



MONTHLY UPDATE

1 TO 31 APRIL 2011

Highlights:

- Nine permanent facilities were handed over to the Government in North and South Kivu, including six administrative and three police facilities.
- The first ISSSS Quarterly Report for 2011 was published in English. The Report highlights concerns for the Security component; and several problem areas viz. the “software” to complement infrastructure works under the State Authority component.

LOCATIONS: NK North Kivu; SK South Kivu; IT Ituri; REG Eastern DRC

First ISSSS Quarterly Report for 2011 published

REG	<p>The English version of the Quarterly Report was circulated to partners. This is a public document that summarizes financial and project activity under the ISSSS, including maps of core outputs in targeted areas.</p> <p>Key <u>facts and figures</u> include :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total funds aligned with the ISSSS stand at USD 230.1m. This represents an increase of USD 16.54m during Quarter 1. Of this total, USD 148.36m (65%) has been spent. ▪ The Kivus and Ituri account for 90% of allocated funds. ▪ Updates were received for 80% of the project portfolio. The major difficulty is the RRR component where only 50% of projects were updated. <p>The report highlights several concerns about <u>progress against planned outcomes</u>. A consensus evaluation through the Stabilization Working Group indicates :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Security outcomes : 2/3 “blocked”; 1/3 “delayed / uneven progress”. There is particular concern about the support concept for the FARDC. ▪ State Authority outcomes: 1/5 “blocked”; 3/5 “delayed / uneven progress” and 1/5 “good progress”. The main concerns relate to overdue deployments of personnel. <p>Translation to French is currently ongoing.</p>
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COMPONENT 1: IMPROVING SECURITY

Population security in target areas

NK	<p>No significant change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Small-scale attacks by FDLR and PARECO remained common, above all in Rutshuru and southern Lubero. ▪ Apparent increase in attacks by APCLS; and increased tempo of FARDC conflict with ADF in the northern part of the province. To be watched for May.
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SK	<p>No significant change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing attacks by FDLR and Mai-Mai Yakatumba in southern Fizi (towards the North Katanga border); relatively sporadic FDLR attacks in Kalehe and Mwenga territories.
IT	<p>No significant change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Militia attacks remained common in Irumu, including a firefight with a MONUSCO contingent at Aveba. Signs of increased civil disturbance in Mahagi need to be watched going forward.

COMPONENT 2: SUPPORT TO POLITICAL PROCESSES

Disengagement of armed groups

NK SK	<p>There were no major developments during April. The Government continued negotiations with some residual combatants, notably in North Kivu, along with limited military pressure.</p> <p>The ISSSS <u>disarmament and demobilization</u> initiative remains suspended; talks are ongoing with the Minister of Defense on how this initiative can be fitted into current efforts.</p>
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COMPONENT 3: RESTORATION OF STATE AUTHORITY

Handover of new facilities

NK	<p>Formal inauguration of two administrative facilities in Sake and Masisi centre by the Vice-Governor and Stabilization Team Leader. Technical-level handover of administrative facilities in Nyamilima and Ishasha (Rutshuru territory).</p>
SK	<p>Technical-level handover of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police facilities in Bitale, Bunyakiri and Hombo. Administrative facilities in Bitale and Bunyakiri. <p>The “difficult cases” remain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fizi (SK): difficulties persist with contractor. Discussions are ongoing with financial partner (the Netherlands) on way forward. Minembwe (SK): sites remain inaccessible due to lack of road access. Options are being explored for airlift of materials, but this is likely to very expensive. Shabunda (SK) : Road access remains difficult for some heavy materials.

Pending deployments of Government officials

NK SK	<p>The major deficits for “software” remain the following:</p> <p><u>Tribunaux de Paix</u> : The completed facility at Walungu does not have magistrates available. The timeline for deployment of magistrates from Kinshasa level is unclear; with reports that a program of training is in the early stages.</p> <p><u>Police Territoriale</u> : Facilities in South Kivu are being handed over to very weak detachments pending deployment of additional elements. The <i>sous-commissariat</i> in Bitale, for example, is currently occupied by five officers. Provincial level officials indicate that they are waiting on completion of permanent police housing before deployment.</p>
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COMPONENT 4: RETURN, REINTEGRATION & RECOVERY

Local dispute resolution mechanisms

NK	<p>Seven pilot <i>groupements</i> were identified in Masisi and Rutshuru territories for the launch of the Local Conciliation Committees foreseen in the 23 March Agreements, and a workplan is in place. This represents a significant process milestone after the project foundered on political grounds for some six months.</p> <p><i>Comment: Under the 23 March Agreements, the CLPCs are intended to facilitate peaceful and orderly returns of refugees later in 2011, principally from Uganda and Rwanda. UNHCR is leading implementation from the international side, with funding support from the Peacebuilding Fund.</i></p>
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COMPONENT 5: COMBATING SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Combating impunity

IT SK	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Establishment of two networks of NGO's to provide legal advice to victims of sexual violence. The networks comprise 14 partner NGOs in Ituri and 26 partner NGOs in South Kivu.▪ Establishment of networks of lawyers in South Kivu and Ituri. In South Kivu 24 lawyers and legal defenders are part of the network. In Ituri, 28 lawyers and legal defenders work in the network, ensuring legal aid for victims of sexual violence.
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Protection & prevention

IT	Training of 25 DIVAS agents, NGOs, local organizations and community leaders. Outreach through community radio and community days.
SK	Developing CAREAM CDM - structures that promote women's leadership in awareness raising and public debates. Provide necessary equipment for early warning mechanisms to community leaders and peer educators. Development and production of awareness raising material such as, flyers and brochures, <i>boites à image</i> and posters. Outreach through events, radio and door to door conversations.

Multi-sectoral assistance

NK	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 47 farmers received training on identification of psychological trauma of SV survivors. Training for 22 police officers and 23 paralegals in Nyiragongo Goma and Rutshuru on psychosocial support. Livelihoods training for 76 survivors.▪ 127 cases of sexual violence reported and received medical, psychosocial and reintegration support. Three mobile clinics have been set up by Heal Africa and SAFDF to provide assistance to survivors of sexual violence in areas that are difficult to access.
IT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Psychosocial and medical support for 92 newly reported victims in Ituri.▪ Socioeconomic reintegration activities for 205 survivors.

Data & mapping

SK	<i>South Kivu:</i> Presentation of study on sexual violence cases in 2010. Meetings with (i) the government on the role of CTLS in the new system of data collection (ii) PLD on the quality of data-forms (iii) stakeholders of data mapping on the new data collection system, (iv) partners FACES on how to collect data. Encoding data on sexual violence provided to UNFPA
IT	<i>Ituri:</i> Encoding data on sexual violence provided to UNFPA. Training on data collection for FACES of the partners.

PARTNERSHIPS & COORDINATION

Sustainment of Stabilization Support Unit

REG	Meetings are ongoing with ISSSS financial partners regarding the sustainment of the SSU. As at date of writing: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Out of 9 current posts, 5 posts supported by UNDP will expire in June / July (with their incumbents).▪ Four posts are under recruitment using MONUSCO resources.
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Stabilization Working Group

REG	The SWG convened on 13 April 2011 in Kinshasa. Agenda items included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Review of results for the quarter and the ISSSS Quarterly Report.▪ Timing for the next Partners Meeting / Comité de Suivi.▪ Discussions around project pipeline and the next “phase” of ISSSS.
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Support to STAREC coordination

NK	STAREC Joint Technical Committee convened on 13 April 2011. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Supporting sub-committee on Security and State Authority resumed after reshuffling of the North Kivu Cabinet.
SK	STAREC Joint Technical Committee did not meet during April. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Supporting sub-committee for Security & Restoration of State Authority met twice to work on 2011-12 priorities and the corresponding project concepts.▪ Joint International-Government missions along Bukavu-Shabunda and Miti-Hombo axes to facilitate linkages between provincial and local levels.▪ Meetings continued with provincial STAREC support team to build capacity and transfer experience.

Dialogue with humanitarian community

SK	Stabilization Team Leader met with humanitarian NGOs and agencies in the province on 19 April. The objective of the meeting was to further familiarize them with stabilization programs and potential ways of working together. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ One specific action point is to discuss with SK Government modalities to increase NGO representation in the STAREC coordination structure.
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