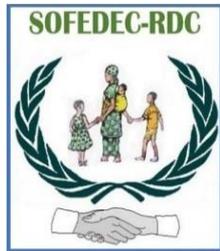


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Solidarité des Femmes pour le Développement Environnement et droit de l'Enfant au Congo

SOFEDEC - Women's solidarity for development, environment, and children's rights in the Congo is fighting against gender-based inequalities between men and women.

URGENT CALL FOR SUPPORT

For more than a year, several families from Masisi and Rutshuru are living in camps for persons in the district of Nyiragongo near Goma City, located in the province of North Kivu DRC.

This is the reason we are asking for financial support to strengthen the capacity of resilience of these women and girls exposed to gender-based violence.

**Our target:
Rising 25000 euros
for 250 persons!**



The living-conditions of these families are disastrous.



Some displaced women are selling food on the road.

The Path of Endless Suffering in Eastern DR Congo

Exhausted by the war for more than two decades, DR Congo remains at the mercy of its oppressor, in this instance ADF NALU and M23. These armed groups are sowing terror in the East of the country and perpetuating massacres on the population.

A huge number of deaths ignored or forgotten!

Facts:

A total of more than 6million deaths since 1997 until today, and thousands of displaced people!

This situation is almost ignored by the international and African community. They remain silent.

Threatened by uncountable warplanes these people were forced to flee from their villages in the region of Masis and Rutshuru leaving all their belongings behind. They finally arrived near Goma City in the Nyiragongo region, where they now are living in temporary tents. Each household of 5-10 people has got a space of 2m²



Tents of the displaced people in the Rusayo Camp

Located in Nyiragongo territory, the Rusayo camp is very vast with more than 5 thousand households of displaced families, devoid of hospitals and schools.

Each day one can see children roaming here and there in the camp and streets, women who do small jobs to provide food for their families. Easily, one can see sadness and a sense of abandonment in their eyes. Their hearts are bruised by the atrocities they had experienced.

"Life is very difficult here. we do our best to help our husbands who no longer have the means o take care of our families. " says Mrs. ZAWADI, from a war zone.

"I sell the boiled beans in small bags to feed my children, but sometimes we send the kids in the city to ask for food or clothes.

It is true that some NGO's come to donate and organize activities here in the camps, but there are too many families...", she continues.

There are reports about more than 10 camps for displaced people in the Nyiragongo territory and about an increasing number of thousands living in households in deplorable conditions.

This disastrous situation should not get unnoticed in other countries be it in Africa and on the global level, indifferent, because despite of cultural or social differences, humans are all the same; red blood is flowing in all.



This woman originally from Masisi is sitting on the floor. She was raped and lost her husband and two of her children in the war. She sells tomatoes to feed her family.



This woman escaped from the Rutshuru region after having lost all her family during the war.



Displaced women get a formation in manufacturing baskets and a training in sewing, all initiated by Sofedec.



The refugees need to maintain some basic activities in their everyday life.



We all agree that the Congolese government must take better control of the country's security situation.

However, now many women are on the move. Especially when they have got already a certain resilience, then they need our support. They have to take care of their children, and they need safety in order to prevent all kinds of violence.

The women in the Rusayo site near Goma in North Kivu Province, DRC need our help!

Each contribution, be it €10, €20, €50 or €100 can save the life of a family in this displacement camp.

For your donation, please use the following bank transfer:

Bank: Equity Banque Commerciale du Congo, Kinshasa, DR Congo

IBAN: 00011150655200042934294

Swift: BCDCCDKI

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH!