

Refugee children in Nyarugusu camp that benefited from the Tanzania Programs donation of 300 desks. Refer to pg4 for details

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Welcome to the 1st Quarterly Newsletter 2018

Last year we successfully published four Newsletters along with the 10th Anniversary Newsletter. I could not be prouder of the communication team plus the staff whose work is essential to the newsletter's success. Without you all, we would not be having this Publication. We are excited for yet another year of great things happening at AIRD.

This newsletter focuses on Program contributions. These are donations selected by the Country Programs to benefit refugees and local communities in the areas of operation.

They are based on needs of the local communities identified with the help of UNHCR representation and local Governments in respective countries.



Beneficiaries of the training in saponification conducted by Chad Program



Teachers' tables and chairs donated by Tanzania Program in Nyarugusu

AIRD represented at the 2018 BRRP launch in Geneva



Mr. Mathias on the panel sharing experiences as an implementing partner of UNHCR

AIRD's CEO Mr. Mathias Temesgen Daniel on 6th February 2018 took part in the launch of the Burundi Refugee Response Plan (BRRP) held in Geneva. The high-level event was presided over by the UNHCR High Commissioner Philipo Grandi and was attended by many International Governments and INGO delegations.

He also committed AIRD's support to the priorities outlined in the Burundi Refugee response plan in alignment with the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) objectives and principles emphasizing resilience, self-sustenance together with the host communities.

Mr. Mathias highlighted the challenges faced by UNHCR partners hindering delivery of support to refugees, "as an example, he said in the DRC, South Kivu

Lusenda Camp, AIRD experiences challenges in shelter work. With the camp hosting over 30,000 refugees in less than 300 semi durable shelters, the rest living in emergency shelters

and maintenance; this is costly and affects long term planning," he explained.

Mr. Mathias said that AIRD is making progress towards provision of more equitable and durable response through mitigating environmental impact of the refugees; he cited Lusenda Camp again where AIRD has planted over 46,500 tree seedlings in partnership with UNHCR which is to assist in the establishment of 10 associations of refugees and host communities that were trained in making of biomass briquettes.

In Tanzania, AIRD is involved in vocational training targeting mainly refugee women and girls for self-sustenance and reliance, Mr. Mathias added.

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To address these challenges, UNHCR launched an appeal for US\$391 million to support 430,000 Burundian refugees this year, saying more cash was urgently needed to prevent it from becoming a forgotten crisis.

In a in a statement shared on their website, UNHCR called for the pursuit of efforts to find a "genuine and lasting resolution" to the Burundi crisis.

Tanzania is hosting the largest number of Burundians with 254,000 refugees, while 89,000 are in Rwanda with another 44,000 in the DRC and some 40,000 in Uganda.

CAMEROON

Cameroon Program to donate 36 tricycles



Mechanics assembling tricycles at the workshop in Bertoua

The Cameroon Program has made a contribution through its field offices in Maroua, Batouri and Meiganga with the purchase of tricycles for disabled refugees. Life in the camps is challenging but it's harder for refugees with disabilities. There are no special facilities set up for the disabled hence the challenges in accessing services

such health facilities, markets, and schools. To address some of these challenges the Cameroon Program has donated 36 tricycles. This was in consultation with UNHCR and the local Authorities in the selected areas. The Country Program Director Mr. Israel Nzeyimana said, the donation will assist the beneficiaries in their daily activities.

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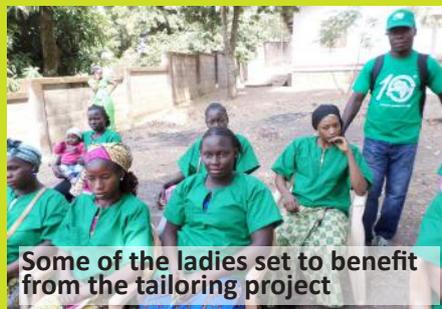
Women and girls benefit from AIRD CAR tailoring project

A group comprised of 20 women and girls is set to benefit from a tailoring project conducted by Central African Republic Program. The beneficiaries were selected from Bouar one of the most vulnerable regions of CAR. The population in the area is comprised of IDPs with most households headed by women. The Program selected this activity aiming to empower the vulnerable women and girls affected by the ongoing crisis in the region. The 6 months training is a contribution towards local communities.

The beneficiaries were selected from Bouar one of the most vulnerable regions of CAR plunged by poverty and conflict since 2013.

This initiative was welcomed by the local, the community, religious leaders and some other humanitarian

organizations. Subsequently, a committee was established composed of volunteers from administrative and humanitarian institutions to support AIRD in making the project a success. The volunteers include staff working with the State Social Service, UNHCR, OCHA, and Lutheran Evangelical Church and Catholic Church. They were also involved in the selection and identification of beneficiaries with the assistance of local leaders. After the 6 months training, the beneficiaries will receive sewing machines and certificates.



Some of the ladies set to benefit from the tailoring project

REPUBLIC OF CONGO

RoC constructs toilets in Ikpebele



The toilet stances constructed by RoC Program

RoC Program has constructed 5 latrine blocks in Ikpebele to improve the hygiene and sanitation standards in the refugee camp. The 5 blocks have two doors each and 10 pit latrines in total. This was a Program contribution funded by AIRD Head Office.

According to the country Program Director Amadou Sidibe, the contribution was timely because there was a big gap of toilets in the area. Over 2000 refugees were using two pit latrines, he said.

The beneficiaries of this project are the Central African refugees.

CHAD

Chad Program equips Sudanese Refugees with livelihood skills

The Chad Program in 2017 trained a group of 80 Sudanese refugees in mechanical work and saponification (soap making and dyeing).



The youth refugees during one of the mechanical trainings led by AIRD staff

The group comprised of 40 men and 40 women refugees of Sudanese origin living in Iriba. The Program selected this activity with the desire



The youth refugees during a training in saponification

to equip the selected number of refugees with skills to use for income generating activities. The Country Program Director, Mr. Stansilas Dalmeida said the beneficiaries were encouraged to share the skills with other youth after the training. Empowering the youth will contribute to the development of the refugee communities, he noted.

The training was conducted by AIRD Chad Program staff based at the Iriba Sub Office and outsourced experts in saponification.

Libenge Hospital acquires morgue from DRC Program



Front view of the Morgue

Libenge General Hospital in Sud-Ubangi now has a morgue to store dead bodies courtesy of AIRD DRC Program. The need for this facility was identified by the Program

The facility constructed by AIRD has a refrigerated cabinet for preservation of dead bodies.

and approved by the UNHCR office in Kinshasa and the Government.

The Hospital which serves both refugees and the host community has been grappling with the lack of such a facility increasing the chances of contamination of dead bodies. The facility constructed by AIRD has a refrigerated cabinet for preservation of dead bodies.

According to Mr. Saliou Diallo the Country Program Director of the DRC Program, patients from at least 25 to 30 surrounding villages and the refugee camp get treatment from Libenge Hospital. He added that with such a large number of people accessing health services from the facility, in cases of death, body preservation has been a challenge. The Morgue will improve the service delivery of Libenge Hospital, Mr. Diallo said.

LIBERIA

Liberia Program breathes life into teachers' houses in Bahn camp

Sixteen teachers in Bahn Camp recently acquired housing from the Liberia Program; this was through a project aimed at improving the standard of living of teachers.

The Country Program Director Mr. John Akorimo Ikwap said the need for teacher accommodation near the school in Bahn was identified with the help of UNHCR representation and the Local Government. "Two building blocks were identified from the former transit center to be renovated and transformed into houses with improved bathroom and toilet facilities for teachers' accommodation," he said.

Mr. Ikwap added that providing accommodation for teacher's in the school vicinity will increase the time spent with students hence improving their performance.

The school administration commended AIRD for the contribution and said the comfortable housing will motivate teachers in the quest to educate refugee children so they can obtain a brighter future. Previously, we would walk long miles to get to the school which would reduce on the time spent with pupils, said one teacher.



The structures before AIRD Liberia Program renovated them



Structures after renovation ready to be occupied by teachers. The Program also constructed toilets for the quarters

TANZANIA

Tanzania Program donates furniture to school in Nyarugusu Camp



Part of the school desks donated by Tanzania Program. They were distributed in 8 classrooms

The Tanzania Program has donated 300 school desks for pupils, 15 chairs and 3 tables for the staffroom and head teachers' office in Nyarugusu camp; in addition to 1 Computer, 1 Printer, and 1 UPS for the Head teachers' office. The beneficiary school was constructed by the

Program in 2017 with funding from UNHCR. However, with the structures in place, the students had no furniture and were sitting on the floor. AIRD in consultation with the partners on ground (UNHCR and the Local Government of Tanzania) saw the need to provide furniture

to enhance the learning experience of the students. The desks were distributed to 8 classrooms, with 36 desks per classroom accommodating 103 students.

The International Rescue Committee Coordinator (UNCHR education partner in Nyarugusu) commended AIRD for the contribution saying this will make the study environment more conducive for the pupils, and also motivate the learners to perform better which contributes to the UNCHR objective of providing quality education in refugee camps.

One of the teachers said the donation is to help improve students' concentration in class because of the comfort and the computer has set them apart from other schools in the camp and made their work easier. Nyarugusu Camp is located about 150km from the Lake Tanganyika.

UGANDA

Uganda Program empowers Refugee Youth through educational scholarships

Refugees are ordinary people that are displaced from their homes because of conflict and persecution. These persons of concern come into Uganda for safety and they are warmly received by the communities. AIRD continuously aims to empower the communities to grow together, and there can be no growth without proper education. Education is a fundamental human right and there is a direct correlation seen when education is met and the reduction of poverty because it brings economic stability, and better living standard for people.

A solid education ensures that communities are empowered. Young people are the future, and to secure a bright future, there needs to be a spark lit, and AIRD is lighting the match to a brighter future.

This hope of a brighter future is being done through educational scholarship program that started in 2016. AIRD is providing refugee youths with education from senior one to senior six.

The organization ensures that the selected students are provided with scholastic materials and all necessary school requirements such as cleaning

appliances, mattresses, basins and jerry cans and other items.

AIRD recognizes that one out of ten girls miss school during their menstrual cycles, which adds up to losing as much as twenty percent of their academic experience. To address this, AIRD also has provided sanitary materials to ensure that girls attain the full learning experience.

The students selected for this program were identified with the help of Windle Trust Uganda, an educational partner of UNHCR. According to Mr. Patrick Oroma, the Monitoring and Evaluation Officer

for AIRD Uganda, the selection of students was based on their performance in PLE (Primary Leaving Examinations), and the student's expression for need and support to continue their education.

The students selected vary in nationalities and settlement; we support refugees from Rwanda, Burundi, Somalia and South Sudan. Overall, this is a continuous positive project which helps refugee children and ushers them to a brighter future filled with knowledge.



Students of Nakivale SS with some of the scholarstic materials received from Uganda Program. From left, one of their teachers and far right is a staff of AIRD

Représentés à l'AIRD BRRP lancement à Genève



M. Mathias sur le groupe d'échange d'expériences en tant que partenaire d'exécution du HCR

Directeur général M. AIRD Mathias Temesgen Daniel le 6 février 2018 a pris part au lancement du Plan d'intervention des réfugiés burundais qui s'est tenue à Genève. La réunion de haut niveau a attiré des délégués du monde entier y compris le Haut Commissaire du HCR Philipo Grandi.

M. Mathias a souligné les défis rencontrés par les partenaires du HCR qui entravent la prestation de soutien aux réfugiés.

"En RDC, Sud Kivu Lusenda, Camp expériences AIRD les défis dans le domaine du logement. Avec le camp accueillant plus de 30 000 réfugiés en moins de 300 abris durables, semi le reste vivant dans des abris d'urgence qui nécessitent des réparations et l'entretien. C'est coûteux et a une incidence sur la planification à long terme", explique-t-il.

Cependant ajouté que M. Mathias AIRD fait des progrès vers une réponse plus équitable et durable grâce à l'atténuation des répercussions environnementales des réfugiés sur l'environnement. Il a cité des Lusenda camp où AIRD a planté plus de 46 500 semis d'arbres en partenariat avec le HCR. Il s'agit plus d'aider à la création de 10 associations de réfugiés et les communautés hôtes qui ont été formés pour faire des briquettes de biomasse, dit-il.

En Tanzanie, l'AIRD est impliqué dans la formation professionnelle ciblant principalement les femmes et les jeunes filles réfugiées pour l'autosuffisance et l'autonomie, M.

Mathias ajouté.

Il a également engagé l'AIRD soutien aux priorités énoncées dans le plan d'intervention des réfugiés burundais en alignement avec le cadre d'intervention des réfugiés (FCRR) objectifs et principes l'accent sur la résilience, l'autosuffisance en collaboration avec les communautés d'accueil.

Pour répondre à ces défis à relever, le HCR a lancé un appel d'un montant de 391 millions de dollars à l'appui de 430 000 réfugiés burundais cette année : plus d'argent était nécessaire de toute urgence pour empêcher qu'elle ne devienne une crise oubliée.

L'agence des Nations Unies dans une déclaration publiée sur leur site web a déclaré que l'appel soutenu par 26 partenaires du HCR, était nécessaire pour aider les réfugiés qui tentent de survivre dans les pays voisins où les efforts sont en dessous des normes humanitaires "acceptables".

La déclaration a également appelé à la poursuite des efforts visant à trouver un "véritable et durable" à la crise au Burundi.

Le lancement de l'appel, le Haut Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés a déclaré que de nombreux besoins n'ont pas été comblés, en raison d'une insuffisance de contributions.

La Tanzanie accueille le plus grand nombre de Burundais avec 254 000 réfugiés, tandis que 89 000 sont au Rwanda avec un autre 44 000 en RDC et quelque 40 000 en Ouganda.

Réfugiés soudanais équipés de compétences de subsistance

AIRD Tchad Programme l'an dernier a formé un groupe de 80 réfugiés soudanais au travail mécanique et la saponification (savonnerie et teinture).

Le groupe était composé de 40 hommes et femmes réfugiés d'origine soudanaise vivant à Iriba. La formation a été financée par l'AIRD siège social et visant à habiliter les réfugiés avec des compétences générales pour les aider à s'engager dans des activités génératrices de revenus.

Grâce à ces activités, ils sont en mesure de fournir des services d'autres réfugiés et les communautés hôtes tout en soutenant leurs ménages. C'est grâce à de telles entreprises qui fournit des solutions de développement AIRD aux groupes de personnes vulnérables. La formation a été menée par le Tchad AIRD Mécanique Programme basé au bureau d'Iriba et externalisés sous experts en saponification.

Libenge acquiert l'hôpital de morgue Programme RDC

Libenge General Hospital de Sud-Ubangi dispose maintenant d'une morgue pour stocker des cadavres avec la permission du Programme RDC AIRD.

La nécessité de cette installation a été identifiée par le Programme et approuvé par le bureau du HCR à Kinshasa et les autorités gouvernementales.

L'hôpital qui sert à la fois les réfugiés et la communauté d'accueil est aux prises avec l'absence d'une telle installation qui augmente les risques de contamination des cadavres. L'installation construite par un cabinet Aird a réfrigéré pour la préservation des corps morts.

Selon le Dibunda Medard IL Reporting Officer de la RDC, les patients du programme d'au moins 25 à 30 villages environnants et le camp de réfugiés se faire traiter de Libenge Hôpital.

En cas de décès, la préservation du corps a été un défi. La construction de l'installation a été financée par le siège social de l'AIRD.

PICTORIAL



Beneficiaries of saponification and mechanical training conducted by AIRD Chad Program in Iriba



Student beneficiaries of the Uganda Program education Scholarship in Northern Uganda



Afully assembled tricycle at the AIRD workshop in Bertoua in Cameroon. The Program will donate 36 tricycles to refugees in various places of operation



Front view of teachers' quarters in Bahn after renovation by AIRD Liberia Program



Computer donated by Tanzania Program to a school in Nyarugusu. This was alongside the furniture



Beneficiaries of the tailoring project conducted by AIRD Central African Program during the launch

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The interior of the morgue constructed by AIRD DRC Program in Libenge

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