

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND STABILIZATION SUPPORT STRATEGY

UPDATE FOR
16 TO 30 JUNE 2010

Highlights:

- Solid progress on *désenclavement* of remote areas, with the Rutshuru-Ishasha, Baraka-Fizi and Bunia-Kagaba axes essentially finished. The more difficult / complicated routes connecting Sake-Masisi, Bukavu-Hombo and Bukavu-Shabunda are expected complete by end of 2010.
- Some progress on removal of parallel administration in North Kivu, with five ex-CNDP officials appointed to GoDRC positions in Masisi Territory, and a written commitment by the CNDP to cease illegal taxation.
- Programmes to support the integration of police elements and reinforcement of civil administration continue through the diagnostic phase in NK, and will be critical to build momentum and confidence in absorption of parallel administration. Both are currently supported by seed money from the Peacebuilding Fund.
- A worrying deterioration in security in several ISSSS target areas: Bunyakiri-Hombo (on the border between NK and SK); Walungu; Shabunda territory. This points clearly to the need for increased efforts to “hold” areas following FARDC operations against armed groups.
- There is a major funding gap for deployment of *Police Intervention Rapide* to volatile areas. 14 facilities are already available, but deployments are unlikely to be effective without additional operational support.

LOCATIONS: NK North Kivu; SK South Kivu; IT Ituri; HU Haut Uele

1. SECURITY

DETERIORATION OF SECURITY IN ISSSS TARGET AREAS

Within ISSSS target areas:

- **Bunyakiri / Hombo:** FDLR attacks on GoDRC security forces and civilians have intensified, reflecting a failure to “hold” this border area of NK / SK following FARDC operations in recent months.
- **Bukavu-Shabunda axis,** increased violence by FDLR and residual armed groups in Walungu and in Shabunda territory.

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And in areas adjoining ISSSS target areas:

- A serious deterioration of security in **Beni Territory**, notably due to clashes between FARDC and the foreign armed group ADF-NALU with some reports of cross-border involvement of Ugandan armed forces. (Provincial priority plans for the STAREC identify this area as the next highest priority.)
- A significant remaining armed group presence in **Southern Ituri**; with at least one high-profile figure “Colonel” Cobra Matata engaged in active recruitment and fund-raising. ISSSS activities do not currently extend this far south; it is accordingly unclear how to follow up on FARDC efforts to clear the Geti and Boga areas.

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DEPLOYMENT OF RAPID INTERVENTION POLICE

- A funding shortfall for deployment of the *Police Intervention Rapide* in volatile areas remains a serious problem.¹ 6 semi-permanent camps in North Kivu remain vacant; 9 sites in NK have now been occupied by police from the *Police Intervention Rapide* and *Groupe Mobile d’Intervention*.
- Deployments are unlikely to be effective without operational support, and discipline & control may also suffer. **An emergency funding proposal for \$1m** has accordingly been developed to meet immediate operational needs; efforts are also ongoing with GoDRC partners to locate additional resources.

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¹ See last ISSSS update, for 1 May to 30 June.

DISMANTLING ARMED GROUPS

- Modalities: Discussions continue with MoD, FARDC and international partners on how to deal with estimated 3,000 combatants in residual Congolese armed groups. There are continuing divisions within the GoDRC, notably with respect to *in situ* integration of combatants into FARDC units.
- Resources: There appear to be two major obstacles to proceed: (1) A critical funding shortfall of about \$1.8m for UNDP demobilisation programmes, and (2) Non-availability of EUSEC teams for biometric registration of combatants integrated into the FARDC (critical to ensure they are paid).

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2. STATE AUTHORITY

RESTORATION OF CIVIL ADMINISTRATION

Facilities are expected to be completed as follows:

	TOTAL	NOW	JULY	AUG	LATER
Territorial Police	14	6	5		
Territorial Police housing	12				12
Rapid Intervention Police	15	15			
Civil administration	22	2	7	4	9
Prisons	4	1			2
Tribunals de Paix	4	2			
Mining trade centres	5				4
TOTAL	76	26	12	4	27

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Comments:

- Removal of parallel administration: There has been important progress with the formal appointment by GoDRC of five ex-CNDP officials in Masisi territory, and the CNDP's own commitment on 14 June to cease illegal taxation. (Although it presently appears that illegal taxation continues in some areas.)
- A programme for training and deployment support to civil officials to staff the above facilities is currently in the diagnostic phase, with MONUSCO Civil Affairs and UNDP sharing the work. A \$1.5m allocation from the Peacebuilding Fund is being used to kick-start the process and build momentum.

PUBLIC SECURITY AND POLICING

- Integration of police** from former armed groups remains a pressing issue. As noted in last ISSSS Update: Armed groups in North Kivu have estimated 4,000 police for integration under the 23 March agreements.
- Diagnostic work is currently ongoing by the Police Territoriale to identify personnel and concrete needs. An allocation of \$1.5m from the Peacebuilding Fund will be used to start the training / integration process.

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ACCESS TO ISOLATED AREAS

Sake – Masisi (57km)	UNOPS and RSA engineering squadron remain heavily engaged with mechanised emergency works. UNOPS also continues to build culverts and retaining walls to stabilise the road; these works are expected complete by end November.	NK
Rutshuru – Ishasa (63km)	Works are essentially complete. UNOPS is now piloting a maintenance scheme based around monetary allowances for local road maintenance committees (CLERs).	
Bukavu – Hombo (93km)	Work is essentially complete; major remaining tasks are a long bridge at Hombo and some retaining walls and culverts towards this end of the road. Taking the road as a whole, Hombo is now reachable in 3 hours from Miti. Works (notably the bridge) are expected finished by end 2010, and the Uruguayan contingent have started to extend works to Otobora, (15km north of from Hombo).	SK

Bukavu – Shabunda (304km)	Work is progressing at both ends of the road, with some problems at Shabunda end due to poor security. Bangladeshi engineering contingent and provincial Office des Routes are both undertaking mechanised works and UNOPS is managing HIMO work. Expected completion of works remains end of December 2010.	
Baraka – Fizi – Minembwe (140km)	Baraka-Fizi is completed; formal handover to the Office des Routes will occur when the new Governor assumes his functions in mid/late July. For Fizi-Minembwe segment: Work by ACTED is ongoing; expected completion date remains around August / September 2010.	
Bunia – Boga (63km)	Works for Bunia to Kagaba stretch (40km) are completed. Last stretch from Kagaba to Geti (23km) remains unfunded.	IT
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mining Trade Centres: One site is about half-finished (Bisei / Djingala). Agreement has been reached to start on an additional South Kivu site (Mugugo), and OIM is currently tendering the work. ▪ Continuing high tension in the Walikale area is concerning, including concentration of FDLR forces in this area and reported collaboration with local Mai-Mai groups. This will directly threaten successful operation of the pilot sites at Bisei and Djingala. 		NK SK

4. RETURN, REINTEGRATION AND RECOVERY

CONFLICT REDUCTION

Mediation of land conflicts :

- UNHABITAT organised two-day training on Alternative Dispute Resolution for 45 officials, focusing on land conflicts. This included magistrates, lawyers, and provincial officials dealing with land matters.
- For Quarter 2 of 2010: A total of 125 land conflicts were documented by mediation teams; and 14 conflicts were mitigated including 231 households.

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COORDINATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

- Stabilisation Team Leader Spyros Demetriou has departed the mission after a tenure of two years. Ilaria Carpen, Provincial Coordination Officer for South Kivu, is acting Team Leader pending arrival of the new Deputy Team Leader Pierre Bardou in late July.
- Joint Technical Committee (CTC) met on 25 June to review operational plans prepared by the sub-commissions on Humanitarian & Social and Sexual Violence. Plans are now in the draft stage for each component of STAREC; these will be the basis for detailed / costed requests for support to the Stabilisation Funding Board in the coming months.
- CTC in SK remained inactive during the reporting period due to delays in investiture of incoming Governor Marcellin Cishambo, now expected to occur in late July.

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