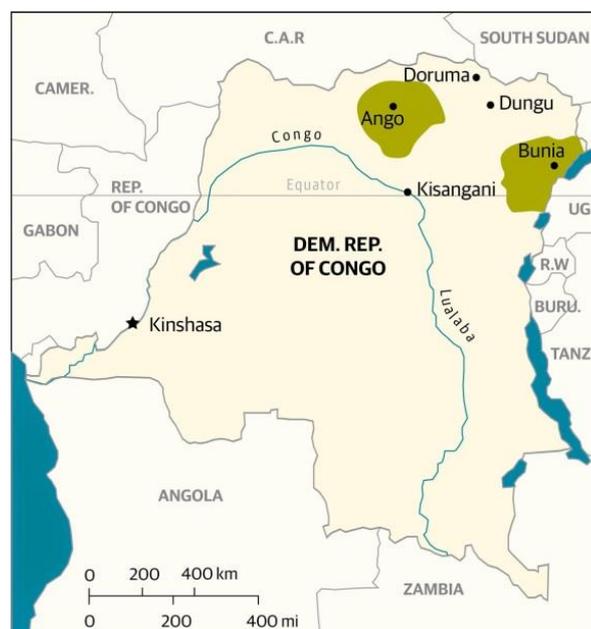


The Democratic Republic of Congo is still recovering from a massive multi-nation war that ended in 2003. Chronic insecurity still plagues the eastern provinces of DR Congo, causing massive internal displacement as people flee from ongoing violence at the hands of numerous armed groups. Almost a third of the country's 2.4 million internally displaced people are in North Kivu and Ituri provinces, where Medair operates. Throughout 2015 and 2016 Medair are supporting vulnerable families and communities through three key programmes:

### 1) Health provision in North Kivu (Bunia) and Ituri (Ango) territories

Violence amongst militia groups in Beni territory continues to displace thousands of people. Forced from their homes, these internally displaced people seek safety in host communities that are further from the violence, but who lack the infrastructure and resources to accommodate large influxes of people. These population movements place additional strain on the health care system, an issue made worse by the fact that the overcrowded conditions in which many people live have limited access to safe water or sanitation, making it very easy for diseases such as measles and cholera to spread quickly.

Medair supports health clinics, providing free health care for all in the emergency phase of a crisis before slowly reintroducing paid services as per Congolese health regulations. This project helps strengthen the existing health care system by training and supervising doctors and nurses in the diagnosis and treatment of illnesses, with priority given to the three most common causes of death in the DRC: malaria, acute respiratory infections, and diarrhoea. Maternity services, neonatal care, and medical care for survivors of sexual violence are also provided.



### 2) Cholera response

Lubiriha village in Beni territory, North Kivu, is prone to outbreaks of cholera and frequently suffers them at the beginning of every year. In 2015 the outbreak was more virulent than in previous years. When the local health clinic registered more than 40 new cases of cholera a week, an outbreak was declared.

Medair's response included providing drinking water by trucking water into the affected community and then implementing a more long-term solution by drilling three boreholes to provide safe water to the three worst-affected neighbourhoods in Lubiriha. The provision of safe water will help prevent the spread of cholera in Lubiriha in future.

### 3) Rapid response team

Medair has an Emergency Response Team in place in Kibua health zone to respond to outbreaks of disease or new waves of people fleeing from violence. In addition to health services, Medair provides the health clinics with sources of safe water, hygiene training, and medical waste disposal, all of which helps prevent the spread of infection and diseases.

## Photos from the field



Pharmacy at the Limangi health centre where Medair are providing medicines and hands-on support and training for local health staff



Medair constructed water point in Lubiriha, North Kivu



Chongo Misuba with her son Vision receiving treatment for malaria



Children playing in Limangi, North Kivu a remote area where Medair are supporting local clinics



Medair built latrine at Linakofo clinic



Mother and child in the waiting room of one of the 40 health clinics which Medair support

## Feedback from the communities

<b>Quote</b>	"It's my honour to thank Medair on behalf of the people of Luberike area who are benefitting from the help that your organisation is constantly providing to the victims of disasters here. May God bless Medair for your strong sense of charity."
<b>Name</b>	Alexandre Bamongo, Chef du Groupement (Group Leader) of Luberike, North Kivu
<b>Date of quote</b>	7 December 2015

<b>Quote</b>	"I appreciate the work of Medair. Everybody appreciates the work. We need medicines and assistance with our lives, and Medair has given them to us. You are courageous."
<b>Name</b>	S�raphin Ngulu Kitama, Mwami (leader) of the Ihana Groupement in Walikale Territory
<b>Date of quote</b>	5 November 2015

<b>Quote</b>	"Even though Medair has not been here for very long, we can already see the difference. You work away from the main road to access areas where others do not dare to go to help those in need."
<b>Name</b>	Cadet, Midwife for Kibua Hospital
<b>Date of quote</b>	23 June 2015

<b>Quote</b>	"When all the fighting started near Ntoto, my husband and I and our six children decided to flee. That was on the third of June. We now live with a host family. It is fine; they have given us a good welcome. We still lack a lot of things because we had to leave so suddenly – we don't have enough food and clothing."
<b>Name</b>	Anita
<b>Date of quote</b>	23 June 2015