

REPORT – JULY 2021 – Cinderellas of Bukavu

In Bukavu, the Ek'Abana Center run by Sister Natalina welcomes children accused of witchcraft and children in need.

Goma, the city overwhelmed in recent days by the lava flows of the Nyiragongo volcano, is located 150km from Bukavu. During the night of 22nd May the volcano started a dangerous eruption on the slope towards the city.

People from the most at-risk neighbourhoods received evacuation orders to the nearby mountains. Nearly 40,000 people decided to go to Bukavu and there, most of the displaced people have received hospitality from friends or family. Ek'Abana also took care of them right from the start! After the eruption and the subsequent evacuation of part of the city, about 200 minors are missing, they lost their family in the general chaos. In this situation, international organizations have been involved in the family reunification, which is complex, especially for small children who cannot explain anything.

These minors need food, shelter and clothes while the center looks for their families. To continue giving support, further aid is needed.

Stay by our side and support Ek'Abana Center in welcoming children displaced from Goma. Thank you!

