

# Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery

## Disaster Reduction Unit (DRU)



### Project Title:

Inter-Agency Cooperation for Disaster Reduction in the Goma, North Kivu Area, DRC

### Project number:

00036184

### Programme Components:

Capacity building, risk assessment, public education and preparedness, national disaster risk management framework, contingency planning, community based risk management

<b>Estimated Start Date</b>	01/12/2003
<b>Estimated End Date:</b>	31/11/2005
<b>Implementing Agency</b>	UNOPS - GOMA
<b>Partners</b>	UNDP-ISDR-OCHA
<b>Total Budget</b>	200,000 US\$
<b>Project Site</b>	Goma, DRC
<b>Beneficiary Countries</b>	DRC, Rwanda

### General Background:

The DRC presents a unique challenge to the international community. The vast territory located in the heart of the African continent has suffered severe internal fragmentation and division due to continuous conflict over decades, involving several neighboring countries. In addition to this complex situation, the DRC is at significantly high risk from active volcanoes, which have erupted repeatedly in the last 6 years with disastrous impacts. The renewal of magmatic activity in Volcano Nyiragongo and its fast evolving dynamism, poses a very high level of risk to the extremely vulnerable population of more than 450, 000 people. The negative consequences of the volcanic eruption have amplified and exacerbated the social tensions that were brought on by the conflict and placed additional stresses on the rapidly plummeting socio-economic environment.

### Project Summary:

This project offers a unique opportunity for the key UN agencies with responsibility for specific aspects of disaster management (UNDP, ISDR, OCHA) to collaborate on a concrete activity within the context of increasing tripartite activities. It also offers an opportunity for integrating disaster reduction issues into the overall approach to conflict resolution and peace building.

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The project aims primarily at addressing volcanic risk reduction by way of specific initiatives including capacity-building of the Goma Volcano Observatory, development of risk management tools and the promotion of increased participation and commitment of key actors. It will also draw on the synergies existing between the effects of post-conflict and post-disaster situations and attempt an integrated approach to this transitional to medium term support.

### Overall and Specific Objectives:

To provide transitional support for developing volcanic risk reduction capacity in the Goma/North Kivu area within the context of the ongoing conflict.

### Expected Results:

- Strengthened volcano monitoring capacity for Goma Volcano Observatory (GVO);
- Integrated risk management tools developed (conflict/natural disasters) and applied;
- Increased commitment for risk reduction and participation of local authorities, UN System and civil society.

### Activities:

- Supporting a volcanic risk assessment activity including environmental impact assessments and other priority hazards;
- Strengthening the GVO which has the mandate for volcano monitoring;
- Strengthening the UN System Coordination mechanism through the Disaster Management Training Programme;
- Implementing public information and education activities;
- Contingency planning;
- Implementing integrated community awareness activities;
- Supporting the development of an integrated disaster management framework, and the immediate initiation of resource mobilization activities.

