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EDITORIAL

The humanitarian context continued to deteriorate during the quarter, marked by both an increase in population movements and the expansion of the Ebola outbreak. According to alert monitoring data, 78 displacement incidents were recorded across 25 territories, affecting nearly 277,461 households (*Source: EHtools/CAT-DRC analysis and visualization*). At the same time, the Ebola outbreak affected seven provinces and 63 Health Zones, with 8,300 cases and 4,018 reported deaths (*Source: SitRep No. 139/MBE-BDB/30/09/2026*). These developments led to rising humanitarian needs, requiring the sustained capacity to provide rapid and appropriate assistance to the most vulnerable populations. Despite this challenging context, SAFER continued its emergency response to affected communities while strengthening its advocacy efforts with donors. **These efforts contributed to securing USD 10 million from the DRC Humanitarian Fund (FH RDC) and GBP 5 million from the FCDO, as well as enabling strategic engagements with ECHO in Brussels.**

In September, SAFER also launched two pilot mobile money interventions, thereby expanding its assistance modalities and enhancing its ability to adapt to field realities.

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CONTEXT AND KEY FIGURES

people reached
230 375



11 150

participants in integrated protection activities



204 309

people received cash assistance



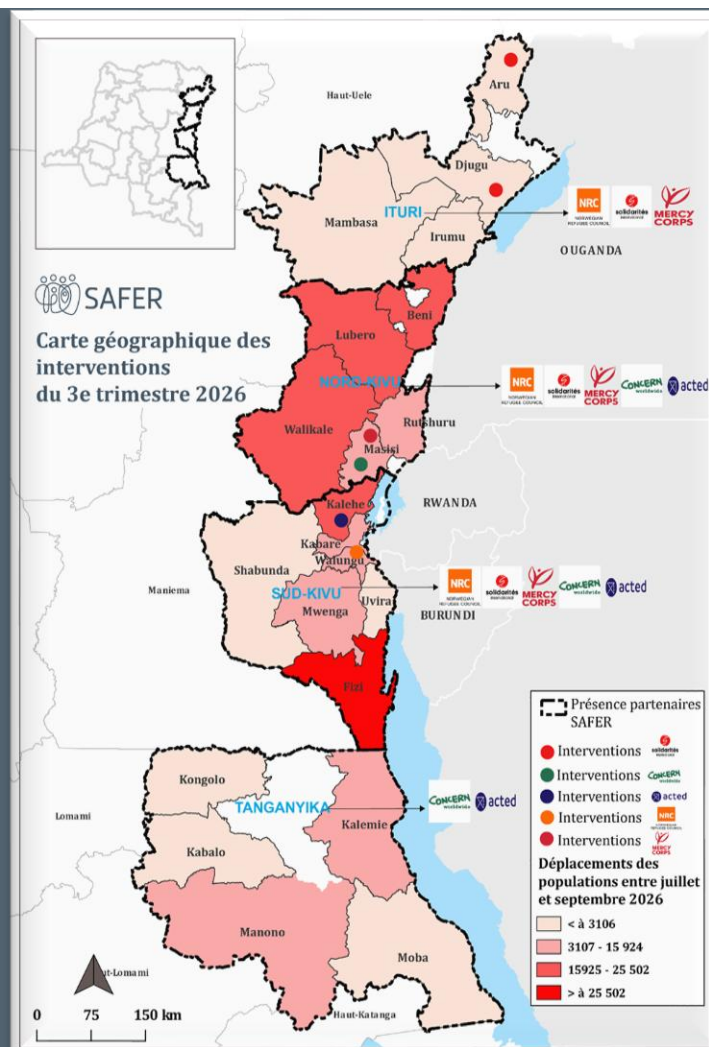
10 858

people reached with hygiene promotion activities



4 058

people with access to sanitation facilities



QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Completion of integrated protection activities in **Kirotshe** with funding from the **FCDO**
- ❖ New integrated protection intervention launched in Katoyi.
- ❖ New funding secured: USD 10 million from FH RDC and GBP 5 million from FCDO
- ❖ Two Mobile Money pilot interventions implemented in Katoyi (North Kivu) and Walungu (South Kivu), benefiting 3,012 households.

QUARTERLY FOCUS : LOCALIZATION



The pilot intervention implemented by **Solidarités International** and **FAEVu** demonstrated that partnering with a local organization can significantly enhance the speed and effectiveness of humanitarian response. Thanks to its strong community presence, FAEVu enabled the rapid reporting of alerts and the completion of **Rapid Evaluation Missions (REMs)** within three days, facilitating the early positioning of humanitarian actors. Its close relationship with communities also strengthened community mobilization, accountability, and acceptance of interventions.

Beyond operational results, the project contributed to the sustainable capacity strengthening of FAEVu, which became autonomous in implementing the key stages of the **Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM)** response cycle. This increased autonomy was notably reflected in the completion of three REMs following the pilot intervention, confirming the essential role that local actors can play in humanitarian monitoring, needs assessment, and the delivery of rapid, high-quality responses.

CHANGE STORY

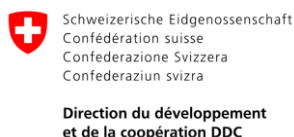
Displaced to **Kinigi** after fleeing violence in **Bukumbiriri**, **Ms. NNM**, 58, lost her eldest son and witnessed another being forcibly recruited. Injured and living in extreme hardship, she was referred to **Mercy Corps** by community protection focal points through the **SAFER** program funded by the **FCDO**. Thanks to the assistance she received, she was able to access medical care, provide food for her family, and re-enroll her children in school. Today, she is rebuilding her life with renewed hope and dignity.



OUTLOOK

In the next quarter, SAFER will continue strengthening its positioning and responding to alerts, organize a workshop on the timeliness of assistance, enhance the documentation and learning from Mobile Money experiences, and continue its localization initiatives. The rollout of MPCA Pillar 2 will complement the Rapid Response to Population Movements (RRM) assistance, while SAFER will celebrate its seventh anniversary in November.

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