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PROJECT REPORT.

GOMA & BUKAVU CRISIS RESPONSE IN EASTERN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO by Child & Women International Development – CHWID.

1. Executive Summary

The humanitarian crisis in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), particularly in North Kivu and South Kivu provinces, has intensified following renewed armed conflict and the capture of key urban centers including Goma and Bukavu. The escalation has resulted in large-scale population displacement, destruction of civilian infrastructure, food insecurity, limited access to clean water, and disruption of essential health and protection services.

The Goma & Bukavu Crisis Response Project was implemented to provide emergency humanitarian assistance to conflict-affected households through food support, water and sanitation interventions, protection services, and community resilience activities. The project targeted displaced populations, returnees, and vulnerable host communities affected by the ongoing conflict.

2. Background and Context

Eastern DRC continues to experience protracted conflict involving armed groups, resulting in repeated displacement and humanitarian emergencies. During 2025, intensified fighting in North and South Kivu forced hundreds of thousands of civilians to flee their homes. Many displacement sites around Goma were destroyed or abandoned, leaving families without shelter, food, or basic services.

The crisis severely affected women, children, elderly persons, and people living with disabilities. Humanitarian access remained constrained due to insecurity, damaged infrastructure, and limited funding for emergency response activities.

3. Project Goal

To alleviate suffering and improve the living conditions of conflict-affected populations in Goma and Bukavu through emergency humanitarian assistance and community resilience support.

4. Project Objectives

1. Improve access to emergency food assistance for vulnerable households.



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2. Enhance access to safe drinking water and sanitation facilities.
3. Strengthen protection and psychosocial support services for women and children.
4. Support social cohesion and resilience among displaced and host communities.
5. Build community capacity for recovery and sustainable livelihoods.

5. Target Beneficiaries

- Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)
- Returnee households
- Women-headed households
- Children and youth
- Elderly persons
- Persons with disabilities
- Vulnerable host community members

Total direct beneficiaries: 500 households

6. Key Activities Implemented

Food Security Response

- Distribution of emergency food packages.
- Cash-based assistance for vulnerable households.
- Nutrition awareness sessions for caregivers.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

- Rehabilitation of community water points.
- Distribution of water treatment supplies.
- Hygiene promotion campaigns.
- Construction and rehabilitation of emergency sanitation facilities.

Protection and Psychosocial Support

- Establishment of safe spaces for women and children.
- Psychosocial counseling sessions.
- Gender-based violence awareness and referral services.
- Child protection monitoring and support.

Community Resilience

- Community dialogue and social cohesion activities.
- Livelihood recovery training.



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- Formation of community support groups.
- Capacity building for local leaders and volunteers.

7. Results Achieved

Food Security

- 500 households received emergency food assistance.
- Household food consumption improved among targeted beneficiaries.
- Reduced negative coping mechanisms related to food shortages.

WASH

- Increased access to clean and safe water.
- Improved hygiene practices among beneficiary households.
- Reduced risk of waterborne diseases.

Protection

- Vulnerable women and children accessed protection services.
- Psychosocial support improved emotional well-being among affected individuals.
- Increased awareness of protection risks and available services.

Community Resilience

- Strengthened social cohesion between displaced and host communities.
- Enhanced community participation in local recovery initiatives.
- Improved community preparedness for future shocks.

8. Challenges Encountered

- Continued insecurity and movement restrictions.
- Limited humanitarian access to some affected areas.
- Rising operational costs.
- Inadequate funding relative to growing needs.
- Damage to infrastructure and public services.
- Large influx of newly displaced populations.

9. Lessons Learned

- Community-led approaches improve acceptance and sustainability.
- Integrated interventions provide greater impact than standalone assistance.
- Local partnerships are critical in insecure environments.



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- Flexible programming enables rapid adaptation to changing contexts.

10. Recommendations

- Increase funding for life-saving humanitarian interventions.
- Expand food security and nutrition support.
- Strengthen protection services for women and children.
- Invest in durable water and sanitation infrastructure.
- Support livelihood recovery and economic resilience programs.
- Enhance coordination among humanitarian actors and local authorities.

11. Conclusion

The Goma & Bukavu Crisis Response Project provided essential humanitarian assistance to vulnerable populations affected by conflict and displacement in Eastern DRC. Despite significant operational challenges, the project contributed to improved food security, access to safe water, protection services, and community resilience. Continued support remains essential to address ongoing humanitarian needs and promote sustainable recovery for affected communities.

12. Presentation of Child & Women International Development

WHO ARE WE.

Child & Women International Development (CHWID) is a 501(c)(3) tax – exempt nonprofit organization registered in the United States (EIN 98 – 1844340). **Child & Women International Development (CHWID)** is a nonprofit organization registered in Canada/Québec, charitable number 1176816941. **Child & Women International Development (CHWID) DR CONGO**, is a non – governmental organization registered in the Democratif Republic of the Congo as a N° JUST/SG/20/21205/2021, **Child & Women International Development (CHWID)**, is a company incorporated in Uganda, number G250815 – 2745, **Child & Women International Development**, is a INGO registered 6700, GATE1, HUS 227MÅLØY/**NORWAY** which campaigns to improve living conditions, alleviating the suffering of vulnerable people and promoting the development of the most disadvantaged areas in favor of women and children. www.chwid.org

Vision: Provide humanitarian assistance and carry out CHWID development and charity actions with vulnerable populations who are victims of multiple causes around the world.



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MISSIONS.

The general mission is to improve the quality of life and the future of children, women and other vulnerable people. It also has for mission, in Canada, in France, in Africa, in Europe and in the rest of the world:

- to provide assistance and humanitarian aid and to carry out CHWID and charitable actions with vulnerable populations due to political, ethnic, economic or social oppression, war, disaster, ecological threat or any other emergency or underdevelopment, in order to meet their basic needs.
- to collect and disseminate to the public, the media and decision-makers, by various means of expression and initiatives, information on the situations encountered.
- to promote the image and development of women and children, their involvement in civil and social life, mutual aid and solidarity, assistance and consolidation of the group spirit;
- to promote the urban or local social development of women, girls and children of the world through education, training, culture, sport, supervision of young people, disabled and disadvantaged children, social integration, training, cultural mediation, medical and humanitarian aid;
- promote sustainable development in the world by encouraging and financing micro-projects, the activities of women in the informal sector, the participation of women and young people in development, the environment, the fight against delinquency, exclusion, violence, illiteracy, AIDS, famine, STDs and other scourges;
- promote the exchange of ideas and group dynamics,
- rehabilitation and construction of road infrastructure and support to governments.
- Promote apprenticeship of trades for a better future;
- Promote the reintegration of unmarried mothers and other young people through psychosocial skills.

OPERATIONAL PRESENCE.

CHWID is present in some countries including France, Canada / Quebec, Central Africa, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Sudan, Burundi and DR CONGO.



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AREAS OF INTERVENTION

Child & Women International Development being an international non-governmental organization wants to intervene in various fields in the world according to the availability of resources and according to the needs expressed by the populations which remain the priorities of everything.

CHWID focuses on the following areas and programs:

- Environment Renewable Energy
- Education
- Health,
- Prevention and Information
- Development, Entrepreneurship
- Training and New Information and Communication Technologies
- Sponsorship of children.
- Development and reconstruction
- Food security (Agro pastoral and food valuation).
- Humanitarian Assistance.
- Stabilization (Peace & Democracy, Good Governance).
- Health - Nutrition - SGBV.
- Protection

Child & Women International Development (CHWID) has several important capacities in addressing climate change in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), particularly through community-based approaches, environmental protection, women's empowerment, and resilience-building for vulnerable populations.

1. Institutional and Organizational Capacities

CHWID is a humanitarian and development organization registered in USA and operating in the DRC and several African countries. Its intervention areas include :

- environment and renewable energy;
- community development;
- education;
- health;
- entrepreneurship;
- Protection of women and children.



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This multisectoral approach is a major strength for integrating climate action into social and humanitarian programs.

2. Community Conservation and Natural Resource Management

CHWID promotes a community-based conservation approach, particularly around Virunga National Park in the DRC. The organization recognizes that sustainable natural resource management requires the active participation of local communities.

Its capacities include :

- mobilization of local communities;
- participatory natural resource management;
- environmental awareness and education;
- social cohesion around natural resources;
- prevention of conflicts linked to resource use;
- engagement of youth and ex-combatants in environmental initiatives.

These interventions contribute to reducing environmental degradation and strengthening local climate resilience.

3. Local Capacity Building

CHWID also works on:

- training community leaders;
- environmental education in schools;
- strengthening community-based organizations;
- awareness campaigns on ecosystem protection;
- promoting a culture of peace linked to environmental governance.

These capacities are highly relevant in the DRC, where climate change intensifies :

- food insecurity;
- Population displacement;
- community tensions;
- deforestation and ecosystem degradation.

4. Gender Inclusion and Women's Climate Resilience

One of CHWID's major strengths is its focus on women and children, who are among the groups most vulnerable to climate impacts.



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The organization has capacities in:

- women's economic empowerment;
- promotion of female leadership;
- gender mainstreaming in development programs;
- support for vulnerable communities;
- sustainable income-generating activities.

This aligns with international climate resilience strategies that emphasize:

- women's inclusion;
- green livelihoods;
- sustainable local economies.

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