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TO: FORCE HQ - HAC

INFO: MILOB GP HQ

FROM: SECTOR 2A (BYUMBA)

DATE: 25 AUGUST '95

SUBJECT: WEEKLY HUMANITARIAN SITREP FOR PERIOD 19 - 25 AUGUST '95

1. General Situation. The general situation on the humanitarian front remained stable throughout the Sector. Returnees continue to cross into Rwanda from Uganda and Tanzania through Gatuna, Buziba and Kagitumba border posts. The Sector has not yet been affected by the influx of refugees from Zaire under the forced repatriation programme that was in progress during the course of the week. The following figures are the average daily crossing rate of returnees during the week under review:

a.	Gatuna	10
b.	Buziba	50
c.	Kagitumba	80

2. Own Humanitarian Activities

- a. Visited Nyagatare Reception Centre.
- b. Visited Urmuli, Ngarama and Gakoni Orphans' homes.
- c. Visited the newly resettled returnees to instil confidence.

3. General Living Conditions

a. Food. There is generally no food shortage in the Sector. There are a few areas which suffered from pests and heavy rains during the last season. The most affected crops are coffee beans and potatoes in Muvumba and Muhura communes. Some of the locals may need seeds to be able to plant in the next season. People have already finished harvesting and are now busy preparing their fields for the next planting season.

b. Water.

(i) Ngarama Commune. The project for drilling water boreholes in Nyagatare, Matimba and Kagitumba has temporarily been halted. The reason for halting the programme is that the water table in the general area is very low and as such could not draw water as desired. This programme was being sponsored by OXFAM.

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Humanitarian team will continue to monitor the alternative measures the NGO shall take to provide water the targeted communes.

(ii) Bwisige Commune. The Bwisige Dispensary has a serious water problem. Water is drawn from springs and valleys by energetic youths who in turn sell the same to the dispensary staff for use by both the staff and patients. The water pipes that were used to supply water to the commune were destroyed during the war and were never repaired. The commune authorities are appealing to any donors to restore piped water to the dispensary in particular and the commune in general.

(iii) Buyoga Commune. A project by UNICEF to repair broken water pipes and broken water pump in the commune is still under way and a lot of progress has been made. It is anticipated that in about a week's time water problem for this commune will be a thing of the past.

c. Health. The standard of medical services in the Sector is good with all the commune health centres and dispensaries working. There is, in some isolated cases, shortage of drugs but the situation is not alarming at all. The NGOs responsible are doing a very good job.

(i) Rutare Commune. ICRC which was running the Rutare Health Centre is scheduled to withdraw from the commune at the end of September '95. It is reported that the reason for their withdrawal is termination of contract.

(ii) Giti Commune. Malteser, an NGO has provided toilet facilities to the Giti dispensary. They also continue to provide medicines the the same dispensary.

d. Education. Most of the primary schools in the Sector are functioning, though with common problems of lack of furniture, teaching aids and sufficient teachers. The classroom blocks are also not in good shape and need some rehabilitation. Some NGOs are providing supplementary food to all primary schools in the Sector on monthly basis. Aid Action is rehabilitating the following schools in Rutare Commune:

(i)	Muhere	GR 2411
(ii)	Kabira	GR 1908
(iii)	Mwendo	GR 2408
(iv)	Muko	GR 2613

UN RESTRICTED**4. People with Special Needs.**

a. Returnees. A total of 12 returnees reported back from Zaire on 23 August '95 in Tumba Commune. These returnees have not been resettled yet but our humanitarian team shall continue to monitor the resettlement of these returnees to ensure that they are peacefully resettled. The Commune authorities have already sounded their concern over lack of food for these returnees.

b. Orphans.

(i) Kibali Commune. Urmuli Orphanage now has a total number of 90 orphans. During the period under review, a total of 05 children have been re-united with their parents through the efforts of ICRC who have embarked on a parents trace for the orphans. The parents trace programme is still in progress.

(ii) Ngarama Commune. There are still 180 children in the SOS Childrens' Home. The authorities at the centre are appealing for any donors to provide recreational facilities to the centre; they examples of such items as television and video.

(iii) Nyagatare Reception Centre. There were during the period under review a total of 1442 returnees in the Centre. Registration by The Ministry of Rehabilitation and food distribution by ADRA is in progress.


5. Relationship With Local Authorities. No change.

6. Relationship With UN Agencies/NGOs No change.

7. Conclusion. Humanitarian activities continue in the Sector. Coordinated efforts with NGOs UN Agencies and local authorities continue. We continue to monitor the situation of IDPs and returnees. The local authorities continue to request for transport assistance.

8. Recommendations.

- a. That food be made available for the returnees immediately after resettlement.
- b. Transport be provided for humanitarian assistance.


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GENERAL SITUATION

1. The humanitarian situation in the sector remained quite stable. Cultivation in the low lying areas of the lakes and River Akagera continues. The shortage of water is still an outstanding problem in the whole prefecture.

OWN ACTIVITIES

2. a. The Milob patrol teams visited Zaza Health Centre and Sake Commune and liaised with officials and Bourgmestre on the current medical and water situation in the area. The administrator of the health centre reported that the centre has now received medicine from IMC. The Bourgmestre reported that the electric water pump which was repaired by IRC has broken down again. IRC has been informed accordingly and promised to look into the matter.

b. The humanitarian team visited NYAKARAMBI transit camp to assess the camps readiness to receive an influx of returnees. It was learnt that the camp has enough food stocks. There is however a problem of water. The water pump supplied by IRC is out of order and UNHCR has not supplied any water for about three weeks. Both organisations have been informed.

IDPs/RETURNEES

3. A total of 462 returnees from Burundi arrived on Thursday and are at Birenga Transit Camp. 301 of them belong to Kibungo Prefecture. UNHCR reported they will be despatched soon transport is available. Tuesdays and Thursdays have been set aside as Repatriation Movement days for returnees from Tanzania.

HOUSING

4. The Bourgmestre of Sake is making a census of unoccupied houses in his commune. It is reported that these houses will be rehabilitated in preparation for coming returnees. Reports of shortage of accommodation have come from Bourgmestres of Kayonza 5784, Birenga 5959 and Mugesera 4764.

ORPHANAGES

5. Ghanbatt donated assorted food items to Rwamagana Orphanage.

AGRICULTURE

6. Cultivation in the low lying areas of the lakes and River

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Akagera continues. There is however extensive bush burning in almost all the communes in the prefecture probably in preparation for the rainy season.

NGOs ACTIVITIES

7. MSF has established a temporary medical centre at Rwanteru 7948 in Kayonza Commune and is carrying out immunization against Polio, TB and Tetanus in the area.

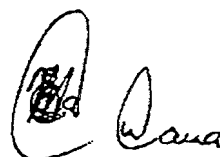
8. Lutheran World Federation (LWF) distributed 135 bags of maize, beans and maize flour to the people of Rwinkavu area.

WATER

9. There is a shortage of drinking water in Mulundi area and an inconsistent supply of water prevails in RUKARA Commune 5601 because of the limited capacity of the diesel engine pumping water from lower ground into the commune water supply system. The Bougmestre of the commune requested for assistance in the rehabilitation of the reservoir in Gahini Sector 5397 for constant supply.

CO-OPERATION

10. The relationship with the local authorities and NGOs has been commendable.



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TO: FORCE HQ-HAC

DATE: 11 AUG '95

INFO: MILOB GP HQ

FROM: SECTOR 2A (BYUMBA)

SUBJECT: WEEKLY HUMANITARIAN SITREP FOR PERIOD 5 - 11 AUGUST '95.

1. General Situation. The general situation within the Sector is improving steadily. Returnees continue to cross into Rwanda from Uganda and Tanzania through the border posts of Gatuna, Buziba and Kagitumba. There are still movements of IDPs returning to their home communes.

2. Own HAC Activities.

- (a) Visited Gakoni orphans Home.
- (b) Visited Nyagatare Reception Centre.
- (c) Visited ICRC office in Byumba.
- (d) Checked on newly resettled returnees and IDPs to instil confidence.

3. Gen Living Conditions.

(a) Food. Most of the locals in Byumba Prefecture have managed to produce adequate food for consumption and a small percentage for sale (coffee and sorghum). However newly resettled returnees and IDPS face a problem of food since they came too late for starting their own cultivation. Food for work programmes sponsored by ADRA, WFP and PAM continues in Nyagatare, Muvumba, Muhura, Bwisige and Kinyami in a bid to construct / repair roads in these communes.

(b) Water.

- (i) Muvumba Commune. there is a gen shortage of water for the newly settled returnees and their livestock. An NGO- OXFAM, is drilling bore-holes to improve the situation.
- (ii) Bwisige Commune. Bwisige Dispensary (GR 171259) is facing a critical shortage of water. The med staff are buying water drawn by locals from springs at the cost of 50 FRW a bucket. This is a bad sit, since the dispensary attends to an average of 30 - 50 patients a day.

(c) Health. The standard of medical services in the Byumba Prefecture is steadily improving with most commune health centres and dispensaries now being operational. However during the week under review, the following were observed :-

(i) Cyumba Commune. Cyumba Commune health centre is critically running short of drugs. Locals are appealing for immediate help. The entire health centre needs extensive repairs. At least 20 more beds are required. AMREF runs this centre and has promised to improve the sit.

(ii) Ambulance Services. This remains a major problem in most communes of Byumba Prefecture. Locals are continuing to carry patients on improvised stretchers due to the lack of the above.

(iii) Cattle Diseases. In Muvumba, Ngarama, Gituza, Muhura and Murambi Communes, cattle continue to die from CBPP Anthrax and Black-leg diseases. The locals are appealing for assistance to acquire the necessary drugs for vaccinations.

4. People With Special Needs.

(a) Orphans.

(i) Murambi Commune. At Gakoni Orphanage (GR 4698), the sit has improved. Doctors from an NGO, MALTESER, based at Kiziguro Health Centre are vaccinating the orphans.

(ii) Kibali Commune. Urumulli Orphanage has a total of 150 orphans. The centre is run by World Vision. This centre has no electricity or sports facilities such as playgrounds, balls and see-saws.

(iii) Cyungu Commune. The commune authorities informed us that a total of 600 orphans live with foster - parents in this commune. These orphans lack food and clothing.

(iv) Family Reunion. ICRC continues to work hard to reunite orphans with their parents. So far 25 orphans have been reunited. However, some orphans prefer to remain in orphanages due to the good living conditions offered therein. Likewise some parents do not come forth to claim their children, since they feel they can not render the necessary support to raise these children.

(b) Returnees/IDPs. A family of 04 members reported to Kiyombe Commune from Zaire on 06 Aug 95. They were peacefully resettled in their original homes. The B/Masters of Kiyombe and Bwisige communes would soon be leaving for Tanzania on a task to persuade refugees to return home.

5. Relations With NGOs/UN Agencies. No change.
6. Relations with Local Authorities. Remains favourable.
7. Conclusion. Normal humanitarian activities continue. Locals continue to press on for requests for transport assistance. We continue to monitor the conditions of returnees and IDPs. Coordinated efforts with NGOs, UN agencies and local authorities continue.
8. Recommendations.
 - (a) Transport be readily made available for humanitarian assistance.
 - (b) Orphans living with foster parents be issued with food and clothing.

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