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### Healing After Sexual Violence in Eastern DRC Project report

#### Who are we?

The African Great Lakes Consortium is a union of 11 local non-profit organizations working in solidarity to support vulnerable victims of armed conflict and natural disasters. These organizations have taken the initiative to collaborate to contribute to the socio-economic recovery and self-care of vulnerable groups, including orphaned children and women survivors of sexual violence, widows, the disabled, refugees, displaced persons, and flood victims.

#### Assignment:

Contribute to the reconstruction of the broken hearts and lives of victims of armed conflicts and natural disasters in the African Great Lakes region by giving them hope of becoming themselves, capable of working to take charge of themselves far from armed conflicts and violence.

**Place of execution of activities:** DR Congo)

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##### 1. Activities :

Two wareness workshops on gender-based violence were conducted in Baraka and Lubumbashi. We distributed dignity kits to victims of violence and are conducting awareness campaigns to combat stigma.

We recorded 4 cases of sexual violence from villages in Fizi, and these victims were seen by our psychologist before being transferred to Baraka Hospital for medical treatment.

##### 2. Finance

**Source of funds:** Donations

**Total donations :** 300 USD

##### 3. Security situation in the African Great Lakes Region

The city of Goma, Bukavu, and parts of eastern Democratic Republic of Congo remain under the control of the M23 rebels despite numerous unsuccessful negotiations. Young people are being forced to join the rebel army against their will. Tensions are palpable between local communities, mistrust exists between political parties, and fear and insecurity are deeply traumatic. In the highlands and midlands of the Fizi, Uvira, and Mwenga territories , peace is fragile, and insecurity

persists due to daily fighting between local armed groups such as WAZALENDO, supported by the FARDC, and the TWIGANEO and ANDROID groups, which are close to the M23.

#### **4. Recommendations**

Share this report with like-minded international organizations that may be interested in joining the consortium.

Share the report with potential donors who might be attracted by our activities and support us.

**Anyone who expresses an interest in supporting us, making a donation or funding one of our projects**