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REPORT ON MENSTRUAL HYGIENE AWARENESS AT THE MAPENDO SCHOOL COMPLEX

1. Background

This year we carried out our awareness raising activity in a school in the City of Bukavu. Due to the security situation and the state of disrepair of the road the events could not get carried out any more at Bunyakiri.

On 28 May, the date on which World Menstrual Hygiene Day is celebrated, a very motivating activity was very motivating to take place at the Mapendo school.

On this occasion, the authorities of Mapendo Primary School had the chance to get to know the WP-activities empowering adolescent girls, and organised each year by International Alliance of Women. Mrs. Ruphine BATISHOGE NAMUSHAGWA had requested the school authorities to carry out the WP activities on this special day, the international day on menstrual health.

2. Brief presentation of the school

The Mapendo school complex is a catholic school directed by Mrs Ruphine Batishoge Namushagwa. It is located on the road to Uvira within the Ibandanda commune in the province of South Kivu in DR Congo,

It is composed of a primary school and a secondary school, it has got 18 classrooms, 23 staff-members including 18 teachers (8 women and 10 men), a director, a supervisor, an accountant, a secretary and a deputy director.

3. Conduct of the activity

The activities brought together all the girls from classes of 4th, 5th and 6th grades, which were divided into different rooms due to the large number of students in each class. Thus we gathered the girls of the 4th ABC, 5th ABC, 6th ABC, see below:

Number of participants:

4th A 23	5th C 28
4th B 25	6th A 20
4th C 21	6th B 22
5th A 28	6th C 24
5th B 23	

TOTAL 214 + 8 Teachers (222)

The principal and the teachers got highly motivated by the WP activity and promised to schedule it as regular events in future.

They recommend that the initiators of the WP project should never give up these activities which are of great value for the girls. They said that they have noticed a lack of sexual education of the children by their parents. This is necessary in order to complete the education acquired at school.

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