

Mothers give testimonies on health community radio programme in Lóvuá Settlement.

In Lóvuá Settlement in Angola, where there are currently more than 13,700 Congolese refugees, there are two community-based radios that are important for information and engagement. It is an important participative tool that is used by most of the organisations involved in the response. The radio also empowers the community and the radio journalists are refugees from the settlement.

Medicos del Mundo (MDM) is the main health organisation in the settlement that began in mid-July to broadcast health promotional messages via the community radio. For instance, Kapanda and Aisha are two refugees who recently gave birth at the Maternity Hospital in the provincial capital, Dundo. MDM wanted to bring visibility to their testimonies to emphasise the importance of care during pregnancy and assisted birth.



Figure 1: Health mobiliser Papa Elie speaking on health matters during the radio interview ©UNHCR/Omotola Akindipe

The radio interviews of Kapanda and Aisha, which happened on 9 August 2018, are just one of two health programmes that happen weekly. MDM use their health mobilisers, refugees with medical experience, to pass on messages. This is also important as the health mobilisers speak the main languages in the Lóvuá settlement, Lingala and Tschiluba.