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PROJECT: National Action Plans for the implementation of UNSCR 1325 in Great Lakes

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Description:

In the aftermath of their conflicts, Burundi, DRC and Rwanda became aware of the importance of women's involvement in peace processes. It became clear that it was crucial to establish a project at both regional and national level to prioritize issues related to gender inequalities and to allow the full implementation of women's rights at all levels, not only in times of peace but also conflicts.

To support this collective action, FAS launched the National Action Plans (NAPs) project to implement the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (UNSCR 1325) in order to promote gender equality and its integration in peace, security and development policies.

The main objective of the project is the prioritization of gender inequalities and obstacles to women's empowerment and the full realization of women's legal and human rights in peace and security policy.

Expected Results:

The project seeks to achieve the following results:

To elaborate a realistic and achievable National Action Plan in each of the 3 selected pilot countries.

To implement systematically and sustainably the National Action Plans on UNSCR 1325 in the 3 countries.

To help women gain the capacity to advocate for their rights and bridge the gap between gender policy and practice in peace, security and development.

To monitor, evaluate and learn in the processes elaborating and implementing a NAP on UNSCR 1325.

Activities related:

In 2009, a regional consultation on strengthening the national action plans for UNSCR 1325 was held in Bujumbura, Burundi. The opening ceremony was graced with the presence of his Excellency the First Vice-President of the Republic, Mister Yves SAHINGUVU, the Burundi government members, the representatives of the delegation as well as the national and international organizations concerned by the execution of UNSCR 1325. This gathering was an opportunity to share experiences, develop and expand the implementation of NAP on UNSCR 1325.

At the end of the regional consultation, a declaration was adopted (the Bujumbura Declaration) mentioning the common actions needed and the appropriate ways to achieve them with the support of regional and sub-regional organizations.