



News from our Partners

DRC - SOFEPADI is proud to announce the opening of a new medical centre in Bunia, Ituri Province at the end of March 2017!



Over the month of January, SOFEPADI carried out two research trips – one in Oicha (Beni) and the other in Mambasa (Ituri) – to identify new cases of forced marriages and sexual slavery. The 12 victims that have already been identified will be interviewed in February. In Oicha, victims will be supported through vocational training institutions and, in Bunia, by village savings and credit associations.

In Liberia, ADWANGA has been implementing a project on girls' education entitled: Gender Equity in Education Program (GEEP). The GEEP was developed in 2013 based on the findings of an assessment conducted by UNICEF and seeks to address the challenges faced by girls in accessing and completing their education. The project targets 200 students (80 boys/120 girls) in four secondary schools and will benefit an estimated 8,000 students.



Rwanda – In January **SEVOTA** held a series of formative meetings with women through self-help groups as well sharing sessions on trauma and rehabilitation aimed at strengthening the psychosocial capacities of women and youth living with the trauma and consequences of the 1994 genocide. A conference was held with stakeholders to share and discuss the work of SEVOTA with children (now in their early twenties) born of sexual violence and the organisation visited young people in their families and schools to promote their full integration. An assessment of their current situation will be carried out to identify appropriate participatory action strategies that can help them meet their rights and health-related needs.

In Sierra Leone the Women's Forum continue its advocacy for survivors of sexual violence during the 1991-2002 war. As well as developing a strategic plan (2016-2020), the WFSL has carried out ground work, meeting with survivors of sexual violence and identifying children born of war who will be interviewed as part the upcoming research. The organisation also visited the Human Rights Commission of Sierra Leone and the Peace Museum in preparation of its work on witness statements presented before the Special Court of Sierra Leone.

In Nigeria, dRPC received \$10,000.00 from the Ford Foundation for a workshop to document the effect of trauma on abducted girls in particular and girls affected by the crisis. On January 28, 2017 a Consultative Workshop entitled "Building Resilience and Psycho-Social Support for Girl Victims of Trauma in the Northeast" was held in Abuja with participants drawn from counsellors, Islamic clerics, and psychiatrists involved in counselling the Chibok girls and other abducted girls.

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