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THE SITUATION IN DR CONGO IS DEVASTATING - PLEASE DONATE!

Our source for the horrific news is Anuarite Siirewabo Muyuwa, President of our affiliate SOFEDEC.

The area of North Kivu, bordering Uganda and Rwanda, is increasingly being terrorized by armed military groups. To save their lives, people are forced to flee and are then considered internally displaced persons. There is hunger and poverty on an immeasurable scale.

The helping hands work even at the risk of their lives, the least we can do for them is to support them by calling for donations.

For your donation, please use the following bank transfer:

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

IBAN: 0001 1150 6552 0004 2934 294

Swift: BCDCCDKI

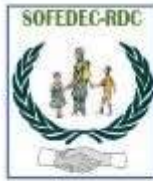
Receiver: SOFEDEC organization,

Coordinator: Ms. Anuarite Siirewabo Muyuwa Goma City, DR Congo

For more detailed information on the situation in DR Congo please read the article and the comments on our website.

For more details on SOFEDEC's engagement in DR Congo, please download the information paper by clicking on the image:

SOFEDDEC RDC



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

You are warmly welcome to promote this appeal for donation!

United Nations' World News in Brief not only confirm Anuarite's report about the military conflicts with the devastating consequences, they also state that after the worst floods in the past 60 years, the risk of a cholera epidemic is increasing in the Democratic Republic of Congo. According to UNICEF, more than two million people need help, the majority of them children.

IAW in mourning



Gudrun Haupter is no longer with us. We have received the sad news of her passing. A tribute in her memory will follow.

Sumita Sanyal,
the former President of our Associate
Saroj Nalini Dutt Memorial Association
also closed her eyes forever.
We hope to receive further information so
that we would be able to bid her a dignified
farewell.

Important read: "Breaking the Silence"

Ten humanitarian crises that didn't make headlines in 2023
published by CARE.

The report is available for [download](#) , here are the example sentences that confirm women as victims:

"Women's rights and empowerment were lauded in over 273,000 online articles about the new Barbie film, while the abuse of those same rights in every country in our report received next to no coverage."

"When families go hungry, women are often the last to eat, and eat the least."

"Many women die because they become pregnant too young, have children too close together, are subjected to female genital mutilation, or receive inadequate care during pregnancy."

"Girls are often forced to leave school early."

"Women and girls are disproportionately affected by crises and disasters compared to men and boys."

The outlook for 2024 is promising

Update on International Meeting in 2024

As this is the first in-person meeting in five years, we long to see our members from all parts of the world. Special donations are being solicited to help members with a tight budget (i.e. from developing countries) cover costs of the International Meeting, like [registration](#) and lodging, if sufficient funds are received.

Are you already curious about Bulgaria, a new member of the Human Rights Council for the period 2024-2026? The button leads you to the promotional material for Bulgaria's application as a candidate for this important and responsible position.

About Bulgaria

Editors Note:

Did you notice that your contribution did not appear in this issue? Please don't be disappointed! Your article will be published in one of the next issues of the newsletter.

The issue to come, which will be mailed within a couple of days, will be a special edition for CSW68.

We have learnt from experience that overlong newsletters are not effective, they overwhelm our readers. We have decided to try something different: We want to send a shorter, up-to-date newsletter more frequently.

Please carry on sending us contributions and informing us about relevant events in your country or at your organisation.

In close collaboration with the IWNews editor, we consider jointly where your article would be best positioned - on the website, in the journal or in the newsletter.

We look forward to receiving your contributions to the Communications Unit.

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