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« EMERGENCY AID- CHURCH RESPONSE TO NATURAL DISASTER »



220 households of survivors of the landslides that occurred on Gabaniro hill, in Muhuta commune last May, have received food and non-food assistance provided by the Anglican Community Development Service in partnership with Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD). These landslides caused enormous damages which forced hundreds of families to evacuate the affected area and find shelter in a temporarily managed site. Houses and fields were completely destroyed, a difficult situation for a predominantly agricultural population.

SADC, in collaboration with the Anglican Diocese of Rumonge, after identifying urgent needs, was able to mobilize, through the partnership with ERD, an emergency aid for the most vulnerable among these survivors. SADC and ERD have been working for several years to strengthen community resilience to climate change through an environmental protection and ecosystem restoration program. Alongside this program, emergency interventions are regularly carried out to help people affected by the negative impacts of climate change. These survivors have got emergency aid made of food and none-food items. The government of Burundi is looking for a safe place where these survivors will permanently be installed as they former locality is still under threats of being affected by landslides particularly during the rainy season.

IMPROVED COOKING STOVES- A LOCAL SOLUTION TO TACKLE DEFORESTATION



In its climate resilience and social justice program, the Anglican Community Development Service has put on its agenda, training sessions for community facilitators to equip them with knowledge intended to promote community resilience to address effects of climate change and the preservation of soil. As the rural population contributes to climate change, particularly through deforestation, the facilitators involved in promoting community development are being trained on the manufacturing of improved stoves. The purpose of this training is to considerably reduce the use of firewood. After this training, those facilitators are responsible for helping community members to make these stoves in their households so that instead of using a lot of wood, they can use at least two pieces of wood for cooking. This intervention will contribute to controlling deforestation activities as one of the main causes of it, is domestic activities that require firewood. Capacity building for community members is still key for addressing the effects of climate change. The vulnerability of the majority of the Burundian community to natural disasters can be mitigated by developing skills which unfortunately most of the community members do not have and are still limited in the implementation of resilient mechanisms against climate change.

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