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**Project Title: *RESETTLE 150 WIDOWS AND SINGLE MOTHERS OF KATSIRU***

**Area of implementation of the Project:**

***Katsiru / Bukombo / Bwito  
Rutshuru Territory / North-Kivu Province  
Democratic Republic of the Congo***

**Budget: *\$us 14, 865.00.***

**Start Date of the Project: 08/01/2014**

**Beneficiaries: *150 displaced Widows and single Mothers***

- *115 Widows*
- *35 single Mothers*

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## ***I. CONTEXT AND JUSTIFICATION OF THE PROJECT***

Since 1993, the province of Nord-Kivu, in the Eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo, has been living in an environment of political and security instability characterized by the emergence of several armed groups, local and foreign groups. Civilian populations have been the main target and victims of any kind of atrocities from these armed groups. The consequences have been very harmful as the Congolese government was weak and could not play its role of guarantor of the security and territorial integrity. Among the consequences of these conflicts, it is important to mention the mass-killings of people, massive displacement of populations, the rape of women, unwanted pregnancies, the forced recruitment of children, the destruction of the socio-economic infrastructures (school, health...), the systematic plundering of natural resources. Women and girls have been raped, mutilated, tortured, and murdered by these armed groups. Targeted men were killed leaving behind children as widows becoming responsible for their families. Raped girls become mothers with unwanted pregnancies have taken an indescribable dimension in these areas. Other consequences of the war were the destruction of community cohesion, peaceful coexistence, the disrepute of the woman and her marginalization regarding the decision-making for the management of the public goods. It has been revealed that the number of widows and raped girls reached a proportion estimated to be more than 35% of the population in the areas affected by armed conflicts.

For the above reasons, the international community has come to the rescue the country through the MONUSCO forces, helping government to restore order, security and its authority over the whole country. Since November 2013, the negative forces that were the sources of insecurity have almost been wiped out. However, there is still much to do by the government authorities to make peace a reality incentive for the

returned civilians in their villages. There are no really actions to support the returned civilians such the implementation of sustainable development and auto support activities.

The Katsiru corn pilot project, initiated by IHUDAF, is one of the answers to many concerns of the population in Katsiru zone. This project draws its substance in the IHUDAF 2012-2014 triennial action plan that aims to support the vulnerable groups by strengthening the capacities of auto support in the context of food sovereignty of vulnerable people with sustained attention to widows and single mothers, victims of this murderous war over two decades. This project will help only 150 people of 115 widows and 35 single mothers. They will be trained and supervised to become women leaders by piloting the project and by popularizing new agricultural techniques and the multiplication of improved seeds of maize. It will be a source of income generating for this particular vulnerable group and will help to rebuild their confidence and to restore their dignity. Finally, this project is a better way to strengthen the fragile peace between local communities.

## ***II. DURATION AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT***

### ***Duration***

The socio-economic resettlement project that aims to support 115 widows and 35 single mothers extends over a period of one year. It will be launched in September 2014 and will end in August 2015.

### ***Objectives***

#### **a. Overall Objectives**

##### **Objective 1**

Socio-economic reintegration of 150 persons displaced including 115 widows and 35 single mothers

##### **Objective 2**

Vulgarization of the corn seeds through the pilot project of Katsiru

### **Objective 3**

Food self-reliance of the population of Katsiru

### **Objective 4**

Strengthening the social cohesion of the community

#### **b. Specific Objectives :**

- Create a framework to protect widows and single women and their children
- Socio-economic empowerment of women
- Promote gender equality
- Create of GS (solidarity groups) or ILDs (local initiatives of development)

### **III. BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECT**

- a. **Direct** : 150 internal displaced (IDPs) including 115 widows and 35 single mothers
- b. **Indirect**: Population of Katsiru area (estimated at 3500 people).

### **IV. EXPECTED RESULTS**

- + 115 widows and 35 single mothers received agricultural tools and improved corn seeds;
- + 50 people (35 widows and 15 young mothers) identified are piloting the first phase of the pilot project on 5 acres in September 2014;
- + Constitution of the focal points for the vulgarization of new agricultural techniques and improved seeds of maize;
- + Corn production increased;
- + 60% of the harvest (production) belong to the beneficiaries;
- + 40% of the harvest to launch the second phase with 50 people in January 2015;
- + Coaching the 3rd team in third phase with 50 people in April 2015;
- + Food self-reliance and increase of income for 150 widows and single mothers;
- + Improvement and increase of agricultural production;
- + Access to improved seeds of maize for the Katsiru population;

- ✚ Construction of granaries for the storage of maize;
- ✚ Strengthening of the social cohesion of the community
- ✚ Create of GS (solidarity groups) or ILDs (local initiatives of development)
- ✚ Allow children to access school ;
- ✚ Reduction of the rate of malnutrition in the targeted community;
- ✚ Processing and conservation of food;
- ✚ Marketing of food products

## ***V. PROGRAMMING OF ACTIVITIES***

09/01 - 09/15/2014: Purchase of hoes, seeds of corn, and phytosanitary products

09/10/2014: Training of the beneficiaries on the new agricultural techniques of maize

09/11/2014: Awareness of beneficiaries

09/12/2014: Designation of the members of the 1st team composed of 35 widows and  
15 single mothers

09/12/2014: Demonstration and practical sessions on new agricultural techniques of  
maize

09/13/2014: Distribution of maize seeds and hoes

09/15 – 09/25/2014: Labor of the rented land

10/01/2014: seedlings of maize seeds

October – November 2014: Use of phytosanitary products

December 2014: Weeding and construction of storage lofts of maize

January 2015: 1st harvest and nomination of the second team of 50 new direct  
beneficiaries

April 2015: 2nd harvest and nomination of the third team of 50 new direct beneficiaries

## ***VI. METHODOLOGICAL APPROACH***

### 1. Phase 1 :

- distribution of hoes to 150 households with 2 hoes per household
- distribution of maize seeds at the rate of 5 Kgs per household

- launch of Katsiru pilot project on 5 Ha with 15 Kgs of improved seeds of maize per Ha
- designation of the first team of 50 people with 35 widows and 15 single mothers who are the direct beneficiaries and team leader

2. Phase 2: Activities with the second team of 50 people in January 2015
- 3 Phase 3 : Activities with the 3rd team of 50 people in April 2015
- 4 August 2015 : IHUDAF launches another project in another locality
- 5 Monitoring and evaluation of the project by SENASEM experts (National Service of Seeds), IHUDAF affiliated.

## VI. BUDGET OF THE PROJECT

No	Activities	Qty	PU (\$us)	PT (\$us)	Notes
1	Training sessions for 150 widows women and single mothers	2	300	600	Donations
2	Hoes for 150 displaced widows and single mothers	300	3	900	Donations
3	Seeds of maize for 150 displaced widows women and single mothers (Kgs)	750	5	3750	Donations
4	Seeds of maize for Katsiru Pilot Project (5 Ha)	75	5	375	Donations
5	Rent vehicle Transport of seeds and hoes (Kms)	150	4	600	Donations
6	Phytosanitary products (Kgs)	500	10	5000	Donations
7	Spray Equipment	10	35	350	Donations
<b>Total Donations</b>				<b>11 575</b>	
8	Rent land for Katsiru pilot project (5Ha)	5	100	500	IHUDAF
9	Monitoring and Evaluation	FF	350	350	IHUDAF
10	Production Activities Reports	FF	200	200	IHUDAF
11	Carrying bags for storage of products	240	0.5	120	IHUDAF
12	Supervision of an agronomist for 4 months	1	480	480	IHUDAF
13	Web Expert	1	600	600	
<b>Total IHUDAF</b>				<b>2 250</b>	
14	Pilot project land work (5 Ha)				Benefic.
	14.1. - Clearing	5	24	120	Benefic.
	14.2.- Labor of rented land	5	36	180	Benefic.
	14.3.- Seedling	5	30	150	Benefic.
	14.4.-Spraying	5	20	100	Benefic.
	14.5.- Weeding	5	24	120	Benefic.
	14.6.- Harvesting	5	24	120	Benefic.
15	Building local storage lofts	5	50	250	Benefic.
<b>Total beneficiaries</b>				<b>1 040</b>	
<b>Total Budget</b>				<b>14 865</b>	