Situación de la sobrevivencia

■ El erupción del Volcan Nyiragongo el 22 de mayo de 2021 forzó a más de 364,000 personas a abandonar sus hogares en Goma y áreas circundantes según las estimaciones de OCHA. La mayoría de las personas han vuelto a sus hogares, pero se estima que cerca de 5,612 personas (1,900 hogares) siguen desplazadas en Masisi y Rutshuru territorios según las estimaciones de protección de UNHCR.

■ Según los informes, más de 28,500 personas (4,173 familias) han sido afectadas por el volcán. De estas, más de 20,000 personas (2,901 familias) han perdido sus hogares, mientras que 900 individuos (130 familias) han perdido su tierra y 7,800 personas (1,142 familias) han perdido los hogares que alquilaban. De estos, 2,892 personas con necesidades específicas han sido identificadas, incluyendo personas con discapacidad, mujeres embarazadas y personas mayores.

Preparación y respuesta

■ UNHCR y sus socios continúan monitoreando las necesidades de protección específicas de las personas supervivientes en Goma y Nyiragongo, así como a aquellos que se desplazaron a Rutshuru y Masisi en el Norte de Kivu. Esto incluye el riesgo de violencia sexual y basada en género (SGBV) y necesidades psicosociales de supervivientes y sus familias, as well as specific protection in order to help steer the humanitarian response in collaboration with parter and other humanitarian actors.

■ Desde el 17 de septiembre hasta el 21 de octubre, UNHCR, a través de su socio INTERSOS, registró 507 incidentes de protección en Rutshuru y Masisi territorios, en las áreas que alojaban personas que se habían fugado del erupción. Estas
include kidnappings, physical and psychological assaults, forced labour, arbitrary arrests, rapes and extorsions and are reported to have been committed mostly by armed groups. UNHCR and INTERSOS are liaising with the authorities, MONUSCO and other partners to improve the protection of civilians.

- The estimated 5,612 people (1,900 households) who remain displaced outside Goma in the territories of Masisi and Rutshuru are unable to return due to the lack of financial means to pay rents in Goma and to the lack of capital to undertake their income generating activities in Goma. According to protection monitoring conducted by UNHCR’s partner INTERSOS, some of them have chosen to integrate into the host community, started agricultural activities, and are waiting for the harvest season.

- UNHCR is also working with its local partner AIDPROFEN to expand access to trauma counselling for victims of the volcano eruption. Psycho-social assistance has almost exclusively linked to Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) responses in the past, but the needs are apparent.

### SHELTER AND CORE RELIEF ITEMS (CRI)

- 6,822 survivors who lost their homes and were staying collective centers such as schools have been relocated to Kanyaruchinya (5,628) and Kibati sites (1,194) in Nyiragongo territory with the support of the authorities.

- 1,806 persons are still staying in collective sites in Nyiragongo (Kahembe and Marudjo schools), where they lack privacy and basic necessities and cannot access proper hygiene and sanitation services.

- UNHCR is working with the government and partners to provide cash-for-rent assistance to over 1000 families who were renting property that got destroyed by the lava, thanks to funding by the Humanitarian Fund (HF).

- More durable housing will be provided to families who’ve lost their homes. UNHCR is working with authorities and the Housing, Land and Property (LTP) Working Group who will identify the land and make it available to the victims and plans to build between 800-1000 shelters once the land will be obtained.

### Clusters and Coordination

- UNHCR and other humanitarian actors continue to work closely with the local authorities who have taken the lead in the volcano response. On 12 October, UNHCR participated in a joint needs’ assessment at Kanyaruchinya and Kibati sites to identify multisectoral needs – including protection - in order to steer the response and prepare the relocation towards the sites. Persons with specific needs have also been identified.

- The LTP Working Group is coordinating a response to the 130 families who lost their land used for agriculture activities during the eruption in Kibati, Munigi, and Buvira, in Nyiragongo territory. The families are in need of food, Core Relief Items (CRI), latrines, and drinkable water. Advocacy efforts have been conducted towards humanitarian actors who have the capacity and resources to fill these gaps.
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