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SUBJECT: WEEKLY HUMANITARIAN SITREP  
FOR PERIOD 29 JUL 95 - 04 AUG 95

✓ 1. GENERAL SITUATION. THE GENERAL SITUATION ON THE HUMANITARIAN FRONT REMAINED STABLE WITH NO MAJOR PROBLEMS. RETURNEES CONTINUE TO CROSS INTO RWANDA FROM UGANDA AND TANZANIA THROUGH THE BORDER POSTS OF KATUNA, BUZIBA AND KAGITUMBA. THERE ARE STILL MOVEMENTS OF IDPS RETURNING TO THEIR HOME COMMUNES.

✓ 2. OWN HAC ACTIVITIES

- A. VISITED NYAGATARE RECEPTION CENTRE
- B. VISITED THE MATIMBA FOOD FOR WORK PROJECT
- C. VISITED THE NEWLY RESETTLED RETURNEES AND IDPS TO INSTIL CONFIDENCE.

C 3. GENERAL LIVING CONDITIONS

C 4. FOOD

- (i) NYARAMA. FOOD FOR WORK PROGRAMME SPONSORED BY WFP, PAM AND ADRA CONTINUE IN NYAGATARE, MATIMBA, MUVUMBA, MUHURA, BWISIGE AND KINYAMI IN A BID TO CONSTRUCT/REPAIR ROADS IN THESE AREAS.
- (ii) KIBALI COMMUNE WFP DISTRIBUTED TO 200 TEACHERS IN THE COMMUNE SOME MAIZE, COOKING OIL AND PEAS ON 26 JULY 95. THE FOOD IS INTENDED FOR THE FOOD FOR WORK PROGRAMME IN THE COMMUNE.

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(iii) MUWA COMMUNE. ON 28 JULY 95, WFP DISTRIBUTED FOOD ITEMS TO TEACHERS IN THIS COMMUNE TO SUPPLEMENT THEIR MEAGER SALARIES. THE RATION SCALE WAS 25KG OF MAIZE, 15KG OF BEANS AND 5LITRES OF COOKING OIL.

(iv) SEEDS DISTRIBUTION. IN MOST OF THE COMMUNES VISITED DURING THE WEEK UNDER REVIEW, LOCALS ARE APPEALING TO BE SUPPLIED WITH BEANS, PEAS, IRISH POTATO AND MILLET SEEDS FOR THE FORTHCOMING PLANTING SEASON WHICH BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER 1995.

b. WATER. APPROX 80% OF THE LOCALS IN THE SECTOR CONTINUE TO DRAW WATER FROM RIVERS AND SWAMPS. SOME NGOS ARE WORKING HARD TO RESTORE PIPED WATER TO HEALTH CENTRES, SCHOOLS AND COMMUNE CENTRES. IN MUWA AND MURAMBI, COMMUNES WHERE A LOT OF REFUGEES FROM UGANDA AND TANZANIA HAVE BEEN SETTLED, AN NGO, OXAM IS DRILLING WATER BOREHOLES TO PROVIDE WATER FOR LOCALS AND THEIR LIVESTOCK.

c. HEALTH. THE STANDARDS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN BYUMBA REFUGEE REMAINS FAIRLY GOOD WITH MOST COMMUNE HEALTH CENTRES AND DISPENSARIES OPERATING.

(i) BYUMBA COMMUNE. AMREF HELD AN ANTENATAL CLINIC FOR PREGNANT WOMEN IN THE COMMUNE ON 01 AUGUST 95. A VACCINATION PROGRAMME FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN WAS CONDUCTED BY THE SAME NGO ON 02 AUGUST 95.

(ii) HEALTH EDUCATION. HEALTH EDUCATION IS BEING ORGANISED BY HEALTH OFFICIALS IN CYUMBA COMMUNE FOR ONE REPRESENTATIVE EACH FROM THE CELLS IN THE COMMUNE.

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A TOTAL OF 51 VOLUNTEERS HAVE SO FAR ENROLLED FOR THE COURSE WHICH WILL LAST FOR 04 DAYS.

(iii) AMBULANCE SERVICES. MOST OF THE COMMUNES LACK AMBULANCES TO CONVEY PATIENTS. LOCALS CONTINUE TO CARRY PATIENTS ON IMPROVISED STRETCHERS.

✓ d. EDUCATION

(i) KINYAMI COMMUNE. A CATHOLIC PRIEST CALLED CYLLE WIER HAS VOLUNTEERED TO RENOVATE PRIMARY SCHOOLS. HE WOULD EMPLOY BRICK LAYERS AND CARPENTERS TO ASSIST IN THE RENOVATION OF THE SCHOOLS. THE PRIEST HAS A LOT OF FRIENDS LOCALLY AND ABROAD TO ASSIST WITH THE FUNDS. THE SCHOOLS THAT HAVE BEEN SO FAR EARMARKED ARE:

a. KIGOGO (GR 0122)

b. MUHONDO (GR 0914)

c. KIBALI (GR 0424)

(ii) NYARAMA COMMUNE. AN N40, ACCORD HAS PROVIDED ROOFING SHEETS TO REPAIR THE FOLLOWING PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE COMMUNE:

a. GAROMA (GR 2234)

b. GATSIBO (GR 2523)

c. BUSHANGUNE (GR 3228)

d. CYABAYAGO (GR 3242)

e. KAROMA (GR 2332)

(iii) MUVUMBA COMMUNE. AN N40, ACCORD IS REHABILITATING SCHOOLS IN MUVUMBA COMMUNE. IT HAS ALSO DONATED SECOND-HAND CLOTHES TO THE LOCALS.

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4. PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

0. ORPHANS

(i) KINYAMI COMMUNE. AN HQ, FEMALE PALANTINA PROVIDED ORPHANS WITH SCHOOL UNIFORM AND PAID A TOTAL OF 105,000FRW AS FEES FOR ORPHANS ATTENDING THE SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THIS COMMUNE.

(ii) NGARAMA. THE DIRECTOR OF NGARAMA SOS ORPHANAGE IS REQUESTING THE FOLLOWING:

a. TRANSPORT TO PICK UP FIVE TONS OF RICE AND ONE TON OF SUGAR FROM KIGALI TO NGARAMA.  
b. A TV AND VCR FOR ENTERTAINMENT OF THE ORPHANS.

6. RETURNEES/IDPs

(i) KIGALI COMMUNE. ON 22 JULY 95, A TOTAL OF 20 RETURNEES REPORTED TO THIS COMMUNE. THEY WERE RESETTLED IN THEIR ORIGINAL HOMES PEACEFULLY. THESE RETURNEES ARE FACED WITH A PROBLEM OF FOOD.

(ii) CYUMBA COMMUNE. ON 27 JULY 95, A TOTAL OF 58 PEOPLE RETURNED TO CYUMBA COMMUNE. THEY INCLUDE 41 FROM ZAIRE, 04 FROM BURUNDI AND 13 IDPs FROM KIKONGORO. BOTH WERE PEACEFULLY RESETTLED IN THEIR ORIGINAL HOMES BUT ARE FACING A PROBLEM OF FOOD AND FARMING TOOLS.

c. NYAGATARE RECEPTION CENTRE. DURING THE WEEK UNDER REVIEW, NYAGATARE RECEPTION CENTRE WAS HOLDING A TOTAL OF 1500 RETURNEES AWAITING RESETTLEMENT. FOOD DISTRIBUTION BY ADRA CONTINUES.

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5. RELATIONS WITH NGOs/UNAGENCIES. NO CHANGE.

6. RELATIONS WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES. REMAIN FAVORABLE. MILCS CONTRIBUTED A TOTAL AMOUNT OF 26,000 FFW AS A WEDDING PRESENT TO THE BOURGMESTE OF BUYOHA COMMUNE.

7. CONCLUSIONS. NORMAL HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES IN THE SECTOR CONTINUE. LOCALS CONTINUE TO REQUEST FOR TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE. WE CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE CONDITION OF RETURNEES AND IDPS. COORDINATED EFFORTS WITH NGOs, UNAGENCIES AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES CONTINUE.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

9. BEANS, PEAS, IRISH POTATO AND MILLET SEEDS BE PROVIDED TO THE LOCALS TO MEET THE FORTHCOMING PLANTING SEASON WHICH BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER 95. RETURNEES AND IDPS WHO REPORT DIRECT TO THEIR HOME COMMUNES BE ISSUED WITH FOOD SEEDS AND FARMING TOOLS.

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