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Socio-economic crisis, corruption, social disorder and war are holding back the development in the Democratic Republic of Congo for years now. As a result of unemployment, violence and uncertainty, countless people from all parts of the population have migrated from the countryside to the city. The agriculture fields have been destroyed and people have been deprived of their sources of income. The situation has not changed over the years; as a result of the continuing uncertainty and the increasing poverty, the access to health becomes more and more difficult. HealthNet TPO is working in 3 regions: in the northern part of the Kivu province, in the North-eastern part of the country, in the Kasai provinces and around Kinshasa, the capital of the country.

Disease Control

The organization Asrames works in the province Northern-Kivu both in the area of the rebels and of the government as a medicine distributor. Asrames succeeded in improving and supporting elementary health in more than 300 health centres. HealthNet TPO is a partner of Asrames and contributes to the distribution of medicines. HealthNet TPO also provides technical expertise at the set up of health care systems, health financing and the control of illnesses such as Paludism.

Health System Development

DR Congo heeft van de primaire gezondheidszorg een nationale zaak gemaakt. Het land is verdeeld in 380 zones en de Medische Provinciale Inspectie is verantwoordelijk voor de toepassing van de gezondheidspolitiek binnen deze zones. In de Butembo zone in de Noord-Kivu provincie werkt HealthNet TPO samen met de lokale partnerorganisatie CIF-Santé aan de verbetering van de toegang tot gezondheidszorg. Door middel van training en supervisie draagt HealthNet TPO bij aan de verbetering van de institutionele capaciteit van de management teams en gezondheidswerkers. De nadruk ligt op reproductieve gezondheid, de bestrijding van Paludisme en op HIV/Aids door middel van bewustzijns- en voorlichtingscampagnes en de verbetering van bloedtransfusiediensten. Het project is onderdeel van het regionale zorgprogramma van HealthNet TPO in DR Congo, Burundi en Sudan.

DR Congo has made primary health care a national matter. The country is divided in 380 zones and the Medical Provincial Inspection is responsible for the application of the health care politics within these zones. In the Butembo zone in Northern-Kivu province HealthNet TPO cooperates with the local partner organization Cif-Santé to improve the access to health care. By means of training and supervision HealthNet TPO contributes to the improvement of the institutional capacity of Management Teams and health workers. The emphasis lies on reproductive health, the suppression of Paludism and on HIV/Aids through conscience - and information campaigns and the improvement of blood transfusion services. The project is part of the regional care programme of HealthNet TPO in DR Congo, Burundi and Sudan.(link Afrika).

Psychological Care

HealthNet TPO developed a programme for the mental care to victims of rape in the Northeast of the country. In association with local aid organizations doctors and care workers are trained to make people able-bodied and to inform people about rape as a human rights violation.