



10 YEARS OF GROWING TOGETHER



Kasulu construction team on a field visit of Nduta and Mtendeli refugee camps in Kibondo district Tanzania. The visit was organised by the Program Officer to have the various teams exchange ideas

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Program's through the year

In this last Quarterly Newsletter for 2017, we bring you updates from all Programs indicating activities being implemented respectively. This includes livelihood projects being done by Tanzania Program, construction of shelters in Goudebo camp by Burkina Faso Program, emergency response to the South Sudan influx by Uganda Program, custom clearance of packages by CAR Program, Donor diversification by DRC and Tanzania Programs plus other developments in all Programs. The head Office has also been supporting a refugee community based organization empowering the youth in one of the settlements in Uganda. We bring you updates on this project and how it has improved the livelihoods of beneficiaries'.

Through the AIRD family (staff), the organization continues to prove itself to the persons of concern whom we serve, the partners who support our work and the various Governments that have accommodated and facilitated our operations. The 10th Anniversary celebrations continue until the end of the year. We hope for more milestones in the coming year and for AIRD to expand its presence on the African continent and beyond. *Bonne fin d'année.*

The signage for New Roots Art Group in Kyangwali



AIRD empowering refugee youth in Kyangwali Settlement, Uganda



Two of the founders of New Roots Art Group inside the shelter which serves as thier office

New Roots Art group has established itself as fully fledged service provider for making art pieces and branding visibility items such as t-shirts, badges and banners in Kyangwali refugee settlement. The group made of 5 youth was established earlier this year after securing funding from AIRD. This was through a partnership with CIYOTA, a community based organization in Kyangwali. AIRD funded the project to empower vulnerable refugee groups and youth with skills to earn a living. AIRD's Director of Operations Ms. Musarait Kashmiri, says it gives the organization joy to see the beneficiaries of this project empowered with skills to use in serving their community. She says that empowering the youth is one of the ways of promoting sustainable development in communities because of their energy and ability to mentor fellow youth. Hermed Sumi one of founders of New Roots Art group says the

training they acquired has incredibly changed their livelihoods. "There are no regular jobs in the settlement so being able to make art pieces or designing t-shirts and banners for sale provides us daily earnings," he says. Through this project, Sumi and his colleagues are able to provide their families with basic essentials such as soap, clothing among other needs. He says they are also training a group of 8 boys in the same trade and are hoping to train more in future if they acquire more funding. Their biggest challenge is finding ready market in the settlement for their products and lack of enough materials to facilitate training of more youth. AIRD funding also benefited some women and people with disabilities in Kyangwali settlement. They were trained in growing small scale food crops such as vegetables and piggery. CIYOTA is a Ugandan NGO established by refugee youth from DRC, Rwanda, Burundi and Sudan in Kyangwali refugee camp.

Burkina Faso

Since 2012, AIRD has been implementing its activities in Burkina Faso. AIRD maintains a country office in Ouagadougou and two sub offices; one in Djibo near the Malian border and where the Mentao camp is located, and one in Dori near the Niger border where the Goudebou camp is located.

In Burkina Faso, AIRD's main activities include construction and infrastructure, warehouse management, fleet management, fuel management, workshop management, water management and conducting training sessions for the staff of AIRD, UNHCR and implementing partners.

According to the 2017 Second Quarterly Report, in 2017, AIRD constructed 300 emergency shelters benefiting 80 families in Goudoubou refugee camp and 37 families



AIRD Burkina Faso laying foundation for construction of a health centre in Goudebo refugee camp

in Mentao refugee camp. This achievement was acknowledged and published by UNHCR in its March-May 2017 Mali Situation Updates. AIRD is also rehabilitating schools benefiting 900 PoC. By mid-2017, AIRD maintained two warehouses; one in Ouagadougou and one in

Dori with a total storage capacity of 3,820 m³. In 2017, AIRD's water management activities included repair and maintenance of 21 boreholes, 28 water pumps, water treatment and distribution of 19,735 litres to 23,211 refugees in Mentao camp and Goudebou camp.

Cameroon

In Cameroon, AIRD's main activities include warehouse management, fleet management, fuel management and workshop management. According to the 2017 Second Quarterly Report, in 2017; AIRD maintained a total of seven warehouses; with a total warehouse capacity of 5,375 m³. By mid-2017, AIRD maintained a total of 33 fleet, transported a total of 7,769 NFIs and other items to PoC, and transported total of 6,201 PoC and staff.



Cameroon Program staff at Bertoua Field Office with the CEO Mr. Mathias Temesgen (black hat) during his recent visit to the Program

Central African Republic

The security challenges in CAR are critical and the funding forecast in CAR also remains bleak with 92% funding gap.

AIRD maintains a country office in Bangui, and with a total of one sub office and four field offices: Bouar located near the Cameroon border, in Paoua near the Chad border, in Zemio near the DR Congo border, in Bambouti and Obo near the South Sudan border, and in the Kaga Bandoro, Bossangoa and Bambari. In CAR, AIRD's main activities include warehouse management, fleet management, fuel management, workshop management and customs clearance. AIRD is implementing customs clearance activities for UNHCR, and in 2017, provided custom clearance to 596 packages with a total weight of 27 tons and total value of \$568,226.



CAR Program mechanics at work in Bangui

Chad

AIRD maintains a country office in N'Djamena, a total of five sub offices in Farchana, Goz Beida and Iriba located near Sudan border, in Gore located near CAR border, and in Baga Sola in the Lake Chad region, and a total of eight field offices in Abeche, Amleyouna, Amdjarass, Hadjer Hadid, Haraze, Guerada, GozAmir, Koukou and Maro. In Chad, AIRD's main activities includes warehouse management, fleet management, fuel management, workshop management and repatriation. According to the 2017 Second Quarterly Report, in 2017, AIRD maintained a total of 11 warehouses (31 rub halls) with a total warehouse capacity of 14,790 m3. By mid-2017, AIRD maintained a total of 596 fleet, transported a total of 14,648 tons of NFIs and other items, and transported 3,999 PoC and staff. By mid-2017, AIRD through its fuel storage and distribution activities issued a total



AIRD staff at the Goz- Beida Sub Office cleaned Goz- Beida Hospital to mark World Humanitarian Day celebrations this year

of 1,353,692 litres of diesel to its beneficiaries. By mid-2017, AIRD maintained a total of 13 workshops; by mid-2017, AIRD repatriated 3,999 refugees which included 3,607 CAR refugees, and 392 Sudanese refugees. AIRD also partnered with UNICEF in making of 2 boats to assist in

transportation of refugees and internally displaced people via Lake Chad. The Program is also conducting training of refugees and the host community in Goz beida and Iriba. The 92 beneficiaries both men and women are being trained in mechanics and saponification.

Democratic Republic of Congo



Bridge rehabilitation by AIRD DRC in Nyuzu. With MONUSCO funding, the Program is also rehabilitating roads and Salama school in the area

AIRD maintains a country office in Kinshasa, a total of five sub offices in; Ituri located near the Ugandan border, Nord Ubangi new near the CAR border, Sub Ubangi near the Republic of Congo border, Tanganyaka near the Tanzanian border, North Kivu near the Rwandan border and South Kivu near the Burundian border, and a total of 16 field offices in Aba, Ango, Aru, Bili, Bunia, Bondo, Bukavu, Dungu, Doruma, Gbadolite, Goma, Kalemie, Kinshasa, Libenge, Mboko, and Zongo.

According to the 2017 Second Quarterly Report, in 2017, AIRD is implementing construction and rehabilitation activities of the following; 968 emergency shelters, 2,803 transitional shelters, 1 health centre, 54 latrines, 2 bridges, 1

garage, 40 hangars, 1 multipurpose room, 10 kms of road, 39 classrooms, and 1 community space. By mid-2017, AIRD maintained a total of 14 warehouses, with a total warehouse capacity of 16,772 m3. By mid-2017, AIRD maintained a total of 740 fleet, transported a total of 6842 tons of NFIs and other items, and transported 12,066 PoC and staff. By mid-2017, AIRD maintained a total of 16 workshops. By mid-2017, AIRD repatriated 5256 Rwandan refugees and relocated 3742 Burundian refugees, and 3068 South Sudanese refugees. By mid-2017, AIRD assisted in reintegration of 490 refugees from Zambia and returnees.

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Republic of Congo

In RoC, AIRD's main activities include construction and infrastructure, warehouse management, fleet management, fuel management and workshop management. According to the 2017 Second Quarterly Report, in 2017, AIRD implemented shelter partitioning of 87 shelters and rehabilitated 454 shelters. By mid-2017 AIRD maintained two warehouses in Betou with a total storage capacity of 2,229 m3. By mid-2017, AIRD maintained a total of 22 fleet and transported a total of 130 tons of NFIs and other items to PoC. By mid-2017, AIRD maintained a total of two workshops.



Latrines AIRD RoC constructed in Ikpembele. This is a Program contribution to improve the sanitation in the area

LIBERIA



AIRD shelter and repatriation Officer leading a group of Ivorian refugees to crossing of R.Cavalla. This part of voluntary repatriation

AIRD maintains a country office in Monrovia, a sub office in Zwedru which is located near the Ivorian border, and two field offices; one each in Saclepea and Harper. In Liberia, AIRD's main activities include

shelter management, warehouse management, fleet management, fuel management, workshop management repatriation and water management.

According to the 2017 Second Quarterly Report, by mid-2017, AIRD repaired 540 shelters, and decommissioned 958 shelters in Bahn refugee camp, PTP refugee camp and Little Wlebo refugee camp. By mid-2017, AIRD maintained five warehouses with a total warehouse capacity of 63,000 m³. By mid-2017, AIRD maintained a total of 150 fleet, transported a total of 704 tons of NFIs and other items, and transported 7,397 PoC and staff. By mid-2017, AIRD through its fuel storage and distribution activities in Harper, Saclepea and Zwedru, AIRD issued 222,749 litres of diesel and 2,748 litres of petrol to its beneficiaries. By mid-2017, AIRD maintained a total of four workshops. By mid-2017, AIRD repatriated 7,107 Ivorian refugees and relocated 290 IDPs. By mid-2017, AIRD water trucked 162,636 litres of water to PoC and partners

TANZANIA

Recently, Tanzania signed an agreement with UNHCR for voluntary repatriation of Burundian refugees. This may trigger a new influx of Burundian refugees in Uganda if these refugees are forced to return. The Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) was officially launched in Tanzania on 2 June 2017 which will support the Government of Tanzania to meet its commitments towards refugees and deliver on its recent pledges for enhanced protection. The comprehensive response focuses on six thematic areas: reception and admission; emergency response; inclusion and self-reliance; local integration for new Tanzanians; third- country options through resettlement and solutions; and pre-conditions for voluntary repatriation into country of origin.

In Tanzania, AIRD's main activities includes construction and infrastructure, warehouse management, fleet management, fuel management, workshop management, water management and conduction training sessions to PoC, staff of AIRD, UNHCR and other partners. According to the 2017 Second Quarterly Report, by mid-2017, AIRD is implementing construction and rehabilitation activities of the following; 4,936 emergency shelters, 6,608 family shelters, 4,605 tran-

93 kms of road, 50 speed bumps, and 60 schools and classrooms. By mid-2017, AIRD maintained a total of 18 warehouses; with a total warehouse capacity of 10,800 m³. By mid-2017, AIRD maintained a total of 56 fleet, transported 29,309 mt of NFIs, 531,760 litres of water and 100 litres of fuel, and transported 5,074 PoC and staff. By mid-2017, AIRD through its fuel storage and distribution activities issued 998,762 litres of diesels to its beneficiaries. By mid-2017, AIRD maintained a total of four workshops. By mid-2017, AIRD provided maintenance

of boreholes at Ulyankulu in Old Settlement, and distributed 350,700 m³ of water to Home Ministry, police stations, departure centres, health centres, UNHCR residence & offices, to a village close to UNHCR offices, and selected schools. In 2017, AIRD is implementing AusAid funded livelihood in Mtendeli refugee camp through which 150 female refugees and others will receive vocational training. For successful implementation, AIRD constructed a tailoring training centre which was acknowledged and published in UNHCR's August 2017 Fact Sheet.



A pilot project AIRD is implementing in Nyarugusu to partition mass shelters. Refugees use bamboo and mud which is less costly compared to plastic sheeting

UGANDA

According to UNHCR's September 2017 South Sudan Situation Updates, Uganda is hosting 1,355,764 refugees which includes 1,006,642 refugees from South Sudan, 223,924 refugees from DR Congo, 37,188 refugees from Burundi and 35,732 refugees from Somalia. Uganda is world's third largest refugee hosting nation in the world and is also home to Bidibidi refugee settlement, world's largest refugee settlement. Famine, economic collapse, and years of fighting has forced millions of South Sudanese to leave their home, and currently, 51% of the total South Sudanese refugees in the region are living in Uganda.

AIRD is implementing its activities in the country. By mid-2017, AIRD maintains a country office in Kampala, a total of two sub offices; one in Arua and one in Mbarara. AIRD maintains a total of 14 field offices in Adjumani, Bidibidi, Nakivale, Oruchinga, Kyaka II, Rwamanja, Kisoro, Hoima, Imvepi, Rhino Camp, Palorinya, Palabek, Lamwo, and Kiryandongo. In Uganda, AIRD's main activities includes construction and infrastructure, drug management, warehouse management, fleet management, fuel management, o the 2017 Second Quarterly Report, by mid-2017, AIRD is implementing construction and rehabilitation activities



Low bridges constructed by Uganda Program in Imvepi settlement. Water passes below and above the bridge making it navigable in all seasons for both refugees and aid workers

workshop and water management. According to the following; 699 emergency shelters, 29 transitional shelters, 5 health posts, 33 latrines, 3 police posts, 20 shelters for PSN, 1,018 kms of road, and 37 schools and classrooms. By mid-2017, AIRD distributed drugs to 1,273,000 PoC and to 509,200 host communities. By mid-2017, AIRD maintained a total of 43 warehouses

with a total storage weight of 12,904 m3. By mid-2017, AIRD maintained a total of 45 fleet, transported a total of 2,600 tons of NFIs and other items. By mid-2017, AIRD through its fuel storage and distribution activities, issued 158,371 litres of diesel and 470 litres of petrol. AIRD trucked water to the following refugee settlements; Palorinya, Kyaka II, Nakivale, Rwamwanja and Kisoro.

PICTORIAL



Uganda Program staff during the 10th Anniversary dinner. Front row from left is AIRD CEO Mr. Mathias Temesgen. This Program held the dinner on 1st December at Hotel Africana in Kampala

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AIRD staff in Goz Beida, Chad with some of Goz-Beida hospital staff. This was after cleaning the hospital premises and donating items to mark World Humanitarian Day in August this year



Some of AIRD Uganda Program's longest serving staff with certificates of appreciation. They have been with AIRD since its establishment

DRC



Réfugiés rwandais prêts pour le rapatriement

AIRD maintient un bureau de pays à Kinshasa, un total de cinq bureaux auxiliaires dans; Ituri situé près de la frontière ougandaise, Nord Ubangi près de la frontière centrafricaine, Sub Ubangi près de la frontière avec la République du Congo, Tanganyaka près de la frontière tanzanienne, Nord Kivu près de la frontière rwandaise et Sud Kivu près de la frontière burundaise bureaux à Aba, Ango, Aru, Bili, Bunia, Bondo, Bukavu, Dungu, Doruma, Gbadolite, Goma, Kalemie, Kinshasa, Libenge, Mboko et Zongo.

En RD Congo, les principales activités d'AIRD comprennent la construction et l'infrastructure, la gestion des entrepôts, la gestion de la flotte, la gestion du carburant, la



Quelques-uns des bénéficiaires de la formation en briquettes que le programme a fait en 2015

gestion des ateliers, le rapatriement, la relocalisation, la réintégration, l'environnement et la formation. Selon le deuxième rapport trimestriel 2017, AIRD met en œuvre en 2017 les activités de construction et de réhabilitation suivantes: 968 abris d'urgence, 2.803 abris de transition, 1 centre de santé, 54 latrines, 2 ponts, 1 garage, 40 hangars, 1 salle polyvalente, 10 km de route, 39 salles de classe et 1 espace communautaire. À la mi-2017, AIRD a maintenu un total de 14 entrepôts, avec une capacité totale de stockage de 16 772 m3. Mi-2017, AIRD a maintenu un total de 740 flottes, transporté un total de 6842 tonnes d'articles non alimentaires et d'autres articles et transporté 12 066 personnes et

employés. Mi-2017, AIRD a maintenu un total de 16 ateliers. À la mi-2017, AIRD a rapatrié 5256 réfugiés rwandais et déplacé 3742 réfugiés burundais et 3068 réfugiés sud-soudanais.

À la mi-2017, AIRD a aidé à la réintégration de 490 réfugiés de Zambie et de rapatriés. À la mi-2017, l'AIRD a formé environ 100 réfugiés burundais à la fabrication de briquettes et a planté 4800 plants dans le camp de Lusenda. Les activités de protection de l'environnement de l'AIRD ont été reconnues par le HCR et publiées dans la fiche d'information du HCR en juillet 2017.

L'AIRD a encouragé les réfugiés du camp de Lusenda à construire leurs propres abris en leur fournissant des kits d'abris reconnus et publiés dans la fiche d'information du HCR en avril 2017. En 2017, l'AIRD, en partenariat avec le PNUD, met en œuvre la distribution de kits scolaires bénéficiant à environ 3 700 rapatriés. AIRD a également signé un protocole d'accord avec la MONUSCO pour la construction et la réhabilitation de deux écoles, d'un pont et de 25 km de route dans la province de Tanganyanka. Dans le cadre des fonds du CERF, l'AIRD, en partenariat avec le HCR, construit des abris de 1981 bénéficiant de 78 270 PoC en Ituri.

CAMEROON

Au Cameroun, les principales activités d'AIRD comprennent la gestion des entrepôts, la gestion de la flotte, la gestion du carburant et la gestion des ateliers. Selon le deuxième rapport trimestriel 2017, en 2017; AIRD a maintenu un total de sept entrepôts; avec une capacité totale de stockage de 5.375 m3. Mi-2017, AIRD a maintenu un total de 33 flottes, transporté un total de 7 769 articles non alimentaires et autres articles vers le PoC et transporté au total 6,201 PdC et employés.



Les mécaniciens au travail au garage AIRD à Meiganga

CAR

Les défis de sécurité en RCA sont critiques et les prévisions de financement en RCA restent également sombres avec un déficit de financement de 92%.

L'AIRD dispose d'un bureau de pays à Bangui et d'un sous-bureau et de quatre bureaux extérieurs: Bouar situé près de la frontière camerounaise, à Paoua près de la frontière tchadienne, à Zemio près de la frontière congolaise, à Bambouti et Obo près du sud

Frontière soudanaise, et dans les Kaga Bandoro, Bossangoa et Bambari. En RCA, les principales activités d'AIRD comprennent la gestion des entrepôts, la gestion de la flotte, la gestion du carburant, la gestion des ateliers et le dédouanement. L'AIRD met en œuvre des activités de dédouanement pour le HCR et, en 2017, a autorisé le dédouanement de 596 colis d'un poids total de 27 tonnes et d'une valeur totale de 568 226 dollars.

RoC

En République du Congo, les principales activités d'AIRD comprennent la construction et l'infrastructure, la gestion des entrepôts, la gestion de la flotte, la gestion du carburant et la gestion des ateliers. Selon le deuxième rapport trimestriel de 2017, en 2017, AIRD a mis en place le cloisonnement des

abris de 87 abris et a réhabilité 454 abris. Mi-2017, AIRD a maintenu deux entrepôts à Betou d'une capacité totale de stockage de 2 229 m3. Mi-2017, AIRD a maintenu un total de 22 flottes et transporté au total 130 tonnes d'articles non alimentaires et d'autres articles. À la mi-2017, AIRD a tenu un total de deux ateliers.

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