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Kasai turmoil: 500 internally displaced and returning households in Tshikapa and its surroundings are assisted by Caritas

Tshikapa, November 12, 2017 (caritasdev.cd): Caritas Congo Asbl and its diocesan partner, Caritas Luebo, have just distributed the Essential Household Items (AME) to 500 displaced / returned households from Tshikapa and its surroundings in the Province of Kasai. 3,000 people in the Milambo site, a town located about 10 km from the town of Tshikapa, received much needed assistance, according to the evaluation report that preceded the development of this project. The distribution took place from 2 to 3 November 2017 and was attended by the Mayor of this municipality.

With regard to the content of the aid, each household received 3 blankets, 1 lady's loincloth, 6 dinner plates, 6 spoons, 6 goblets, 6 laundry soaps and 6 toilet soaps, as well as a hygiene kit of dignity for wife, said Mr. Jean-Pierre Pokavu, Project Manager in the Emergency Department of Caritas Congo Asbl.

Beneficiaries, IDPs / returnees, and host families have been the victims of deadly clashes between the militiamen of Chief Kamuina Nsapu and the DRC Armed Forces. Many have lost their loved ones, essential goods, their homes. Some had fled the violence and returned. They live either in host families or in their own homes in the Milambo site.

"This is truly a calamitous humanitarian situation that still requires adequate responses. In fact, despite this distribution, the needs are still enormous in this site where we could only serve 500 households out of a total of 2,662 households. There is still an enormous gap. We still carry on advocacy to mobilize more resources to serve more people in need", Mr Pokavu pleaded.

As a reminder, Caritas Congo Asbl, in partnership with Caritas Luebo, has already intervened on the same site for the victims as a result of Kamuina Nsapu conflict, with the support of the United Nations Fund for Population (UNFPA).

It should be noted that other humanitarian actors are also operational on this Milambo site. These include, but are not limited to OCHA, UNICEF, UNFPA, ACF and Caritas Luebo, not to mention other humanitarian actors in Tshikapa. But in the face of the immensity of the need, their interventions are always limited.

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