

DRC : Caritas Congo engaged in the emergency nutritional rehabilitation in 7 health zones



Lubumbashi, April 23, 2018 (caritasdev.cd): Caritas Congo Asbl is currently engaged in the implementation of the emergency nutritional rehabilitation project in 7 Health Zones in the provinces of Haut Katanga, Haut-Lomami and Lualaba.

The overall objective of this project, which began in early April 2018, is to contribute to reducing the excess mortality and over-morbidity of people affected by the crisis in these zones. These are Mitwaba Health Zones, Mufunga Sampwe, Kintondja, Kinda, Lubudi, Malemba and Pweto. Caritas Congo Asbl has been selected as the Project Focal point from the Humanitarian Fund in the DRC. It is responsible for the coordination of all programmatic and financial issues.

In fact, the six-month project is funded by the DRC Humanitarian Fund 2018.

The direct beneficiaries of the project are children under 5 suffering from severe and moderate acute malnutrition, screened and admitted to the therapeutic program, 53% (6,818) female and 47% (6,047) male. In addition to these beneficiaries, this project also targets 100% of households of children under 5 in 7 Health Zones (Mitwaba, Mufunga Sampwe, Kintondja, Kinda, Lubudi, Malemba and Pweto) who benefit from awareness sessions on IYCF (Infant and Young Child Feeding) and Essential Family Practices. These populations are estimated at 315,613 households.

These activities are part of the project that meets with the strategic objective 3 of the 2018 Humanitarian Plan. It aims to reduce the excess mortality and the over-burden of people affected by the crisis. It aligns with the response strategy of providing timely, adequate, effective and multi-sectoral assistance to the needs of affected populations, through minimum packages of assistance that provide for the response to nutrition alerts through case management. severe and moderate acute malnutrition.

Caritas Congo Asbl will work in collaboration with the National and Provincial PRONANUT (National Nutrition Control Program), the Provincial Divisions and the Central Offices of the 7 health zones targeted by the project, Unicef and World Food Program.

Expected results

The project plans to achieve the following results: 14,407 cases of severe acute malnutrition are admitted and treated; and passive screenings are carried out in the health structures of the health zones.

328 Community health workers are trained on the current protocols for the treatment of acute malnutrition; health facilities are equipped to allow the smooth running of therapeutic nutritional activities.

1.310 Community health workers and Institutional stakeholders are trained and involved in promotional nutrition activities, and care structures provide preventive nutritional activities.

3,072 moderate malnutrition including 132 FEFA (Pregnant Women and Breastfeeding Women) and 2,949 children under 5 years are supported.

