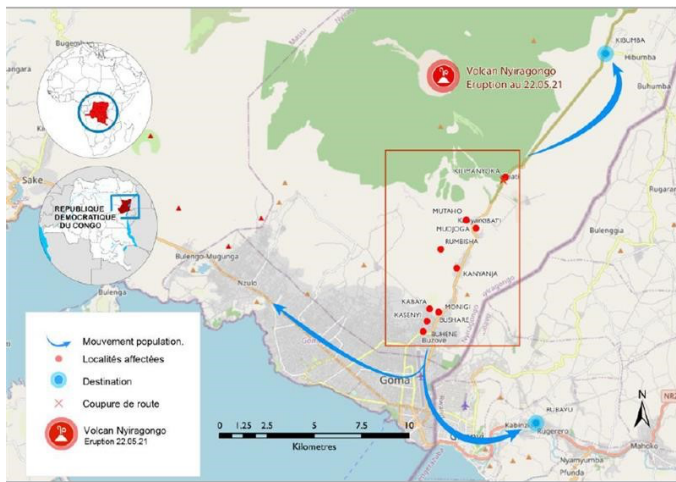


## Hope one year after the Nyiragongo Eruption in D.R.Congo



### Our response

When Nyiragongo roared into life on May 20-23, torrents of lava flowed to the outskirts of Goma City, the capital of North-Kivu Province, sending thousands of people into massive displacement. Over 234,000 fled to Sake, Minova and Rutshuru. This migration resulted in many children separating from their families and those areas finding themselves failing to withstand the pressure exerted on their resources. Homes and strategic social centres were ravaged by the flowing lava that was also responsible for the death of 32 people.

With funding from **Aktion Deutschland Hilft** and World Vision, a Multisectoral Emergency response to Survivors of the Nyiragongo volcanic eruption in Goma was developed as a response to the Mental health, child protection, and Disaster Risk Reduction needs at the component identified by the needs assessment conducted by World Vision DRC and War Child after eruption.

Due to the stress caused by effects of the volcano eruption, most members of the community found themselves without mental care support. Consequently, our response priority was to ensure that those affected were sensitized through various awareness-raising activities to ensure access to health facilities.

*"We are very pleased with the training, medicines and kits received from World Vision as part of this project to assist vulnerable people affected by the Nyiragongo volcanic eruption. We are now treating the sick without difficulty and those in need of more care are referred to the CHNP where they receive free care,"* said Marie Josée, Deputy Head of MUGUNGA Health Center, during the MEAL post-distribution monitoring visit.

### Our Impact



**1,341,636**

people reached in the three health Zones of Nyiragongo, Karisimbi and Goma (indirect target)



**36,414**  
**(6069 households)**

direct beneficiaries



**701 912,11 €**

Total budget



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# Agility in adversity : coping with Nyiragongo Aftershocks

The Nyiragongo eruption came at a time when the DRC was coping with the deterioration of the economic fabric related to the Covid-19 pandemic. As the needs remained numerous and growing, World Vision continued to provide support to the most vulnerable communities to build resilience.

In the spirit of building or reinforcing local community capacity to deal with future disasters, the project trained different members of the targeted Health Zones on Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM). These included school children, leadership (traditional and religious), community volunteers, and other stakeholders. The project successfully conducted the community-owned vulnerability assessment and the comprehensive school safety and CFDRR in line with capacitating the local communities who are most vulnerable to disasters in the targeted localities.

According to the end line evaluation, which was preceded by monthly monitoring systems, the project was implemented efficiently and effectively. The report recognizes that the timing of the intervention did not only come at the right time for the Nyiragongo volcano eruption disaster effects survivors but also for those that were facing socio-economic challenges due to the Covid-19 restrictions and, most importantly, the consequences of the endemic conflicts within North Kivu. It is also paramount to highlight that the need for resilience building support remains enormous given that the Food and non-food items prices incountry increased, leading to further food insecurity and economic vulnerability.



## Cash Distribution

A one-off distribution to beneficiaries was initially planned to happen through PEPELE MOBILE, a TMB innovative mobile payment. Due to the insecurity related to beneficiary tracing within the camps, PEPELE cash was recommended to those who could not be found during TMB's ten-day outreach program. Both PEPELE Mobile and cash services are accessible on any cellular network. A total of 227732 Usd cash distributed.



## Sensitization & Awareness

We conducted 10 MHPSS awareness sessions in Nyiragongo, Karisimbi and Goma. These sessions were designed to reduce stigma within the community and provide social support to patients receiving MHPSS care. The sessions were carried out gradually, reaching 1,050 beneficiary children, with an achievement of 105%. Sessions achieved the intended of reconnecting affected children with others through games, storytelling and helping them cope with stressors through drawing and modeling sessions.



## Mental Health

In partnership with Centre Hospitalier Neuro-Psychiatrique (CHNP), nine health centres were equipped with health drugs and storage equipment to cope with the pressure that this disaster brought about. Like their community counterparts, the Health Care workers were also paid as beneficiaries according to the CFW standards.



## Livelihoods & Resilience

The Food Security and Livelihood component assisted 1,576 vulnerable households with the Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance in order to give them the capacity to meet immediate survival needs, which benefited about 1,032 individuals in the beneficiary households, 47% of whom were children (girls: 2,648, women: 2,979, boys: 2,537, men: 2,868).



## Faith & Development

We collaborated with people who share our values towards children: compassion, love, and mercy. The strong involvement of local authorities, religious leaders strengthened the reach of the most vulnerable, community ownership and will undoubtedly serve as a lever for the sustainability.



## Child Protection & Participation

The project set up two Child-Friendly Spaces where local Animators were identified under the Cash for Work modality to help children recover from the disaster-oriented challenges. These facilities prioritized the care and protection of children that access them. The CFSS provided fun activities, informal learning, a chance for the children to express themselves, referrals to various institutions including mental health facilities, and most importantly, a chance for the parents/guardians to attend to their daily chores without worrying about their children's safety.

As a best practice, the program activated its resources (human, material and financial) for the emergency and this helped the project a great deal.

Special thank to Global Centre, World Vision Germany and World Vision United States for their support in implementing this multisectoral emergency response to survivors of the Nyiragongo volcanic eruption in goma (province of north kivu) project.

