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SUPPORT FOR INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS AND RETURNEES OF NORTH KIVU

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The International Organization for Migration (IOM) in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is launching three new projects in the province of North Kivu to reinforce its action in favor of internally displaced persons (IDPs) and returnees. These projects are financed by the European Commission (ECHO), the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA), and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

The Project « *Assistance to Conflict-affected Population in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)* » is financed by ECHO with a million euro budget for a 12 months period. It aims to strengthen emergency activities in the field, through information management and coordination of displacement sites as well as through the search of durable solutions for persons and families in situation of displacement.

OFDA is financing the project « *Rapid Assistance Program for Internal Displaced R.A.P.I.D. fund for Eastern DRC* » with a budget of three million American dollars. The RAPID project has for objective to respond to the crisis in Eastern DRC through activities of humanitarian coordination, information management and management of displacement sites. This program also stretches over duration of 12 months starting from July 1st, 2015.

As for the SDC project « Assistance in protection and food security to the internal displaced and returning persons in the province of North Kivu », it has a total budget of 568 000 Swiss Francs and will allow IOM to carry out emergency and stabilization activities during a 12 months period. These activities will be focused on protection and food security of IDPs and returnees in the territory of Masisi, province of North Kivu.

According to Mrs. Monique VAN HOOF, IOM Goma Head of sub-office: « IOM DRC is committed to providing assistance to vulnerable migrants in the DRC including internally displaced persons and returnees. We are very thankful to the three donors, ECHO, OFDA, and SDC, for their continued support of IOM initiatives. This latest funding will allow IOM Goma to undertake activities that are complimentary to each other and that will meet needs in various sectors, including biometric registrations, direct assistance, durable solutions, protection, and food security. »

It is necessary to note that there are 57 displacement sites regrouping 192 000 displaced persons in North Kivu, 27 of which are under the supervision of IOM.

IOM is present in the DRC since 1994 where it implements several programs in support of vulnerable migrants. IOM also intervenes in conflict stabilization, sexual violence (National Strategy against sexual violence) and returnee support activities (in accordance with its country strategy 2013-2017).

As the main organization working in the field of migration, IOM acts with its partners of the international community in order to manage the challenges of migration. IOM promotes economic and social development through migration and works in the respect of human dignity and the well-being of migrants.

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