

Distribution Report of The Water Bags: The Refugee Camp of Lusenda

From 27 to 29th July 2016:

Introduction

Along with the “peace one day” organization, the CDJP-Uvira organized the distribution of the water bags at the refugee camp of Lusenda. The latter is located in the Fizi territory; about 60 Km from the city of Uvira. Today, the camp includes more than 180 K refugees divided into 6500 small communities. With the help of “peace one day”, CDJP Uvira distributed 2000 water bags at the camp. CDJP was aided by UN refugee committee, the national refugee committee, The Social & Economic development agency (in charge of the camp’s overall health), and the African Initiative for relief and development (in charge of the actual distribution in the camp.) The latter heavily emphasized on the efficiency of the logistical plans to ensure the bags were transported from Uvira all the way to the Refugee camp.



From the 6500 communities in the Lusenda Camp, only 2000 of them benefited had actually had access to the water bags. To ease up the distribution process, two criteria were agreed upon in order to select the communities eligible to have access to those bags. Firstly, individuals with specific needs (such as handicapped & older aged individuals) should have access to those bags. The second criteria indicated that the communities living far away from water access should also be selected to receive those bags. All those 2000 communities that had access to those bags, already meet all these 2 criteria stated above.

Itinerary:

Day 1: Wednesday July 27 2016



CDJP/Uvira, with the help of all other NGOs (mentioned above), organized a demonstration session explaining how to utilize the water bag. In addition to those organizations, 30 refugees actively participated in those sessions. From these refugee participants, community coordinators (in charge of nutrition in the camp), promoters (in charge of camp’s sanitation), and villages’ community leaders (in charge of implementing order in the camp.) The latter, the main objective of their participation was to educate them on the utilization of the product so that they could form the groups that would have access to those bags and translate that product education to them as well.

Organized by Mr. Olivier MUTCHAPA from the CDJP Uvira, Mr. Jacques in charge of Wash de HCR & the main responsible of Wash AIRD, had ecstatic impressions. The participating groups were well educated in regards to product utilization. Furtherly, ADES & AIRD used the occasion to generate awareness of the importance of water hygiene and conservation.

Day 2: Thursday July 28 2016

As previously expected & planned in the program, product distribution started in the camp. As highlighted previously, the duty of transportation is delegated to AIRD. The latter, had already determined the administrators supervising the distribution process. ADES had also already determined the community coordinators, the promoters, and the community leaders that will help during the distribution.



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Before the distribution, ADES prepared a large educational seminar highlighting the importance of water contamination and hygiene. CDJP's team played an important role in the demonstration in front of the individuals eligible to have access for the bags. The latter (handicapped individuals, older individuals, and individuals living further away from sources of water) have responded to the call. At approximately 10 am, the distribution takes place in the camp. HCR has divided the refugees in villages, counting 39 villages in



The logistical distribution plan had the following structure. In each village, CNR and HCR have identified the "eligible individuals" that would have access to the product. By the point of distribution at each village, a supervisor would conduct a roll call. Upon calling their names, the refugee would present his/her ID that was delivered to them by CNR. After identifying his/her identity, another supervisor takes a sample of the individual's fingerprints then they provide them with the bags.



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After that process, the recipient is at the disposition of the community coordinators, the promoters, and the community leaders. As soon as at least 10 recipients receive the bag, either a community coordinator, a promoter, or a community leaders will educate the recipient on effective ways to use & clean the bags. The distribution kept proceeding the same way until 5 pm. We have expected to distribute 1350 bags that day, but we only achieved to distribute 1023. All those bags were given to eligible individuals, from village 1 to village 19. In regards to the 327 remaining bags, we kept them under the supervision of AIRD until the distribution

Day 3: Friday July 29 2016

As expected, the distribution took place at 9 am. We re-collected the remaining 327 bags and the other 650 that were left under our supervision at Uyira, making a total of 977 bags that have to be distributed this Friday. This Friday we followed the same process as Thursday, except for Friday we decided to organize two distribution sites.



For the first site, it was a matter of continuing the distribution to cover the whole camp. Therefore, we started with village 20 to go all the way to village 39 (the last village).

For the second site, it was a matter of providing the bags to the “eligible employees” who didn’t receive them on Thursday. Therefore, we distributed bags from village 1 to village 19.



After the distribution this Friday, at about 3 pm, we have realized that the refugees that have not received the water bags, started to believe that they were discriminated against. We thus have explained to those refugees, with the aid of AIRD and ADES, that the number of bags were limited, leading us to not being able to deliver the bags to every community in the camp. For those who have received the bags, a sentiment of joy was definitely recognized among them. They thanked the CDJP for considering them.