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FROM: SECTOR 2A (BYUMBA)

SUBJECT: WEEKLY HUMANITARIAN SITREP FOR PERIOD 22-28 JULY 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 NYAGATARE RECEPTION CENTER.
  - b. VISITED GAKONI ORPHANS HOME.
  - c. VISITED THE NEWLY RESETTLED RETURNEES AND IDPS TO INSTIL CONFIDENCE.
  - d. COORDINATED WITH GHANBATT TO CONVEY SCHOOL FURNITURE AND STATIONERY FROM KIGALI TO BYUMBA.
3. GENERAL LIVING CONDITIONS.
  - a. FOOD. MOST OF THE LOCALS IN BYUMBA PREFECTURE ARE LIKELY TO PRODUCE ADEQUATE FOOD FOR CONSUMPTION THIS SEASON. HOWEVER, CROPS LIKE BEANS AND POTATOES WERE DAMAGED BY EXCESSIVE HEAVY RAINS, BUT SORGHUM AND COFFEE ARE PROMISING A GOOD HARVEST. FOOD FOR WORK PROGRAMME SPONSORED BY ADRA CONTINUES IN NYAGATARE, MUVUMBA MATIMBA, BWISIGE AND KINYAMI IN A BID TO CONSTRUCT/REPAIR ROADS IN THESE AREAS.
  - b. WATER
    - (i) MUVUMBA COMMUNE. THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF WATER FOR THE LOCALS AND THEIR LIVESTOCK THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNE. AN NGO, OXFAM IS DRILLING BOREHOLES TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION.
    - (ii) CYUNGO COMMUNE. CYUNGO HEALTH CENTER CONTINUES TO FACE AN ACUTE SHORTAGE OF WATER AS REPORTED IN OUR LAST SITREP DATED 21 JULY '95. THE HEALTH CENTER STAFF ARE BUYING WATER FROM THE LOCALS TO RUN THE CENTER.

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c. HEALTH. THE STANDARD OF MEDICAL SERVICES IN BYUMBA PREFECTURE IS FAIRLY GOOD WITH MOST COMMUNE HEALTH CENTERS OPERATING. DURING THE WEEK UNDER REVIEW, THE FOLLOWING WAS OBSERVED:

- (i) SHORTAGE OF DRUGS. CYUMBA AND CYUNGO HEALTH CENTRES ARE CRITICALLY RUNNING SHORT OF MEDICINES. LOCALS ARE APPEALING FOR IMMEDIATE HELP.
- (ii) AMBULANCE SERVICES. MOST OF THE COMMUNES LACK AMBULANCES TO CONVEY PATIENTS. LOCALS CONTINUE TO CARRY PATIENTS ON IMPROVISED STRETCHERS.
- (iii) CATTLE DISEASE. A LOT OF CATTLE IN GITUZA, MUVUMBA AND MURAMBI COMMUNES ARE INFECTED BY DISEASES; NAMELY BLACK-LEG, CONTAGIOUS BOVINE PLEURAL PNEUMONIA(CBPP) AND TRYPANOSOMIASIS. SO FAR APPROXIMATELY 2000 CATTLE HAVE DIED. THE LOCALS ARE APPEALING FOR VACCINES TO CURE THE DISEASES.

d. EDUCATION

- (I) KIBALI COMMUNE. IN BYUMBA TOWN, BYUMBA SOCIAL SCHOOL HAS OPENED. STUDENTS SPECIALIZE IN AGRICULTURE AND MEDICINE. A TOTAL OF 700 STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ENROLLED. FEES ARE PAID AS FOLLOWS:
  - (a) 7500 FRW PER TERM TO BE PAID BY STUDENTS WITH BOTH PARENTS.
  - (b) 5000 FRW TO BE PAID BY STUDENTS WITH ONLY ONE PARENT.
  - (c) 2500 FRW TO BE PAID BY ORPHANS.
- (ii) MUHURA COMMUNE. INTER- SOS FROM ITALY IS RENOVATING PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THIS COMMUNE. IT HAS SO FAR COMPLETED RENOVATING SCHOOLS AT MUHURA (GR2908), GAHARA (GR 3004), BUGARURA (GR 3808) AND RUMURI (GR 3109).
- (iii) GITI COMMUNE. THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAS DONATED SCHOOL MATERIALS TO THE COMMUNE THROUGH UNICEF. THE MATERIALS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:
  - (a) 5000 EXERCISE BOOKS.
  - (b) 5000 PENS AND PENCILS.
  - (c) 5000 ERASERS.
  - (d) 5000 SLATES.
  - (e) 300 NOTE BOOKS FOR TEACHERS.

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4. PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDSa. ORPHANS

(i) MURAMBI COMMUNE. AT GAKONI ORPHANAGE (GR4698) THE SITUATION HAS IMPROVED. A GERMAN NGO, MALTESER IS VACCINATING THE ORPHANS. THE HOME HAS NO RESIDENT DOCTOR AND THE ORPHANS ARE CONGESTED.

(ii) MUHURA COMMUNE. AN NGO, RENINE PALANTINA DONATED SOME BLANKETS AND CLOTHES TO THE ORPHANS IN THIS COMMUNE ON 26 JULY '95.

b. RETURNEES/ IDPS

(i) KIVUYE COMMUNE. ON 12 JULY '95 A TOTAL OF 15 IDPS REPORTED TO THIS COMMUNE AND A TOTAL OF 13 RETURNEES FROM ZAIRE ALSO REPORTED TO THE COMMUNE. BOTH IDPS AND RETURNEES WERE PEACEFULLY RESETTLED.

(ii) MUHURA COMMUNE. A FAMILY OF 11 MEMBERS FROM TANZANIA REPORTED ON 26 JULY '95. THEY WERE ALSO RECEIVED PEACEFULLY AND RESETTLED IN THEIR ORIGINAL HOMES.

c. NYAGATARE RECEPTION CENTER. DURING THE WEEK UNDER REVIEW, NYAGATARE RECEPTION CENTER WAS HOLDING A TOTAL OF 337 RETURNEES AWAITING RESETTLEMENT. FOOD DISTRIBUTION BY ADRA CONTINUES.

5. RELATIONS WITH NGOS/UN AGENCIES. NO CHANGE.

6. RELATIONS WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES. REMAIN FAVOURABLE.

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

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

a. TRANSPORT BE READILY AVAILABLE FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

b. SECTOR HAC TEAM BE ISSUED WITH A VEHICLE TO ENABLE THEM TO EFFECTIVELY MONITOR HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES IN THE ENTIRE SECTOR.

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