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#### Contribution M&E NAP 1325 III extension

- To sustainably advance women participation in rural areas in the conflict zones in DRC, a holistic approach was used by the DRCC foundation: combining advocacy with practice. In the South-Kivu for instance, to fight against social harmful gender norms in the communities, the DRCC foundation has empowered almost 100 women and youth through their capacity building in entrepreneurship and vocational training skills, meanwhile addressing the gender norms. Women especially were encouraged to learn and work within non-traditional income generating activities, often dominated by men in rural areas.



Woman and man during practicing masonry in the South-Kivu, at vocational training centre CAML/DRCC .

In the past 5 years, the DRCC foundation also trained several grassroots organizations in the Kivu on WPS content, the principles of women entrepreneurship according to the approach “training-production”. In this approach, women and girls are benefiting from our project on Vocational Training and Entrepreneurship. Almost 100 women in the South Kivu are able to generate income from the main activities and secondary activities, such as for example, the specialization in sewing skills which generate further income activities (CAML/South-Kivu).



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In the same way, local partner in the North-Kivu was able to reintegrate 192 sexual abused and teenage women on the job market increasing their participation in the community » (MEMI, Goma/North-Kivu).

Combining advocacy, skill training with entrepreneurship by women and youth in rural areas in conflict zones, the DRCC during the NAP 1325 III and beyond has significantly contributed to the following outcomes :

- Enhance the protection of women and girls in conflict : women were encouraged to speak out to address any violation of their rights with the Security services (National Police) on public places.
- Decrease harmful underlying gender norms which are often the obstacles to sustainable peace



A woman speaking out about the violation of human rights by the police, Bukavu/South-Kivu, during the campaign by ADDROSMIL/DRCC , in the South-Kivu, Picture by Benjamin Kalumire ,

Finally, the DRCC foundation in collaboration with Tosangana has coordinated the NAP1325 DR Congo Country group during the NAP III. Both organized a webinar on 6 October 2020 linking the Dutch NAP community with the Congolese Government, and partner organization. (for more info, please see annexe in the email).