The humanitarian situation in North Kivu Province remains closely linked to the end of the March-23 (M-23) rebellion, announced on 05 November 2013 in the territories of Rutshuru and Nyiragongo.

The M-23’s withdrawal continues to present opportunities for return and reintegration efforts in the two territories since the end of 2013.

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) in the DRC seized this opportunity and commenced a pilot project financed by the Government of the Netherlands to assist in the returns of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), initiate preliminary community transition projects and assist in the re-establishment of key state functions.

Within this context, the Human Security, as a pilot project of IOM’s Resilience Strategy in North Kivu, includes Capacities Building of Local Authorities and Communities. This component is a part of IOM’s partnership with the Cellule Provinciale d’Appui à la Pacification (CPAP) in the implementation and revitalizing of Comités Locaux de Paix et de Développement (CLPD).

The informative workshops organized in Rutshuru and Nyiragongo respectively on 24 and 26 June 2014 with CPAP and technical support from United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), aims to increase local participation and facilitation of the socio-economic reintegration process in the two territories.

In this issue:

- One hundred and fifty seven (157) Local Leaders participants from Customary Traditional Power, Public Administration, Civil Society, Justice, Local Women’s Associations, Economic Associations, local and International NGOs received a training and awareness on New Legal Framework to promote Peace and Community building through local structures.

- Presentation of IOM DRC’s Resilience Strategy in post conflict territories.
IOM DRC SUPPORTS THE GOVERNMENT’S PROGRAMME OF COMMUNITY BUILDING EFFORTS THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LOCAL COMMITTEES IN RUTSHURU AND NYIRAGONGO TERRITORIES

On 24 and 26 June 2014, IOM’s Early Recovery and Resilience Program organized a workshop which aims to disseminate the new Legal Framework on Peace building and development coordination in North Kivu. Participants from various villages and groupements in Rutshuru and Nyiragongo met respectively at the Territories’ Offices. It will be noted that many UN agencies and International NGO previously implemented multiple committees with low coordination mechanisms which led to duplication of assistance in the intervention’s zones.

The organization of this workshop is part of the activities of Capacities Building for Local Authorities and Communities through support of the Cellule Provinciale d’Appui à la Pacification (CPAP), the government entity in charge of the implementation of the new Comités Locaux de Paix et de Développement (CLPD) at different levels (Territoire, chefferie, Groupement, Village).

This initiative also contributes to strengthen the partnership with UNDP, which has inspired efforts of the Community-Building process in post-conflict zones and which is currently lead of the Early Recovery and Resilience Working Group in North Kivu.

IOM’s RESILIENCE PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION IN NORTH KIVU POST CONFLICT TERRITORIES

During the workshop, CPAP has introduced the new Provincial Legal Framework which is the basis of establishment of the new local structures. In particular, procedures related to the composition of CLPD and the mechanisms of their revitalization in post-conflict areas were the subject of discussions.

Issues related to Peace-Building and Community Development Planning were also discussed using the participatory approach.

The opportunity was taken to present IOM DRC’s Early Recovery and Resilience Program within the current Human Security project activities in Rutshuru and Nyiragongo.

Indeed, since December 2013, IOM DRC is involved in the return process, searching for durable solutions for better protection and socio-economic reintegration of returnees in North Kivu’s post conflict zones.

For IOM, the new committees should not only be the powerful tools for endogenous development, but also...