DR Congo

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OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:

The eastern part of DR Congo (DRC) is subjected to a complex protracted crisis following decades of armed conflict, natural disasters, epidemics, and repercussions of Covid-19. As a result, 19.6 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance and protection in 2021. Additionally, the DRC remains home to the largest IDP population in Africa, where 5.2 million people have been internally displaced and 900,000 are housed in neighbouring countries as refugees.

The provinces of North Kivu and Ituri, where DCA is currently active, are particularly characterized by an overlay of crisis drivers and deepening humanitarian needs. Thus, these provinces are now hosting the majority of the 5.2 million internally displaced people.

DCA is currently assisting the internally displaced people, host communities, and refugees through integrated humanitarian assistance and clearance of Explosive Remnants of War.

HOW WE WORK AND STRATEGIC TARGETS FOR 2022:

DCA’s programme in DR Congo will continue to align its programming to identified needs, and aim to do the following:

Clearance: DCA conducts Manual Mine Clearance (MMC), Technical Survey (TS), Non-Technical Survey (NTS), and Battle Area Clearance (BAC), thus increasing access to roads, rivers, schools and agricultural land enabling the beneficiaries to resume their farming activities and ensured freedom of movement.

Protection: DCA conducts training and education in prevention of Gender Based Violence (GBV) support to survivors of GBV. Additionally, DCA is implementing Psychosocial Support (PSS) activities, including the establishment of Child Friendly Spaces, recreational activities, and training of PSS focal points.

Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFI): DCA provides shelter and NFIs to vulnerable populations, including IDPs and host communities.

Cash and Livelihoods: DCA provides livelihood activities, including cash and Income Generation Activities (IGA) to the most vulnerable displaced populations and host communities.

Education in Emergencies: DCA provides emergency education to vulnerable populations through remedial classes, provision of educational materials, teacher training, and risk education.

Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding: DCA works to prevent violent conflicts, foster social cohesion and facilitating peaceful dialogue. As such, Conflict Sensitivity is an integral part of DCA’s programme.

Weapons and Ammunition Management (WAM): DCA seeks to embark on Physical Security and Stockpile Management (PSSM) activities to contribute to DR Congo’s commitments to the Mine Ban Treaty.

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FACTS:

- DCA has operated in DR Congo since 2004
- Office in the DRC: Ave. Maniema; no. 94, Goma, North Kivu
- Beneficiaries in 2020: More than 57,000 beneficiaries
- Turnover in 2020: 4,296,000 EUR
- Employees: 81 national and 6 international employees
- National Partner: Action pour le Développement Intégral par la Conservation Communautaire (ADIC)
MINE ACTION ACHIEVEMENTS 2015-2021
● DCA has released 417,251 m² of contaminated land.
● DCA has destroyed 1,887 mines and ERW, benefitting 414,256 people.
● DCA has conducted 937 mine risk education sessions, benefitting 59,639 people.

EDUCATION AND PROTECTION ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2020 AND 2021
● DCA has supported 70 schools with quality educational material and equipment
● DCA has rehabilitated 40 schools
● DCA has reintegrated 4,000 children into the normal school
● DCA has trained 90 PSS community focal points
● DCA has supported PSS focal point in delivering assistance to 275 vulnerable children
● DCA has facilitated recreational activities for over 7,000 children in the different target communities
● DCA has trained 200 teachers in GBV prevention, peace education and Risk Education
● DCA has trained over 2,000 members of the communities in basic PSS and child protection.

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