**COLLECTIF DES ORGANISATIONS DES JEUNES SOLIDAIRES**

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DU CONGO-KINSHASA

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COORDINATION PROVINCIALE DU NORD-KIVU

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**Brief report of the victims of flooding in Matadi-Kibala, in Kinshasa the Democratic Republic of Congo on December 13th, 2022**

**Background information**

The Collective of Youth Organizations for Solidarity in the Democratic Republic of Congo known as COJESKI-DRC is a Youth Network bringing together all Youth Initiatives. COJESKI-DRC operates in Coordination which represent the network in the provinces while the National Office is based in Kinshasa, and as per now COJESKI-DRC has Coordination in all the former 11 provinces of DRCongo mainly: Matadi, Bas-Congo, Kinshasa, Equateur, Kasai Occidental, Kasai Oriental, Shaba, Province Orientale, Maniema, Sud –Kivu et Nord-Kivu. Because of the humanitarian crisis in Eastern DRC, COJESKI-DRC mandated the Provincial Coordination of North Kivu to lead all humanitarian actions in the whole Democratic Republic of Congo, focus on: Refugees, Internally Displaced Persons, Foreigners and other forced migrants and any other emergency in the country.

**COJESKI –DRC PROVENCIAL COORDINATION OF NORTH KIVU BRIEF REPORT ON THE FLOODING IN KINSHASA**

Activities done

On December 14th, 2022 we started our field work in Matadi-Kibala and Monga – Fula Divisions in Kinshasa in order to assist those highly affected by the flooding which occurred in December 13th, 2022. We also visited Ngaliema, Mama Yemo Avenue, Yamfu, Mondo Vision where also 30 houses were demolished due to flooding by water from water from Mondo River Bridge. Here we observed that the main cause of this water was due to poor maintenance of the garbage and other things which are deposited in the Rivers mainly plastic bottles and other plastics things. All these families who resided in these houses are currently sleeping outside up to now, and unfortunately they do not attract the attention of the government and other humanitarian NGOs because may be they not many in numbers.

At Matadi-Kibala where we also visited and where water killed many people and left so many without shelter and no income generating activity up to now. At least we were certain that 120 people died, 26 persons among them 24 women and 2 men died of lighting which affected the electricity cable on Malanda Avenue in Matadi-Kibala. In the process the Government opted to relocate the Market where people are always exposed to risks and also promised to support the burial of the all those who were victims. In total 169 people died and they were buried through the support from the Government of DRCongo.

**NEEDS FOR THE VICTIMS OR SURVIVORS**

The survivors were delocalized by the Government but up to now they are not yet supported on the side of humanitarian ground, we have identified 100 households who are in dire situation and have nothing to survive on, who are sleeping either outside, on the veranda, sometimes in church, have no clothes, no food, and other basic needs. But also we have more other people who are indirectly victims either lost their businesses, lost a parents who was the bread-winner, welcomed the victims and consumed together all what they had, or survived on activities from the affected areas and from the affected people. More work should be done in order to identify all those who have been affected and highlight how they are affected in order to advocate for appropriate support to them, this needs a financial support.

**Possible interventions for them as per now**

In the current situation everything is a priority for them, however we propose interventions to focus mainly on: Temporal shelter of plastic tents, Train and support them to create income generating activity, buy for each of them a plot of land, and support them in building, much as also these other basic needs such as food, medical treatment, clothes, all homes utensils, education for their children and psychological support may also be given particular attention.

On top of that we should also start working on prevention in different ways, for example we observed that if the communities were involved in the protection of environment, manage very well garbage and all the plastics bottles but also maintain the Banks of the River, that could have saved the lives of so many people, in this we also need a long term plan that can ensure that such disaster could no longer happen, such work may also focus on identify other areas which are at risk of flooding in Kinshasa and promote ways that minimizes the consequences of lighting during the rain.

More efforts are needed to help DRCongo to manage the problem of flooding and lighting which does affected many areas in the country even if they remain unreported.

 **Done in Kinshasa December 23rd, 2022**

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**Report on the funding from GlobalGiving to the victims of Flooding in Kinsahsa**

In February 2023 we received funding of 1,000$ from GlobalGiving to support our work to help the survivors of these victims of flooding in Kinshasa. This report covers only our activities for the survivors of the flooding in Kinshasa DRCongo. We were not in the position to establish all the victims during our different interventions, various sources advance their statistics of the survivors both directly and indirectly. However we have contacted 1,700 people who were victims directly and indirectly. The indirect victims to us are those who operated businesses in the areas and who lost everything those who had relatives in those areas who helped them in different ways. We also have the direct victims composed of those who lived in the areas that were affected by the flooding.

This report covers our activities in Matadi-Kibala/ Mongafula and Ngaliema/ Mondo Vision, victims of River Lukunga Pompage.

**Activities**

**Identification of the victims**: We have identified 1,700 in Kinshasa among composed of 400 households.

Our interventions have been focused on the direct victims and so far we have moved to the second activities of putting them together.

**Community Meetings:**

We organized two different meetings to share with people about their situation but also seek to share with us their urgent needs and their priorities. The first meeting of the survivors of Mondo, Ngaliema brought together 30 and 25 survivors in Matadi-Kibala who were identified on basis of vulnerability mainly elderly, single women and unaccompanied children including orphans. We are aware that this is not yet enough in terms of vulnerability, but we need to start from somewhere.

**In our meeting the participants suggested the following:**

The construction of the Wall along the River Lukunga Pompage in order to block water from destroying their homes, this was perceived as one among the long-term solutions which will allow them to come back to their homes and start a new life, but this is not yet done, that option is much better than the alternative of relocation. Staying in that same place can favor their economic activities. Here is what they drew as the wall they want to be constructed on the River’s banks. The priority of the survivors of Matadi-Kibala remains the support in the livelihood activities.

The second urgent intervention is the Income Generating Activity for the all victims. On this so far a committee composed of 9 people for the survivors of Mondo has been set up and will continue with various meetings in order to come up with livelihood activity for each victim. The Committee will also mobilize members for savings among themselves, but also work on group projects and will work closely with us and our team will continue the supervision.

The other intervention has also been oriented toward the survivors in Matadi-Kibala our first meeting brought together 25 people and discussed about their challenges. The group will meet again in order to come up with the committee and the income generating activities among other things they will do. Our team is working closely on that and more initiatives are being done.

**Financial report**

**Total fund available on the account after the bank charge was 9050$**

Transport, communication and eating on the field: 300$ for two volunteers for the identification of the victims, facilitation to key important persons, groups discussions and paper work.

Allowances for the two volunteers: 200$ which makes 50$ per each

Meetings: 200$ for the two meetings which is 100$ to cover the venue, soft drinks and sacks, and transport for the participants. These meetings brought together the survivors,

Allowances for local leaders: 100$

Administrative cost: Banner, Papers, Coordination, pens among others cost 100$,

Second meeting in Matadi-Kibala: 50$

**Total: 9050$,**

**Balance:** 0

**Activities that need funding for the survivors**

The Construction of the Wall on River Lukunga

Income Generating Activities

Promotion of the planting of trees,

Collecting garbage and plastic bottles in various areas,

Construction of orphanage for unaccompanied children, and houses for the elderly people,

The fight against Sexual and Gender Based Violence, HIV and the promotion of reproductive health rights,

Construction of a community school for the children, and the construction of a public market for the people,

Done in Goma, May 1st, 2023

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