



10 YEARS OF GROWING TOGETHER



Market day in Lusenda refugee camp DRC, refugees and the host community with produce for sale

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Program contributions

Welcome to the 2nd edition of the Quarterly Newsletter. We present to you program activities and updates from Democratic Republic of Congo, Central African Republic and Uganda. The various teams in these countries are working around the clock to meet the needs of the persons of concern. They are all driven by the desire to see results and improve the welfare of the vulnerable population. Key to note are the contributions each of the aforementioned Programs has made towards improving the welfare of the persons of concern.

Contributions

DRC

The Program began the construction of Lusenda market in 2015 which was completed in 2016. The market, funded by AIRD was to bring social cohesion and integration of over 5,000 Burundian refugees and the host community in Lusenda. In 2016, the Program also constructed two rooms at Zongo Hospital, used for machinery and another for laboratory and purchased computer equipment to assist in the operations of the hospital.

Uganda

The Program provided a scholarship fund to cover school fees of 11 students, 10 girls and 1 boy in Secondary School and University in Uganda. The Program in partnership with UNHCR identified the neediest pupils whose Primary Leaving Examinations for 2016 results qualified them for secondary education. This project is in line with the Ugandan strategic education objectives for Refugees Education and the UNHCR Global Education Strategy objectives to improve the learning achievements of refugees.

AIRD launches redesigned website

AIRD has launched its redesigned website with a fresh new look and updated content. It is a one stop platform for all information about AIRD from the various activities being implemented in different countries to annual reports and other publications.

Each Country Program has an independent page showcasing past and present activities being implemented. The redesigned website can be translated in French and English to cater for users from different parts of the world.

According to the Director of Operations Ms. Musarait Kashmiri, AIRD is honoured to serve persons of concern through its activities and the website provides an opportunity

to share our contribution.

She noted, the website launch coincides with the organization's 10th Anniversary Celebrations helping reinforce AIRD's commitment to continue service in the current areas of operations and beyond. Ms. Kashmiri said the website will give insights about the purpose of AIRD, its impact and the values that set it apart. She also said the website belongs to each and every staff of AIRD because it is a reflection of their work adding that, its growth and success is a collective responsibility.

"I therefore urge everyone to contribute to the website through content (pictures and stories) or ideas that may improve the website." She urged.

Overview	Country background
Burkina Faso	CAR is a landlocked country in Central Africa bordering with Chad to the north, Sudan to the northeast, South Sudan to the east, the DRC to the south, Republic of Congo to the southwest and Cameroon to the west.
Cameroon	The country has been unstable since its independence from France in 1960. The violence escalated in 2013 when Muslim rebels from the Seleka group seized power in the majority Christian country. A band of mostly Christian militias, called the anti-balaka, rose up to counter the Seleka. Consequently, over 418,000 people in CAR have been internally displaced because of the ongoing conflict in the country and are in need of humanitarian assistance.
Central African Republic	In 2015, AIRD launched operations in CAR in support of IDPs and refugees from DRC and South Sudan. Since then, the Program has been providing support with warehousing, fuel and transport management and workshop services. These activities are currently being implemented in Bangui, Bouar, Bambari, Kaga-Bandoro, Paoua, Zemio and Obo in South Eastern CAR.
Chad	
Democratic Republic of Congo	
Liberia	
Republic of Congo	
Tanzania	
Uganda	

A section of the website showcasing the different country Programs and the activities they implement

Refugees in Lusenda Camp DRC embrace tree planting

As part of the longterm solutions to environment degradation, AIRD planted 23,203 trees in Lusenda camp located in Fizi Territory South of Sud-Kivu province in DRC last year. Fast growing and robust tree species were identified and selected (Mandarinier, Acacia, Moringa, Grevillea, Papayer, Leucaena, Cedrella, Eucalyptus, Mibamba) for planting.

This activity was well embraced by the refugees and host communities who participated in the planting and committed to taking care of the trees by watering them.

Since the opening of Lusenda camp in 2014 , AIRD has built 4,383 emergency shelters and distributed 22,387 firewood poles. Much of these activities were part of the emergency response in receiving refugees, they also had adverse effects on the environment in the long run. Construction of emergency shelters requires a lot of poles which necessitated massive deforestation.

According to the Country Program Director Saliou Daillo, the newly planted trees are meant to counteract the tree cutting.

He added that, the planted trees will act as windbreaks, to protect

emergency shelters and other temporary buildings from being destroyed by strong winds.

“Before the tree planting exercise began, we sensitized the refugees on the need to protect the environment and how they can support the cause,” he said.

This project was funded by UNHCR in partnership with the State Environmental Service which provided 6,500 of the seedlings and the Scout volunteers from Uvira and Fizi who provided 10,000 trees for planting.

Additionally, the program constructed 502 improved fireplaces that require less firewood to reduce the tree cutting. Furthermore, 100 refugees and the host communities were trained in briquette making and production. The briquettes are made out of decomposed wax and wood debris.

The training facilitated by AIRD in early 2017 was meant to provide refugees with an alternative source of energy for cooking and to give them skills to earn some income to support their families.

The largest population of refugees in Lusenda camp are Burundian refugees that fled violence following a failed coup d’etat in 2015.



A refugee family in Lusenda planting a tree behind thier shelter



The Scouts from Uvira that assisted in tree planting in Lusenda Camp



The Trees that were planted in 2015 now act as wind breakers

AIRD to rehabilitate four schools in DRC

Four schools in Fizi territory in the province of South Kivu are set to get a new lease on life with modern structures after renovation and rehabilitation by DRC Program.

The beneficiary schools include Lulimba Primary School in Lulimba, Kimbi Primary School in Misisi, Mapanda Primary school in Ngalula, and Ibamba primary school in Nyange. This follows an agreement signed between Pooled Fund and AIRD DRC to rehabilitate the schools and provide a better learning environment for children in the area.

This project is targeting IDPs and host families in South Kivu whose lives have been paralysed by political instabilities and inter-community



Ongoing class at Kimbi P/S in Misisi

conflicts.

The Country Program Director Saliou Diallo said the selected schools were overcrowded, delapidated, and unsafe for the steady learning of children. He said under this project 3,000 students, 48 teachers, and 652 people from the host and displaced communities will be trained.

“The project will also cover the



Mapanda P/S in Ngalula

construction and rehabilitation of school supporting infrastructure such as latrines and rainwater catchments.” Diallo said.

Medardarizon Dibunda the Program Reporting Officer said AIRD will implement this project in partnership with teachers, state partners including chief inspectors of schools and doctors.

AIRD Uganda champions infrastructure development in Bidibidi

Infrastructure such as roads are some of the basic structures that foster development in any given community. Since the opening of Bidibidi in July 2016, AIRD Uganda has championed construction and infrastructure activities for refugees in the settlement located in the Northern part of the country and nearby host communities.

The Program has constructed 407 Kms of roads and rehabilitated an additional 57 Kms leading in and out of the settlement. The Program has also repaired two bridges to ease the movement of refugees.

With the improved road network, the refugees are able to access local markets, health facilities, schools and other social amenities easily.

Bidibidi is currently the largest refugee camp in the world and home to over 272, 206 refugees with the largest number from South Sudan and a few Congolese from DRC.

Uganda has experienced the highest refugee influx since 2015 when the South Sudan conflict escalated forcing many to flee the country. More refugees continue to arrive in the country daily due to the recently declared famine in South Sudan caused by the prolonged war.

Other constructions

During the same period, from July 2016 to date, the Program has also constructed 34 overnight shelters in the two Reception centers of Bidibidi and Ariwa, each with a holding



AIRD surveyors during site mapping for the road construction in the settlement



Completed road in Bidibidi Zone 1

capacity of 200 refugees. Additionally, the Program has constructed 16 Primary Schools supporting a total enrolment of 20,656 (10,877 boys & 9779 girls) and 3 Secondary Schools with an enrolment of 2,066 students (1,635 boys and 431 girls).

Ten nutrition units, 5 police posts, 4

women centers, 106 blocks of registration centers for OPM and 15 blocks of food distribution points have been constructed in the camp.

The Program implemented these activities with funding from UNHCR and support from the Office of the Prime Minister of Uganda.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

UNHCR commends AIRD work in CAR

AIRD Central African Program last year in December hosted a UNHCR delegation led by the Deputy Director of the African Bureau Ms. Millicent Mutuli based in Geneva. This was her maiden mission to the country since she took office in 2016. She was accompanied by the UNHCR Representative in CAR Mr. Kouassi Etien Lazare and Mr. Yohannes Hailu Gebre-Mariam a UNHCR Senior Supply Officer.

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This was after a brief tour of the AIRD premises with the CPD Simon

Pierre Munyawera explaining the program activities and the operating environment to the delegation. The CPD went ahead to show the delegation some of the activities the program was implementing in Bangui. They visited a warehouse where the CPD demonstrated the processes involved in the safe keeping of the NFIs, a garage, a fuel station and the fleet of vehicles managed by AIRD.

PICTORIAL



Lusenda Market in Lusenda refugee Camp DRC. The market construction was funded by AIRD as a contribution to help in the intergration of refugees with host communities



Fuel station in Bangui CAR. Fuel stations used in CAR are made of a movable container that includes a fuel dispensing pump and fuel storage tank



Meet Janet Nassolo. She is the only woman on the Uganda construction team working in refugee camps in Northern Uganda. Nassolo drives a wheel loader and does activities such as site clearance, which involves clearing of bushes, uprooting of tree trunks etc



Janat at work, operating a wheel loader. Note: We shall bring you Janat's story in the next publication

Upcoming events

International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict: **19th June 2017**

World Defugee Day : **20th June 2017**

World Youth Skills Day: **15th July 2017**

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Le directeur adjoint de HCR recommande le travail d'AIRD dans la République centrafricaine



De la gauche vers la droite, Simon Pierre Munyawera (AIRD CAR CPD), Millicent Mutuli (Directrice Adjointe du Bureau Régional du HCR pour l'Afrique), Yohannes Hailu (Snr Supply UNHCR Bangui), Barry Ibrahima Sory (Expert Générateur AIRD RCA), Kouassi Eten Lazare (Représentant UNHCR RCA) et Patrick Andersonne Bilé (Directeur des Operations AIRD RCA) pendant la visite de la station carburant.

AIRD dans la République Centrafricaine a reçu l'année dernière en décembre 2016 la visite d'une délégation du HCR (de HAUT COMMISSARIAT DES NATIONS UNIES POUR LES RÉFUGIÉS) en sa tête la Directrice adjointe du Bureau africain Mme Millicent Mutuli qui est basée à Genève. Ceci était sa première mission en tant que fille du continent depuis son entrée en fonction en 2016. Elle a été accompagnée par le Représentant de l'UNHCR de la République centrafricaine M. Kouassi Etien Lazare et M. Yohannes Hailu Gebre-Mariam le chef du service des approvisionnements.

Mme Mutuli a félicité le Programme pour le travail énorme qu'ils font dans le soutien de l'ensemble de la population des bénéficiaires du pays, ceci après un bref tour des locaux du AIRD avec Simon Pierre Munyawera le CPD expliquant les activités du programme et l'environnement opérationnel à la délégation.

Le CPD a par ensuite montré à la délégation certaines réalisations du AIRD dans la ville de Bangui. La délégation a visité un entrepôt du

AIRD où le CPD a expliqué tout le processus et le système mis en place pour la bonne gestion de ce dernier et de même ceux du garage, du carburant et la flotte de véhicules gérés par AIRD.

M. Munyawera a plus loin, expliqué les défis auxquels est confronté au jour le jour le Programme et entre eux celui de l'environnement instable. Il a aussi fait l'éloge du personnel du programme pour leur engagement et leur niveau de responsabilité et professionnalisme dans la réponse à temps aux besoins des bénéficiaires.

D'encouragement'

Mme Mutuli a encouragé le personnel du AIRD à entretenir et à maintenir sa bonne performance et de continuer à être une ONG (une organisation non gouvernementale) africaine modèle. Elle a ajouté que l'équipe devrait rester forte afin de surmonter les défis qu'elle rencontrera dans leur fonction.

AIRD a lancé ses opérations dans la République Centrafricaine en juillet 2015 pour aider les déplacés internes du pays et les réfugiés de la RDC (de la République démocratique du Congo), du Burundi et du Soudan du Sud.

AIRD pour réhabiliter quatre écoles dans le DRC

Quatre écoles dans le territoire Fizi dans la province de Kivu du Sud ont été remises à l'AIRD de la RDC pour obtenir un regain de vitalité avec des structures modernes après leur rénovation et réhabilitation. Les écoles bénéficiaires sont: l'École primaire Lulimba de Lulimba, l'École primaire Kimbi de Misisi, l'École primaire Mapanda de Ngalula et l'école primaire d'Ibamba de Nyange. Ceci a la suite d'un accord de financement signé entre le Fonds Uni et l'AIRD de la RDC pour la réhabilitation des écoles et de fournir un meilleur environnement d'apprentissage pour les enfants dans la zone du projet. Le projet vise les IDPs et des familles d'accueil dans le Sud Kivu dont les vies ont été paralysées par des instabilités politiques et des conflits inter-communautaires.

Selon M. Saliou Diallo Le Directeur du programme pays du AIRD, les écoles sélectionnées étaient surpeuplées, délabrées créant ainsi un environnement malsain pour l'apprentissage normal des enfants. Le projet formera aussi 3,000 élèves, 48 enseignants et 652 personnes des communautés hôtes et des déplacés.

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Le projet couvrira aussi la construction et la réadaptation des infrastructures annexes des écoles comme les captages d'eau de pluie et des latrines selon M. Diallo. Le projet offrira aussi des kits éducatifs et récréatifs et des comités de parents d'élèves seront constitués pour suivre l'éducation des enfants.

Selon M. Medardarizon Dibunda le rapporteur du Programme du Fonds Uni, AIRD, mettra en œuvre ce projet en partenariat avec les enseignants, les partenaires d'état incluant les inspecteurs en chef d'écoles et des docteurs.

AIRD Communications Team

These are the women and men who make up the Communication Team. It is because of their drive, hard work and commitment that the 2nd Newsletter of 2017 is out. *If you have interesting stories and pictures taken while in the feild, please share on this email address: brenda.a@airdinternational.org*

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