions to displacement sites of Masisi, Sake, Rushuru, Minova and Bukavu to evaluate humanitarian needs. The fear of new eruption, threats of earthquakes have now given way to survival needs including decent housing conditions in places of origin as well as in displacement sites. 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. This exposes to gender-based violence. Also, many service delivery points had been destroyed and others are non-functional because of displacement of staff or destruction of equipments and infrastructures mainly in the disaster area of Nyiragongo, Munigi, Tungura and Kabati. Due to family separation, there is an increase of vulnerabilities and dependencies including the exploitation of some children and young adolescents, adolescent girls and boys in the host areas. More so, due to insecurity during the movement of populations, rape cases were reported in disaster areas and reception areas.

2. Humanitarian Needs

UNFPA is short of dignity kits and menstrual hygiene kits, in the face of high demand. There are many constraints to resupply health centres and high concentration IDPs sites. In the displacement sites of Rutshuru, Lubero, Minova and Bukavu, we are already observing early warning signs including scarcity of 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 million** as part of UNFPA’s response to Goma volcano.

4. Government, UN and Other Stakeholders’ Response

Provincial contingency plan (security, protection, shelter, food, health care) will focus on the following:

- Need for psychosocial support for displaced and host populations
- Need for adequate shelter, safe spaces and reception facilities in Mugunga (Buhimba) and Sake.
- Support to Hospitals providing medical care for affected communities.
- Individual protection kits
- WASH Hygiene and dignity kits.

Alongside UN agencies and other humanitarian organizations, UN agencies and humanitarian organizations have launched awareness raising sessions for their staff and implementing partners on the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA); awareness of the referral pathways for cases of gender based violence (GBV) as well as communication on the Interagency Helpline 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

Apart from people and families who have taken refuge in Rwanda, UNFPA had already deployed as much as possible to all IDP sites in both North Kivu (Minova) and South Kivu (Muniga) commodities and dignity kits prepositioned in Goma. Updating the gbv reference pathway in Kirotshe, Masisi and Rutshuru areas; Pre-positioning of post-rape kits in health zone offices, but not in health structures; Psychosocial support to survivors of GBV (Heal Africa, MSF, HGR Kirotshe, and HGR keyshero’s one stop center); Pre-positioning of **440 dignity kits in 05 health structures** in Goma and Nyiragongo; as well as Pre-positioning of SSR Kits by UNFPA for a population of more than **30,000 people during a period of 3 months**; Multisectoral needs assessments with focus on needs for GBV and RH response have been conducted; Update of the 3W and the response capacity for the Nyiragongo Volcano eruption by the partners; Prevention / awareness activities around GBV, PSEA and assistance to reinforce complaints mechanisms; UNFPA, in collaboration with GBV actors is assisting health structures of the most affected areas to ensure care to survivors through making post-rape kits available; UNFPA ensures that GBV and PSEA aspects are included in all future assessments in order to minimize risks and ensure that the needs of populations, IDPs and host are met. Thanks to humanitarian midwives (trained by UNFPA in 2020), UNFPA spontaneously assisted the maternity hospitals of the General Referral Hospitals (HGR) of Kirotshe, the CSR / Afa-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 Bweremana, Kyabondo and Kihindo. UNFPA provided Sexual and Reproductive Health Kits to more than 200 women who gave birth in health centres of Minova, Muniga, Turunga, Kabati, Kanyaruchinya, Kirotshe and the HGR of keyshero. From May 22 to June 2, 2021, **32 cases** of GBV have been documented, including **78%** of cases of rape, on minors, displaced women and host communities. All cases were taken care of in a timely manner in the supported health care facilities (Kirotshe, Keyshero and in the health zone of Nyiragongo)

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 complication;
- 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 hygiene kits to adolescent young girls;
- Provide targeted health facilities with emergency reproductive health kits capable of treating **150,000 persons in 3 months**.

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