

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND STABILIZATION SUPPORT STRATEGY

**UPDATE FOR
6 TO 31 MAR 2010**

Highlights:

- North Kivu Comité Technique Conjoint has met again after a two-month hiatus. It is essential to build on this with vigorous follow-up at the technical level (with the CTC Sub-Commissions), and at the level of the Governor.
- Infrastructure works under State Authority component are progressing well, with 35 new facilities expected to become available in May. Intensive work is necessary at Kinshasa and provincial level to support deployment and training of about 800 civil servants into these facilities.
- ISSSS Strategic Review Team has been in-country from 14 March onwards. Their visit will culminate in briefings to the UN Country Team and MONUC Senior Management, to be followed by a written report in the coming weeks.
- Ministry of Defence approved a list of 20 garrison sites for support under STAREC. A DFID-Peacebuilding Fund project is currently under development for work at some of these sites.
- 30 police have been deployed to Bogoro in South Irumu, Ituri District. The deployment is accelerated into temporary facilities, in advance of completion of a permanent sous-commisariat one month from now.
- Concept of operations for deployment of the Police Intervention Rapide continues to be discussed with PNC. This is leaving a significant gap in the State Authority component, with Police Territoriale lacking robust operational support to "hold" areas vacated by armed groups.

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

1. SECURITY		
DEMOBILISATION AND REINTEGRATION OF EX-COMBATANTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No new caseloads during reporting period. For existing caseloads: 33 projects for durable reintegration are ongoing and 39 are being finalised. These projects cover a total of just under 2,000 ex-combatants, plus 650 vulnerable community members. 		NK SK MN
FARDC DISCIPLINE AND PROFESSIONALISM		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Garrisons: The Ministry of Defence has approved a list of 20 garrison sites for support under STAREC. Discussions are ongoing on a DFID/Peacebuilding Fund project to support work on some of these sites (likely 3-5) through the <i>Cellule D'Infrastructure</i> and FARDC <i>Genie Militaire</i>. 		ALL

2. STATE AUTHORITY		
ACCESS TO ISOLATED AREAS		
Sake – Masisi (57km)	<p>UNOPS continues to work on drainage and support structures; RSA engineering squadron is assisting with emergency works. Expected completion remains 30 August 2010.</p> <p>A technical survey to guide durable rehabilitation in the future has been completed and final report will be provided mid-April.</p>	NK
Rutshuru – Ishasa (63km)	<p>Works are complete. Handover to provincial authorities is being organised with Office des Routes. Due to the significant delays in handover, UNOPS has started maintenance works to avoid serious damage to the road.</p>	

Bukavu – Hombo (93km)	Work is substantially complete up to Bunyakiri-Hombo section, with remaining task being work on several bridges. Handover to Office des Routes is being planned. For last section, HIMO works continue along with mechanised work by Uruguayan engineering squadron. Expected completion date remains 31 May.	SK																																																						
Bukavu – Shabunda (304km)	Work continues by Cordaid / AAP, UNOPS, Malteser and Bangladeshi engineering squadron. Middle section continues to be problematic with poor security and landslides, and other partners are planning recce mission to evaluate how to assist Cordaid / AAP. Expected completion date remains end November 2010.																																																							
Baraka – Fizi – Minembwe (140km)	Baraka-Fizi segment is completed, and handover to Offices des Routes is being planned. For Fizi-Minembwe segment: security is poor, with ACTED contractors being assaulted and payment of salaries becoming difficult. Targeted support from South Kivu Brigade will be necessary for ACTED to finish the road.																																																							
Other works	Kavumu-Minova axe: GoDRC has formally asked if Bangladeshi engineering squadron can be diverted from this axe to Hombo-Walikale. The provincial government gives this road top priority as it connects Kisangani with Bukavu via Hombo.																																																							
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																																																						
STANDBY FACILITY: UNOPS is establishing a standby capacity to support planning and project formulation for STAREC priority routes, and to respond to emergency maintenance on strategic routes. A Peacebuilding Fund allocation of USD 1m will support the facility in the short term. This is intended as “seed money”, as provincial governments consistently stress that strategic routes are the basic enabler for stabilisation activities.		ALL																																																						
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">The new facilities will support approximately 230 judiciary/corrections personnel; 500 civil administration staff; an additional 240 Police Territoriale; and three battalions of the Police Intervention Rapide (1,600).At national level: A dossier with estimated requirements will be discussed at forthcoming STAREC <i>Comité de Suivi</i>; it has also been forwarded from SRSG to Prime Minister Muzito.In South Kivu: An initial joint mission with provincial Ministries and key partners has assessed local administrative situation and needs in Walungu territoire. Additional missions will be organised for Bitale and Bunyakiri, to be followed by a “Round Table” to discuss concrete rollout plans.																																																								
ENSURING PUBLIC SECURITY																																																								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Police Intervention Rapide</i>: No deployment plans for completed sites are yet in place. <u>This leaves a serious gap in the State Authority component</u>, with the Police Territoriale lacking robust operational support to “hold” areas cleared of armed groups.PNC inspection tour: Joint teams visited all ISSSS strategic axes, comprised of PNC, UNOPS, OIM, PNUD, EUPOL. A report has been prepared for the PNC Inspecteur-General.		NK SK ALL																																																						

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deployment to Bogoro: 30 <i>Police Territoriale</i> were deployed to a temporary facility on 30 March. Their permanent <i>sous-commisariat</i> is expected complete end-April. PNUD has located and rehabilitated accommodation, and UNPOL Bunia has supported with pre-deployment training. 	IT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rehabilitation of temporary sites: UNOPS will start works shortly to improve the temporary accommodation facilities used by newly deployed Police Territoriale in NK. The project for construction of hardwall accommodation is close to finalisation, meaning delivery is expected in 4-5 months. 	NK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training for <i>Police Territoriale</i>: Three-week UNPOL programme completed at Munigi for 500 police, including 150 police intégré, with financial support from JICA. 	NK
ILLICIT EXPLOITATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of Mining Trade Centres is expected to start shortly at the Djingala and Baraka sites. Land is yet to be identified for Rubaya and Mugugo sites. Work on the Itebero site depends on rehabilitation of access road and funds are currently being mobilised for this. 	NK SK

4. RETURN, REINTEGRATION AND RECOVERY

BASIC SOCIAL NEEDS OF RETURNEES & RECEIVING COMMUNITIES

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNICEF Pear Plus: Launch of activities on a second axe in Damas area (Djugu <i>territoire</i>), for a total of 58,000 beneficiaries. Works are focused on social services and water/sanitation facilities. 	IT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNICEF / PNUD / FAO joint programme: Launch of activities on a second axe Miti-Hombo. This will directly complement ongoing activities under the Security / State Authority components. 	SK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNICEF / PNUD / FAO are discussing programmes to support STAREC activities in Masisi, Rutshuru and Walikale <i>territoires</i> in North Kivu. This would fill a critical gap, as a planned USAID programme in these areas will not be going forward. 	NK

PREVENTION OF CONFLICTS AT COMMUNITY LEVEL

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNHABITAT / UNHCR: 6 mediators are currently deployed in Masisi and Rutshuru <i>territoires</i>. Total caseload so far is about 350, with 38 cases resolved to date. Cases in March included a number of large concessionaires, e.g. in Luhonga, viz. 451 residents currently living in the Mugunga IDP camp near Goma. 	NK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNHABITAT has developed joint programme with the INGO. RCN Justice & Democracy. So far, 475 cases documented, and 11 cases resolved. 	IT

5. SEXUAL VIOLENCE

PROGRAMMING OF SRFF CONTRIBUTION

<p>First allocation of \$5m under the Sexual Violence configuration of the Stabilisation and Recovery Funding Facility is focused on South Kivu and Ituri. Status is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> South Kivu: Leads for each component of the Comprehensive Strategy have met with GoDRC counterparts; project documents will be validated at next <i>Comité Technique Conjoint</i> in early April. Ituri: project documents have been validated by the <i>Comité Technique Local</i> at district level. <p>Following review by the CTC/CTL, projects will be submitted to the SRFF Technical Secretariat for review prior to a decision of the Funding Board.</p>	ALL
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COORDINATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> North Kivu <i>Comité Technique Conjoint</i> convened on 30 March after a two-month hiatus. Vigorous follow-up is necessary to build on this at the technical level and also with the Governor. 	NK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South Kivu <i>Comité Technique Conjoint</i> convened on 25 March. Key points discussed were concept notes for Sexual Violence, and continuing assessment of needs for rollout of civil administration,. 	SK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Strategic Review Team for the ISSSS visited Kinshasa from 14-17 March, Goma from 18-21 March 	ALL

and Bukavu from 22-25 March. Team will remain for five more days before briefing key stakeholders in Kinshasa on 3 April and producing a consolidated report on the ISSSS.		
▪	For the Stabilization Funding Board: A revised draft of the Rules of Procedure, explaining among other things the project approval process, has been prepared and will be adopted at next meeting of the Board.	ALL
▪	Delegations: Swedish International Development Agency, evaluating possible support to STAREC/ISSSS; consultant group evaluating the Joint Monitoring Teams project; US Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilisation and US Ambassador to DRC; representative of US embassy in Kinshasa to discuss Mining Trade Centres initiative.	ALL

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