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IOM’s Emergency Operations and Coordination in North Kivu

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Participants of the CCCM Training organized by IOM and UNHCR, Goma-DRC, March 2014 © IOM 2014

HIGHLIGHTS

In this issue:

• Under the framework of community building within the CCCM Sector, IOM supported the Government of DRC—CNR1 in the organization of elections of IDP Committees in displacement sites of Masisi and Goma.

• CCCM2 Capacity Building Program: a new session was held in Goma, gathering 22 participants.

• IOM teams led OCHA donors groups visit of Bulengo Site.

BACKGROUND

The situation in Eastern DRC remains relatively calm with occasional outbreaks of conflict in Lubero, Rutshuru and Masisi Territories. Movements have been reported by IOM partners on the Mweso-Pinga axis, in Masisi territory where about 800 new displaced households have reached Bibwe, the most important displacement site in the area. IOM will continue to monitor the situation closely while registration process has just started.

In Goma, IOM continues to witness a gradual return process from the displacement sites to places of origin. This situation of general calm has also allowed the humanitarian community to embark on a series of initiatives to better target humanitarian assistance and harmonize activities.

The World Food Programme (WFP), for example, will commence food distributions in 33 displacement sites based on its recent food vulnerability study and IOM will soon conclude the second phase of this study in an additional 20 displacement sites.

Efforts continue between IOM and UNHCR to consolidate information management tools and further strengthen the CCCM Sector.

Both agencies are working on a joint project of data collection in displacement sites and host communities based on IOM’s Displacement Tracking Matrix and UNHCR IDP Profiling. Consultations with various partners and the Government are underway in preparation for a final discussion with the humanitarian community via the OCHA-led intercluster.

Another advancement to further strengthen coordination mechanisms is currently being pursued by IOM and UNHCR. The Spontaneous Sites Working Group will merge with the CCCM Working Group chaired by UNHCR. Both agencies will work in close collaboration with partners within the newly created Displacement Sites Working Group as of this month. Focus will be made on reinforcing advocacy for the most vulnerable, exit strategies from displacement sites and durable solutions for the beneficiaries.

Finally, IOM DRC will soon announce its new Site Management Partners in North Kivu who will be tasked with maintaining a constant presence and liaising with partners the administration (CNR) within the sites.

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IOM’S SUPPORT TO THE CNR IN THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ELECTIONS OF IDP COMMITTEES

In order to promote governance of displaced communities while simultaneously increasing the capacity to respond to their own needs, IOM supported community management structures through democratic elections within the displacement sites which took place at the end of March 2014.

The purpose of this exercise is to encourage the participation of displaced people in the decisions and management activities of the displacement sites.

In Eastern DR Congo, the electoral calendar is prepared by the National Commission for Refugees (CNR), the government entity in charge of the administration of the sites. During this process, IOM supported the CNR in the organization by providing updated lists, logistics and mobile site management teams to help monitoring the situation on the ground, ensuring of the transparency of the process.

For the past two weeks, IOM teams participated in the organization of IDP committees elections in the sites of Kibabi Buporo, Kibabi Police, both located in Rubaya zone (Masisi), as well as in Goma largest IDP site, Mugunga 1. Elections in other sites have been planned by the CNR and should progressively take place in the remaining sites until the end of April 2014.

CCCM CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM: NEW TRAINING HELD IN GOMA, EASTERN DRC

In the framework of the 2013-2016 CCCM Strategy for North Kivu, IOM and UNHCR have undertaken a significant effort to increase awareness of CCCM sector activities while simultaneously building the capacity of the Sector.

In March 2014, IOM and UNHCR initiated the 26th jointly training in Goma, DRC.

The three-day CCCM session allowed 22 participants, 10 from the CNR, 8 of IOM and 4 for IEDA Relief to increase their knowledge of CCCM and gain a better understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the different stakeholders present in a displacement site during the site’s life cycle.

Within a one-year period, IOM and UNHCR trained 594 persons of which 20 have been certified as Global CCCM Trainers who can be deployed for emergency situations.

With the current selection of new Camp Management Organizations in the sites coordinated by IOM, IOM will multiply CCCM training sessions for its partners to ensure of the efficiency of the teams in the field and respect of CCCM Standards and good practices for improved coordination.

IOM NORTH KIVU LED OCHA DONOR GROUP VISIT IN BULENGO

The OCHA Donor Support Group (ODSG) was on mission in DR Congo from March 30th to April 5th 2014. In this framework, IOM North Kivu organized a field visit to Bulengo, the second most important peri-urban displacement site in Goma Zone.

During this visit, discussions were focused on coordination mechanisms in North Kivu, current challenges and gaps that must be overcome and interaction with Government representative entities.

Although the site has experienced a great number of spontaneous departures and a given cases of returnees (Rutshuru and Nyiragongo), at the end of March, 7,685 households / 41,134 individuals still remain in the place.

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