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CHOLERA OUTBREAK IN TANGANYIKA

The southeastern town of Kalemie has been experiencing an irregular supply of water since late February, leading to a rise in cholera cases. Since 27 February, over 100 cases of the water-borne disease have been recorded across the city. Kalemie is regularly hit by water shortages due to shortcomings of the national water distribution company. Lack of water and poor hygiene have made cholera endemic in Kalemie and many other cities in the southeast.



INSECURITY LEADS TO NGO SUSPENDING ITS ACTIVITIES IN TANGANYIKA

International NGO AVSI has suspended a distribution of household items in the areas of Tande-Bendera and Manyanga, Kalemie Territory, following the death of three people during violent clashes opposing members of the Twa community and Banyamulenge farmers. An assessment conducted between 11 and 14 March by NGO Catholic Relief Services revealed that over 15,000 IDPs living in villages located some 100 km north-west of Kalemie need assistance as they suffer from poor food consumption and have lost all their belongings during their flight.



FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR 27,000 BURUNDIAN REFUGEES IN SOUTH KIVU

From 17 to 21 March, the World Food Programme distributed food through USD 15-cash vouchers to cover the needs of these refugees for the next four months. In mid-February, nearly \$400,000 worth of food stamps allowed these refugees to receive a one-month ration of rice, beans, oil, salt, corn flour and cassava flour. In 2016, over 10,000 new refugees from Burundi were registered - bringing their number to some 35,000, mostly hosted in South Kivu





9,000 PEOPLE RECEIVE ESSENTIAL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AND SHELTER IN ITURI

From 24 to 27 March, the Rapid Response Movement of Population programme organized a fair and assistance in water, sanitation and hygiene for people who have returned in the areas of Ndrele and Ngote, Mahagi Territory in December 2016, after having fled violence borne out of land disputes. They however still need assistance in food, healthcare, and education.



WFP AND CARITAS CONCERNED ABOUT MAINUTRITION IN NORTH KIVU

WFP and Caritas have reported a concern on the state of child malnutrition - a concern backed up by the fact that 40 children suffer from moderate malnutrition each month. In February, 13 cases of severe malnutrition were identified in Nyanzale. One of the main reasons for this precarious situation is the difficult access to food and livelihood opportunities for displaced families. The two agencies have recently wrapped distributing food to some 25,000 people in the area.

