

DRC- KASAI REGION

OPERATION OVERVIEW



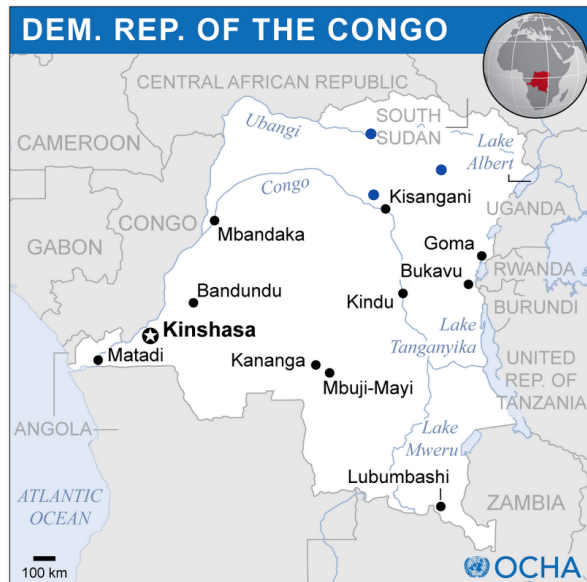
TYPE OF EMERGENCY:

CONFLICT

ETC ACTIVE SINCE:

2017

SITUATION OVERVIEW:



Since April 2016, the conflict in the Kasai region of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has been escalating, causing widespread displacements and the loss of livelihoods. Across the DRC, at least 13.1 million people need humanitarian assistance and outbreaks of diseases, including cholera, affect tens of thousands of people every year. The total number of internally displaced people in the DRC has reached 4.4 million, which is the highest number of any country on the African continent.

The Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC), led by the World Food Programme (WFP), was activated on 20 November 2017 to provide vital shared Information and Communications Technology (ICT) services including reliable security telecommunications and Internet connectivity for humanitarians.

KEY DATA



OPERATIONAL SITES

5



PLANNED SITES

4



SERVICES PROVIDED

- Coordination
- Assessment
- VHF/HF radio communications
- Communications Centre (COMCEN)



FUNDING STATUS

- The ETC appealed for US\$1.4 million for the 2018 activities.
- The ETC in DRC is currently 43% funded.



CHALLENGES

- The increasingly volatile security situation.
- Funding for this emergency operation.



PLANNED ACTIVITIES

- To provide security telecommunications services in Uvira, Baraka, Nyunzu and Kabalo.

RESPONSE

- The ETC is providing shared security telecommunications services to support humanitarian operations in the Kasai region, South Kivu and Tanganyika . These services are available in Kananga and Tshikapa (Kasai-Occidental), Mbuji-Mayi (Kasai-Oriental), Bukavu (South Kivu) and in Kalemie (Tanganyika).
- The ETC conducted an assessment in the provinces of South- Kivu and Tanganyika provinces in the first half of May to identify evolving communications needs.
 - The recommendation for South-Kivu was to deploy an inter-agency Communications Centre (COMCEN) in Baraka and Uvira. In addition, the installation of a radio repeater in Lusenda – covering Mboko- was recommended to provide security telecommunication services to humanitarians.
 - In Tanganyika, it was recommended to upgrade the COMCEN in Kalemie and to set up COMCENs in Nyunzu and Kabalo.
- Due to the Ebola outbreak in May 2018, the ETC is monitoring the situation and engaging with partners on the ground to evaluate needs. The ETC is preparing a plan for the next three months that includes prepositioning connectivity kits in Mbandaka which can be deployed in surrounding areas if necessary.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

- Following the assessment conducted, the ETC will provide security telecommunications services in Uvira and Baraka (South Kivu) as well as in Nyunzu and Kabalo (Tanganyika).

CHALLENGES:

- Challenges linked to insecurity and funding shortfall are hampering the humanitarian response in DRC.

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