

MONTHLY REPORT

1 TO 28 FEB 2011

Highlights:

- The second ISSSS / STAREC Partners Meeting was held in Goma on 15 February. The meeting was co-chaired by the Minister of Defense and Former Combatants, and DSRSG/RC/HC Sarassoro.
- Inauguration and official handover of new police and administrative facilities in Rutshuru, North Kivu.
- Launch of new disarmament and demobilization initiative in North Kivu with a first assembly centre to be established for residual combatants in the Butembo area.
- Intensive planning activity is ongoing to identify the priorities for 2011 under the STAREC framework.

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

COMPONENT 1: IMPROVE SECURITY

Trends in population security

NK	Deterioration. ▪ Reported increase in attacks on civilians and security forces in Rutshuru territory (principally FDLR); and Lubero (FDLR and PARECO). Many small-scale incidents, coupled with some larger-scale / more systematic attacks. ▪ Other “hot spots” remain, notably western Masisi and Walikale (FDLR, often in collaboration with local armed groups)
SK	No significant change. ▪ Problem areas remain the same: FDLR attacks and banditry remain common in Mwenga, Uvira and Kalehe territories although at a significantly lower level than North Kivu. ▪ Violence in Fizi territory has dropped from its peak in January but remains frequent.
IT	No significant change. ▪ Sporadic attacks on civilians continue in the southern part of the district, along with the occasional clash with FARDC.

Redeployments of FARDC in the Kivus

NK SK	January and February were marked by significant reconfigurations of FARDC deployments in North Kivu and South Kivu. The implications for stabilization activities are currently being mapped. As highlighted in the Second ISSSS Partners Meeting (see below) there is a need for much greater coherence between civilian and military efforts at two levels: ▪ At the operational level: vis-à-vis the location and nature of FARDC deployments and their interaction with the National Police. ▪ At the tactical level: through mechanisms such as Local Security Committee (with civil administration), and mainstreaming within MONUSCO-driven initiatives such as the Community Alert Network.
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Disengagement of Congolese armed groups

NK SK	Negotiations continued throughout February between the Government and several major groups of residual combatants, along with occasional / small-scale military operations in some areas. There were some encouraging signs but no confirmed major developments during the reporting period. The signature in January of an Agreement between the “<i>Forces de Défense et de Sécurité (FDS) de la République Démocratique du Congo (RDC)</i>” and the leaders of the armed groups “<i>Forces Républicaines et Fédéralistes</i>” (FRF) and “<i>Kapopo</i>”, encouraged integration of their ex-combatants into the Government forces : 450 ex-FRF elements (out of which 260 armed) integrated the FARDC, and 40 joined the PNC. Concurrently: DDR/RR and UNDP are proceeding with a new disarmament and demobilization initiative for residual elements. This project is supported by the Peacebuilding Fund, and targets 4,000 residual combatants in the Kivus. Out of this total, 3,500 are expected to demobilize and the balance to integrate into the FARDC. Execution modalities: ▪ <i>Centres de Regroupement</i> will be progressively established to process residual combatants in targeted areas. Each site will operate for about two weeks. ▪ UNDP has identified the four <i>Centres de Regroupement</i> in North Kivu (Butuhe, Kanyabayonga, Mutiri, Biruwe). A similar exercise is being currently led in South Kivu. ▪ Works have already started for the first assembly center in the Butembo area. Another three sites will follow in North Kivu over the next several months. ▪ Combatants will be encouraged to demobilize; but where appropriate (and where meeting the necessary conditions) will be transferred to another site for integration into the FARDC.
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COMPONENT 2: SUPPORT POLITICAL PROCESSES

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COMPONENT 3: RESTORE AND STRENGTHEN STATE AUTHORITY

Handover of facilities in Rutshuru territory

NK	Two facilities built under the ISSSS were formally inaugurated in Rutshuru centre on 16 February 2011: ▪ A commissariat for the Territorial Police, built with funding from Netherlands and Germany. 60 officers are already on-site. ▪ An administrative centre, built with funding from USAID. It will be used by the Territorial Administration with about 30 staff. Planning is now ongoing for the handover of remaining facilities in Rutshuru territory, including two <i>sous-commissariats</i> for the Territorial Police and three further administrative centers. The Government has highlighted ongoing security concerns as a problem for these sites, as they are located in areas with active presence of FDLR and other residual combatants. These concerns are well-founded, and approaches are being explored to ensure durable impact on the security of the population. Possible options include : ▪ Review of the type and size of police deployment; ▪ Interaction with FARDC deployment (see above under the Security component); ▪ Operational support from MONUSCO on a transitional basis.
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Support the screening, training and deployment of officials

NK	In the framework of the restoration of State Authority project, UNDP, UNOPS and MONUSCO /CAS have trained in February, 18 traditional <i>Chefs de Groupements et Chefferies</i> on the Rutshuru-Ishasha and Sake-Masisi axis to reinforce their capacities in judiciary, civil and territorial administration.
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Summary of infrastructure works

Status of permanent infrastructure works under the ISSSS:

	Total Funded	Handed over	Works finished	Work in progress	Planning phase
Territorial Police	14	2 ↑1	8	4	
FARDC garrisons (battalions)	2			2	
Civil administration	21	1 ↑1	9	7	4
Prison	4		1	3	
Tribunal de Paix	4		3	1	
Centre de Negoce	4		1 ↑1	3	
TOTAL	49	3	22	20	4

Next scheduled handovers:

North Kivu : Three administration facilities in Rutshuru territory. Planned for early March.
 South Kivu : Civil administration, *tribunal de paix*, and police commissariat in Walungu centre. Planned for early March.

Support to border security

To date, IOM has delivered the following works under US and Japanese-funded projects to improve border security.

IT	Enlargement of general-purpose training facility, and construction of a new nautical training facility; construction of 32 houses and four border posts.
SK	16 semi-durable police posts have been installed throughout the province, following rehabilitation of the Jules Moke training center and works in Bukavu and environs. Handover is pending the selection, training and deployment of the appropriate number of border police officers. More follow-up is needed on that front.

COMPONENT 4: FACILITATE RETURN, REINTEGRATION & RECOVERY

Allocation of the USD 4m in Maniema Province

MAN	The Joint Technical Committee allocated USD 4m from the Stabilization and Recovery Fund to FAO-UNDP joint project under this component of the ISSSS. A joint project is currently being developed, and after consultations with all partners involved, the final project document will be finalized by beginning March.
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Joint Programme: FAO, UNICEF, UNDP

SK	The joint programme implementation is coming to an end in South Kivu. Activities were concentrated on the Bukavu-Shabunda and Miti- Hombo axis, and were funded by the Netherlands* for USD 11m. Some main outcomes include: ▪ Improved accessibility to areas of production and trade. ▪ Secured land access: reduction of land disputes, an increasing number of conflicts being managed in the framework of the “<i>Comités Villageois de Développement et des Réseaux Communautaires de Protection de l'Enfance</i>” (RECOPE). ▪ Diversified and increased agricultural production, revival of local economy. ▪ Increased school attendance and reduction of child labor ▪ Improvement of health system, including the vaccination coverage. ▪ Reinforcement of community dynamics and of social peace. <i>* Complementary to these funds, USAID has contributed to the Education section of the UNICEF-implemented PEAR Plus.</i>
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COMPONENT 5: COMBAT SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Meeting of SV components coordinators– 23 February 2011

KIN	The components coordinators have discussed priority actions for the second allocation, according to the SGBV national Strategy and have established the project development calendar. In addition, terms of reference for component coordinators have been adopted. <u>Security Sector Reform</u> The SSD /MONUSCO held several consultations with the MONUSCO Senior management team in charge of the vetting procedure : only highly ranked officers and officers trainers have to be submitted to the process. The OHCHR will screen 8-10 officers per day, which will set the training start in approximately 5 weeks. The pre-selection process of candidates to be accepted for training is now completed: the 9th and 10th Military Region leaders have designated 160 candidates to take a preliminary test in Bunia, Kisangani, Bukavu and Uvira during the 1st week of March. The military officials will originate from 38 different sites.
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Protection and Prevention

SK	Several awareness raising activities are currently being held by two implementing partners, ICCO (Interchurch Organization for Cooperation and Development) and CAMPS (<i>Centre d'Assistance Médicale et Psychosociale</i>). A research paper on causes of sexual violence led by the CAMPS NGO in South Kivu (except in Fizi and Shabunda territories), has been concluded and will be distributed to all partners active in the fight against SV.
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Multisectorial assistance

REG	Capacity building training sessions for psychosocial assistants (APS) from several NGOs, have been conducted from 14-18 February 2011 by COOPI (Cooperazione Internazionale) and UNICEF.
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PARTNERSHIPS & COORDINATION

ISSSS/STAREC Partners Meeting held on 15 February 2011

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SRSG Meece and African Union Ambassadors Visit

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Stabilization media workshop held in Goma

REG	The Stabilization Support Unit, with support from MONUSCO's Public Information Office, hosted a media workshop in Goma on 9 February 2011. The workshop comprised journalists from across the country, with the aim to raise awareness and engagement with the STAREC / ISSSS frameworks. It was intended as a first step to strengthen public communication, a gap highlighted by the 2010 Strategic Review and many civil society interlocutors. As a follow-up, videoconferences with the participants will be held on a regular basis for updates, and a first draft communication plan will be proposed by the SSU.
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Support to STAREC coordination

The focus remains on planning and prioritization; project concepts are now in place for many of the top priorities.

NK	Joint Technical Committee convened on 9 and 23 February. ▪ Meetings also held for supporting sub-committees on State Authority; Humanitarian & Social Affairs; Economic Recovery; and Sexual Violence.
SK	Joint Technical Committee convened on 9 and 22 February. ▪ Meetings also held for supporting sub-committees on Humanitarian & Social Affairs and Economic Recovery ▪ Sub-committee on State Authority convened on 23 February ▪ Validation of fiches for about 60M USD (we can have the confirmation on Monday)
IT	Sub-committee on State Authority convened on 14 February.
MAN	Joint Technical Committee convened on 10/12 February. ▪ Meetings also held for supporting sub-committees on Security & State Authority and Economic Recovery.

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