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**Information and Outreach in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
Monthly Activity Report – May 2008**

Overall objectives:

- Reach previously untargeted population segments
- Focus minds on the forthcoming Court hearings
- Implement measures to ensure outreach activities during the trial.

Activity	Date	Location	Summary	Evaluation tools
2 public meetings in Marabo and Nyakunde, Ituri	2 – 3 May 2008	Nyakunde and Marabo, Ituri.	Further to the objective of reaching previously untargeted populations, in each <i>localité</i> we organised a meeting with local leaders, village chiefs and interested members of the public. The two meetings held in Nyakunde and Marabo were the very first direct contact with the segments of the populations of those <i>localités</i> . Our message consisted of informing them about the Court, its jurisdiction and the ongoing cases. The mission was undertaken in collaboration with the Human Rights Section of MONUC, the UN mission in the Congo. Participation: 563	Attendance list Evaluation forms
Information session for senior officers of the Congolese armed forces	02 May 2008	Kinshasa	In collaboration with the National Coalition for the ICC, we held an information session on the Court for senior officers of the Congolese army. Presentations were given on complementarity and victim participation. Our presentations covered the ICC and the ongoing cases. The Chief of Staff of the Congolese	

			<p>army himself participated in the activity.</p> <p>Participation: 150</p>	
Public outreach meeting in Komanda	07 May 2008	Komanda, Ituri.	<p>As in Nyakunde and Marabo, this was the very first contact with the population of this village. We informed them about the Congolese cases before the ICC. The meeting enabled us to dispel any misunderstandings amongst the public who thought that the ICC was created only for Ituri.</p> <p>The mission was undertaken in collaboration with the Human Rights Section of MONUC, the United Nations mission in the Congo.</p> <p>Participation: 499</p>	Attendance lists Evaluation forms
Open discussion between PIDS and Radhit about joint activities to be carried out	08 May 2008	Bunia, Ituri.	<p>During this meeting with Radith, the network of human rights NGOs we are collaborating with, we drew up a list of activities to be carried out jointly during the trial of Thomas Lubanga which are adapted to the field.</p> <p>Participation: 10</p>	
Production and broadcast of two radio programmes	13 – 29 May	Bunia, Kasenyi, Aru, and Mahagi, Ituri.	<p>To follow up radio programmes on radio stations in Ituri, we produced two radio programmes on the Office of the Prosecutor and the confirmation hearing of Germain Katanga and Mathieu Ngundjolo. The programmes are intended for the following radio stations: Candip, Canal Révélation, RTK, Amkeni, Colombe and Océan.</p>	Programmes produced and broadcast Discussions in listening clubs
Analysis of reports of listening clubs of partner radio stations in Ituri		Kinshasa	<p>These reports include information about programme broadcasts and difficulties encountered by the radio stations, and perceptions of listeners and listening clubs. Information in the report was taken into account, notably in the strategy to be implemented during the trial.</p>	

2 information sessions for journalists	13 – 14 May 2008	Kinshasa	<p>On 13 and 14 May, we held two information sessions on the ICC for selected journalists in a training session organised by BBC Radio and the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ). The BBC and ICTJ held a training session on transitional justice for around 20 Congolese journalists.</p> <p>Participation: 20</p>	
2 public meetings in Kasenyi and Tchomia	09 and 10 May 2008	Kasenyi and Tchomia, Ituri.	<p>Further to the objective of reaching previously untargeted populations, in each <i>localité</i> we organised a meeting with local leaders, village chiefs and interested members of the public. It was the very first direct contact with the populations of these two <i>localités</i>. Our message consisted of informing them about the Court, its jurisdiction and the ongoing cases, in particular, the joinder of the Katanga and Ngudjolo cases.</p> <p>The mission was undertaken in collaboration with the Human Rights Section of MONUC, the UN mission in the Congo.</p> <p>Participation: 467 (Kasenyi) and 779 (Marabo). Total: 1246</p>	
Seminar on proceedings before the ICC	16 May 2008	Kinshasa	<p>In collaboration with the <i>Ligue des avocats du Barreau de Kinshasa/Matete</i>, the ICC organised a seminar on proceedings before the ICC. The ongoing cases and the issue of complementarity were presented to lawyers of the Kinshasa bar association. The opening of the Lubanga trial acted as an impetus to take a look at proceedings before the ICC. The presenter was a lawyer at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.</p> <p>Participation: 103</p>	

Open discussion with representatives of NGOs which are members of the Coalition for the ICC	10 May 2008	Kinshasa	In order to enable a large number of people to be informed about the trial proceedings, we compiled a list, in collaboration with the NGOs, of activities to be carried out jointly during the trial of Thomas Lubanga. Participation: 20	Evaluation form Attendance list
Radio Okapi broadcast <i>"Institution, c'est facile à comprendre"</i>	05 – 10 May 2008	Radio Okapi Kinshasa	This programme is produced by Radio Okapi, the UN radio station. Duration of broadcast: approx. 5 minutes. Broadcast during the first week of every month in 5 languages: French (Monday), Swahili (Tuesday), Tshiluba (Wednesday), Kikongo (Thursday) and Lingala (Friday). Twice a day. The programme aims to explain how the Court works. Questions come from listeners. Radio Okapi's broadcasts can be heard nationwide and reach roughly 25 million people.	Radio broadcast Audience reaction
Broadcast of the programme <i>"Connaître la Cour Pénale Internationale"</i> by Radio stations in Ituri	1 – 25 May 2008	Radio Amkeni (Mambassa), Radio Colombe (Mahagi), Radio Tempête du Lac (Kasenyi), Radio Océan (Aru). Ituri.	Programmes about the Court were broadcast in French and in local languages. <i>"Connaître la Cour Pénale Internationale"</i> is produced by the ICC Outreach Unit.	Audience report
Three-day information session for the Nzambe malam and Kimbanguist churches and Muslims	15, 16 and 17 May 2008	Bunia, Ituri.	Information about the Lubanga trial and the warrant for Bosco Tangana was given to worshippers: a total of 1,320 people.	Attendance lists
Interviews given following the arrest	Starting on 25 May	Kinshasa	We responded to questions from the media on the arrest of Jean-Pierre	

of Jean-Pierre Bemba			<p>Bemba, which aroused considerable public interest. Mr Bemba was the opponent of President Kabila in the presidential elections; he is highly popular in Kinshasa in particular. After the arrest, Mr Bemba's supporters denounced "the politicisation of the ICC". Despite the tension caused by the arrest, we were able to convey information from the ICC.</p>	
<i>"Droit et Devoir"</i> programme	12 – 17 April 2008	Radio Okapi Kinshasa	<p>This programme is produced by Radio Okapi, the UN radio station. Radio Okapi broadcast the second part of the interview with Laetitia Bonnet from VPRS. Duration of broadcast: approx. 5 minutes. Broadcast during the second week of every month in 5 languages: French (Mondays), Swahili (Tuesdays), Tshiluba (Wednesdays), Kikongo (Thursdays) and Lingala (Fridays). Twice daily.</p> <p>Questions come mainly from listeners. Radio Okapi broadcasts nationwide and reaches approximately 25 million people.</p>	Radio broadcast Audience reaction