

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND STABILIZATION SUPPORT STRATEGY

**UPDATE FOR
16 TO 30 APR 2010**

Highlights:

- Draft report received from ISSSS Strategic Review Team following their assessment in-country in March-April. The report has been circulated for comments with deadline of 7 May 2010.
- Meeting on police organised in Kinshasa by the PNC to discuss the results of the recent recce missions to the east. Establishment of two joint PNC/UN working groups to take forward planning and coordination of police interventions. Agreement reached on construction of police housing.
- Ground has been broken on first Mineral Trading Center. However, heavy skirmishing between the FDLR and FARDC around the site have emphasised that political and security strategy remains critical.
- Infrastructure works continue to proceed well, with 25 finished. A total of 50 facilities will be finished by end of May, and provided with full complement of equipment by the end of June.
- Work continues with national and provincial authorities to map needs for deployment and support of civil administration. Similar efforts are urgently needed viz. reinforcement of penal chain is problematic, with little concrete progress on deployment of magistrates.

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

1. SECURITY

DEMOBILISATION AND REINTEGRATION OF EX-COMBATANTS

▪ Plan for dismantling residual armed groups in the Kivus is still pending with Minister of Defence. From ISSSS point of view, the plan involves integration and community reinsertion of 4,000 to 5,000 ex-combatants. The projected cost is about \$18m, with a \$7m shortfall at present.	NK SK
▪ Approach under discussion with GoDRC Technical Committee for a temporary relocation of FDLR Congolese combatants within DRC. It is likely that seed money from Peacebuilding Fund might be needed to avoid holding up this critical process.	ALL

FARDC DISCIPLINE AND PROFESSIONALISM

▪ FARDC training: FARDC have requested relocation of planned training facilities originally planned for Luberizi / Nyaleke to Lokosa. Discussions are ongoing as to programmatic and funding requirements.	ALL
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2. STATE AUTHORITY

ACCESS TO ISOLATED AREAS

Sake – Masisi (57km)	UNOPS continues to work on drainage and support structures; RSA engineering squadron is assisting with emergency works. Expected completion remains 30 August 2010. Draft of technical survey conducted to map out future rehabilitation has been received.	NK
Rutshuru – Ishasa (63km)	Works are complete. Handover to provincial authorities is being organised with Office des Routes. Due to the significant delays, UNOPS is conducting some maintenance works to avoid serious damage to the road.	
Bukavu – Hombo (93km)	Work is substantially complete apart from bridges in Bunyakiri-Hombo section. Discussions are ongoing for handover of the balance. Expected completion date remains 31 May.	SK
Bukavu –	No major developments; work continues by Cordaid / AAP, UNOPS, Malteser and	

Shabunda (304km)	Bangladeshi engineering squadron. Expected completion date remains end November 2010.	
Baraka – Fizi – Minembwe (140km)	Baraka-Fizi is completed; formal handover to the Office des Routes will occur shortly. For Fizi-Minembwe segment: ACTED staff remain evacuated due to poor security and works remain on hold. Expected completion date will need to be reassessed.	
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:

	TOTAL	NOW	MAY	JUNE	LATER
Police territoriale	14	6	8		
Police territoriale (logements)	12				12
Police intervention rapide	16	15	1		
Civil administration	22	2	12	1	7
Prison	4	1	2		1
Tribunal de Paix	4	1	3		
Mineral trading center	5				5
TOTAL	77	25	26	1	25

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Comments on infrastructure works:

- Security problems continue in Fizi area, notably due to clashes between FARDC and Mai Mai Yakatumba. This has delayed works.

ENSURING PUBLIC SECURITY

- Police Intervention Rapide*: Project budget from Germany has expired, and work has been terminated with 15 of 26 sites completed. PNC have now indicated they want to revise designs and concept of operations before developing a deployment plan. PNC has reaffirmed commitment to project. Discussions with the donor underway.
- Integration of armed groups: Plans for integration / training of 1,500 police under 23 March Agreements are still pending with the *Inspecteur-Generale*. This is becoming an urgent issue as lead-in time to prepare programme support (including a proposed training facility) will be significant.
- As a result of a joint initiative in Ituri, the PNC detachment recently deployed in Bogoro started performing regular day and night foot patrols together with FARDC and BANBATT.
- Deployments to temporary sites: After some delays, designs for police housing have been approved by PNC and approval of project rests with UNOPS Board. Tender has been awarded for rehabilitation work on temporary sites and this will start shortly.

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CORE PUBLIC SERVICES

- Deployment planning: Joint missions are ongoing with key Ministries in North and South Kivu to map resources and needs for reinforcement of civil administration in target localities. Similar work is urgently needed for reinforcement of the penal chain, above all with the Ministry of Justice.
- New target localities: In response to improving security situation and request from district government, an assessment was conducted of conditions for deployment of civil administration in Geti and Boga. SSU currently finalizing plans with IOM and UNOPS for the construction of police stations and local admin buildings in these localities.

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ILLICIT EXPLOITATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

- Mining Trade Centres: Work has started on one site (Bisei / Djingala); land titles still pending for remaining four sites. Security and political strategy are now the key issues; this has been highlighted by heavy

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skirmishes between FDLR (partnered with local Mai Mai) and FARDC in close proximity to the Bisei site.	
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4. RETURN, REINTEGRATION AND RECOVERY

MANAGEMENT OF REFUGEE RETURNS

<u>NK return management strategy:</u> UNHCR-HABITAT-WFP project (see update 21 Feb to 5 Mar) to support the <i>Commission Technique Pacification et Réconciliation</i> continues to be developed. GoDRC and UNHCR officials have been presenting the project to key stakeholders at Kinshasa and provincial levels to help manage this extremely sensitive political issue.	NK
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CONFLICT REDUCTION

<u>Mediation of land conflicts:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop in Goma with partners from Ministry of Land Affairs, UNHCR, UNHABITAT, NGOs and customary authorities. A mapping of efforts by all actors to reduce land conflicts is now available. Sensitisation campaign started under remit of the <i>Commission Technique Pacification et Réconciliation</i> to help peacefully resolve land conflicts relating to return of displaced persons. 	NK
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5. SEXUAL VIOLENCE

PROGRAMMING OF FIRST SRFF CONTRIBUTION

<u>Finalisation of projects:</u> Projects for the first allocation of \$5m will be submitted at next meeting of Stabilisation Funding Board in the first half of May. Projects in South Kivu have been validated by Government partners; projects in Ituri have been validated at district level and are now being consulted with provincial-level authorities.	SK IT
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COORDINATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A meeting of all JMTs of North Kivu was held on 28th in Goma to discuss the streamlining of JMT activities and performance. Subjects covered during this gathering were a) JMT field work methodology; b) team management; c) objectives and priorities of JMT work, and; d) the development of a comprehensive work plan. 	ALL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South Kivu CTC held on 22 April. Key issues discussed: design of Peacebuilding Fund projects to support the restoration of state authority; progress updates on ongoing projects. 	SK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop on LRA threat: Held in Entebbe over the weekend of 24-25 April, including key humanitarian actors, MONUC and GoDRC partners. Paper will be circulated shortly with recommendations; STAREC / ISSSS involvement will likely focus on support of security forces and roads. 	HU
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delegations: MONUC DSRSG/RC/HC, UNICEF Representative, UNDP Country Director; US Government Accountability Office; DPKO Office of Military Affairs; DPKO-DFS Policy Adviser on HIV/AIDS. 	ALL

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