

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND STABILIZATION SUPPORT STRATEGY

**UPDATE FOR
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Highlights:

- The team for the Strategic Review of the ISSSS has been finalised and will arrive in Kinshasa on 14 March for a three-week mission. The Review will culminate in briefings for key stakeholders at country level, and a review paper identifying major issues.
- Work continues on infrastructure for deployment of state officials in the East. A total of 40 facilities are expected complete by end of April. Intensive work with GoDRC counterparts is needed over the coming weeks and months to ensure that personnel are deployed on time and receive adequate operational support.
- First plenary of Commission Technique Pacification et Réconciliation (CTPR) was held in Goma. The CTPR is a key element of the proposed return management strategy for North Kivu: it will be linked to local bodies at groupement level to assess and improve the conditions for return of displaced persons and refugees.
- Camps for deployment of the Police Intervention Rapide continue to be built in North and South Kivu: a total of 26 will be ready by end April. It is now becoming urgent to finalise a deployment and training plan for the 1,620 PIR elements expected at these sites.
- Registration of Mai-Mai Kifufua at Walikale / Hombo has concluded. 345 ex-combatants opted for UNDP community reintegration projects, and 485 for integration into FARDC.
- Concept notes identifying priority activities have been prepared for each component of the Comprehensive Strategy on Sexual Violence. The next step is to develop project proposals with implementing partners, with the active involvement of the STAREC Joint Technical Committees at provincial level.
- Three out of five sites for the pilot phase of the Centres de Negoce ("Trading Counters") have now been identified. Work is needed on the political and security conditions for successful operation of these Centres, along with the technical / engineering aspects.

LOCATIONS: NK North Kivu; SK South Kivu; IT Ituri; MN Maniema; OR Orientale

1. SECURITY	
DEMOBILISATION AND REINTEGRATION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Registration of Mai-Mai Kifufua at Walikale / Hombo Nord has finished. Of total 899 individuals, 345 chose UNDP community reintegration (supported by the Peacebuilding Fund), and 485 chose integration into the FARDC.¹ 	NK
FARDC DISCIPLINE AND PROFESSIONALISM	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Planning for FARDC garrisons in South Kivu have been revised after discussions with FARDC and the South Kivu CTC. It has been agreed that two facilities (Saio and Nyamunyui) will be completed instead of three. An additional 2 million USD would be necessary to complete the third site (Nyangezi). ▪ The DFID-PBF supported project for garrisoning of FARDC continues to be discussed at Kinshasa level with GoDRC partners. Modalities for the implementation and oversight of work are yet to be finalised; project will include 2 sites in North Kivu and 1 in Ituri, as well as capacity building for the genie militaire. 	SK ALL

¹ The integration caseload is still pending; clarification is expected from FARDC hierarchy on the modalities of integration.

2. STATE AUTHORITY

ACCESS TO ISOLATED AREAS

Sake – Masisi (57km)	UNOPS continues to work on drainage and support structures; technical survey of the road is also ongoing. Road was reclassified to “yellow” (escort not mandatory) on 2 March. Proposed relocation of RSA squadron to Masisi-Nyabiondo axe is still under discussion within MONUC Force. This would make it very difficult to keep road open due to frequent landslides requiring mechanised response. Expected completion remains 30 August 2010.	NK
Rutshuru – Ishasa (63km)	Works are complete. Handover to provincial authorities is pending organisation of next meeting of the North Kivu <i>Comité Technique Conjoint</i> .	
Bukavu – Hombo (93km)	Work continues on drainage, mechanised rehabilitation and (crucially) a series of bridges. Expected completion has been pushed back one month to 31 May.	SK
Bukavu – Shabunda (304km)	AAP, Cordaid, UNOPS, Malteser are all working on road. Bangladeshi engineering contingent has also started mechanised rehabilitation, taking over from outgoing Chinese. Some heavy equipment has now been delivered to Shabunda for work from that end of road. Expected completion date remains end November 2010.	
Baraka – Fizi – Minembwe (140km)	Security is becoming a serious problem; ACTED contractors have been assaulted and payment of salaries is difficult. Moreover, problems with the road connecting Baraka to Uvira are interfering with delivery of supplies. Progress is about 25% or 35km; expected completion remains end August 2010.	
Bunia – Boga (63km)	UNOPS has completed HIMO works for Bunia to Kagaba (40km). Work on last 23km to Geti remains suspended due to poor security conditions.	IT

DEPLOYMENT OF CIVIL AUTHORITIES

Infrastructure works are expected to be completed as follows:

	NOW	MAR	APR	MAY	LATER
Police territoriale	1	7	6		
Police territoriale logements					14
Administration civile		5	9	1	7
Prison		1	2		1
Tribunal de Paix	1		3		
Centre de Negoce				2	3
TOTAL	2	13	22	3	25

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The following issues still need to be addressed for a successful deployment:

- Personnel: A dossier with estimated personnel requirements has been developed with help of MONUC lead sections. This will be discussed at forthcoming STAREC *Comité de Suivi*.
- Concept of operations: Configuration of services to be offered by new deployments of civil administrators needs to be developed and validated with responsible Ministries at both the provincial and Kinshasa levels.

POLICE NATIONAL CONGOLAISE

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Five temporary sites for <i>Police Territoriale</i> remain vacant in South Kivu; one has now been taken over by the FARDC. A draft deployment order for 180 police to use the camps is pending at Kinshasa level. 	SK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Police Intervention Rapide</i>: A total of 5 sites have been completed, with a total of 26 expected to be complete by end April. No deployment plan has yet been developed at Kinshasa level, although these units will be crucial to transition from FARDC to police responsibility for security. 	NK SK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training: A proposal has been developed for a facility near Goma to deal with two crucial caseloads – (1) integration of police from armed groups in North Kivu, and (2) pre-deployment training of the <i>Police</i> 	NK

<p><i>Intervention Rapide</i>. Formal approval is still pending from PNC at Kinshasa level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training programme for 28 <i>Officiers de Police Judiciaires</i> (OPJ) completed in Rutshuru.² OPJs are responsible for supporting judicial investigations; this programme increased the total of OPJ in Rutshuru territory from 7 to 35. 	NK
MINING TRADE CENTERS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sites have now been located for three out of five sites for the pilot phase of the <i>Centres de Negoce</i>: Itebero, Mubi / Bisei and Baraka. These Centers are intended to identify and value mineral resources with the aim of improving transparency of the trading chain. Construction is expected to start soon, although this must be linked with political and security efforts to address role of armed groups, CNDP parallel administration and rogue FARDC elements at these sites. Additional funds are also needed to rehabilitate access road to the Itebero site, estimated at 400,000 USD. This is essential for an effective security presence at the site, and to facilitate monitoring & oversight. 	NK SK

4. RETURN, REINTEGRATION AND RECOVERY	
RETURNS MANAGEMENT	
<p><u>Commission Technique Pacification et Réconciliation (CTPR)</u>: First plenary was held from 1-5 March. The CTPR is a provincial-level body established by the Governor which is intended to coordinate work on inter-communal and land conflicts and ensuring the safe and durable return of displaced persons. It includes around 60 representatives appointed by the Governor: from ethnic groups, religious confessions and civil society actors.</p> <p>Key activities were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Validation of the Return Management Strategy for North Kivu plus the Terms of Reference of the CTPR, along with a 2010 Action Plan. Validation of Terms of Reference for the <i>Comites Locals Permanents de Conciliation</i> (CLPCs). The CLPCs will be established at <i>groupement</i> level, and will assist to identify practical modalities at local level for peaceful return of displaced persons. <p>A UNHCR-UNHABITAT-WFP-UNOPS joint programme to support the CTPR and CLPCs is under development, using Peacebuilding Fund assistance.</p> <p><u>Rutshuru Forum</u>: Facilitated by the NGO ILCCE (<i>Initiative pour un Leadership Cohesif</i>) from 22-26 February with participation of traditional leaders of Rutshuru Territory. This important initiative culminated with a joint appeal by participants to the population of Rutshuru, in the sense of promoting and facilitating reconciliation, return of IDPs and refugees and their peaceful reintegration in their respective areas of origin.</p>	NK

5. SEXUAL VIOLENCE	
DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECT PROPOSALS	
<p>Component coordinators for the Comprehensive Strategy have begun developing project proposals with interested partners for the first allocation of funds from the Stabilisation and Recovery Funding Facility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each component working group has validated a concept note identifying priorities for project activities. In South Kivu, the CTC has been briefed on the concept notes. Detailed thematic meetings will be followed by validation of proposed project activities at next CTC. In Ituri, local-level working groups are meeting to discuss concept notes and develop projects. 	ALL

COORDINATION AND PARTNERSHIPS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The team for the Strategic Review of the ISSSS has been finalised. The team will arrive in Kinshasa on 14 	ALL

² Supported jointly by UNDP, American Bar Association, MONUC Rule of Law, EUPOL, UNPOL.

<p>March for a 3-week mission, which will culminate in briefings for key stakeholders at country level plus a formal review paper. The team comprises a senior expert from each of DPKO and UNDOCO, plus four donor representatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Draft of the Rules of Procedure for the Stabilisation Funding Board has been circulated to key partners for feedback prior to validation at the next meeting of the Board. A discussion paper has also been put forward on how to better align existing project activities of key donors with the STAREC framework. ▪ Project documents have been produced for four of the five project concepts for the Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) that have been approved by the Funding Board. These documents have been sent to Board members for final review prior to official transmittal to New York for disbursement by the PBF. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ North Kivu <i>Comité Technique Conjoint</i> remains inactive after postponement of last meeting from planned date 8 February. This is concerning as CTC was inactive for nine consecutive months from early 2009. ▪ South Kivu CTC met on 4 March. A joint mission was sent to Walungu to identify basic services that to be offered through civil administration to be deployed under the ISSSS; a round table will be organised with key line Ministries to discuss this issue. ▪ At Kinshasa level, the Technical Assessment Mission was briefed on current stabilisation activities in the East, and how this may link with benchmarks for drawdown of MONUC. 	<p>NK</p> <p>SK</p> <p>ALL</p>

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