

This bulletin reports events information compiled from sms-messages received from multiple representatives of four villages in South Kivu under the *Voix des Kivus* pilot project. The *Voix des Kivus* pilot is undertaken by Columbia University to examine the feasibility of using a decentralized SMS platform to obtain high-quality and real-time event data for South Kivu. Analysis of the consistency and quality of data received will be used in January 2010 to determine whether to scale up the system to the wider South Kivu area. Data collected through this system represents public event data volunteered by village representatives; it is reported here unedited (except for automated editing to avoid double counting). The completeness or accuracy of this data cannot be guaranteed by the project.

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Map 1 *Voix des Kivus* operates in four villages in South Kivu.

	Village 1	Village 2	Village 3	Village 4	Total
Non empty messages	23	8	36	9	76
Non empty non practice messages					0
Events	23	4	36	8	71
00 Nothing to report	0	4	0	1	5
11 Presence of MONUC	1	0	11	0	12
12 Presence of FARDC forces	1	1	11	0	13
13 Presence of other armed groups	0	0	1	0	1
21 Attacks on village by MONUC	0	0	0	0	0
22 Attacks on village by FARDC	0	0	0	0	0
23 Attacks on village by rebel group	0	0	0	0	0
24 Attacks on the village by unknown group	0	0	0	0	0
31 Civilian deaths (man)	0	0	0	0	0
32 Civilian deaths (woman)	1	0	0	0	1
33 Civilian deaths (child)	0	0	0	0	0
34 MONUC deaths	0	0	0	0	0
35 FARDC deaths	0	0	0	0	0
36 Other rebel group deaths	0	0	0	0	0
41 Rioting	0	0	0	0	0
42 Looting/ property damage	2	0	3	0	5
43 Violence between villagers	0	0	0	0	0
44 Theft of development funds	5	0	0	0	5
51 Kidnapping by FARDC	0	0	3	0	3
52 Kidnapping by rebel group	0	0	0	0	0
53 Arrival of Refugees or IDPs	0	0	0	0	0
54 Departure of villagers as IDPs	0	0	0	0	0
61 New outbreak of disease	0	0	2	0	2
62 Civilian death due to disease	1	3	1	1	6
63 Civilian death due to natural causes	0	0	0	0	0
64 Sexual violence against women	0	0	0	0	0
65 Sexual violence against men	1	0	0	0	1
71 Flooding/heavy rain	0	0	1	0	1
72 Large forest or village fire	0	0	0	0	0
73 Earthquake	0	0	0	2	2
74 Drought	0	0	0	0	0
75 Crop failure/ plague	3	0	0	1	4
81 Complaint against NGO	0	0	0	0	0
82 Practice message	2	0	1	0	3
83 Unclassifiable issue (followed by text)	6	0	1	4	11
84 Security alert	0	0	1	0	1
90 Blank	1	0	1	2	4
91 Other	0	0	0	0	0

Data range: 04/21/2010 to 05/21/2010

Timeline: Events by Village



Table 2 Each point represents a unique reported event of a given type. Two reports of the same type received within 24 hours of each other from different reporters in the same village are counted as a single event. Event reporting has not been independently verified by *Voix des Kivus*.

Date	Translated Message(EN)	Traduction du SMS (FR)
2010-05-15	I sent you an SMS talking about the baby who was born with some abnormalities.	J'ai envoyer un SMS à propos de l'enfant qui était né avec certaines anomalies.
2010-05-15	The rain damaged fields.	La pluie a détruit les champs.
2010-05-15	Pigs got a disease called TONGO.	Les porcs ont attrapés une épidémie appelé TONGO.
2010-05-16	The fields in the area of [****] are not fertile anymore.	Les champs dans notre milieu [****] ne sont plus productif.
2010-05-17	MONUC helicopter hovered above the village.	L'hélicoptère de la MONUC survolle le village.
2010-05-18	We do not have a meeting room and we lack some materials.	Nous n'avons pas une salle de réunion et nous manquons quelques matériels.
2010-05-19	There is a presence of other armed groups similar to FDLR on their way to the village for plundering.	Il y a presence d'autres groupes armées semblables aux FDLR se dirigeant vers le village pour piller.
2010-05-20	A woman was killed by the FARDC.	Une femme a été tué par les FARDC.
2010-05-21	A woman died in [****].	Une femme est décédé à [****].

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Table 3 In addition to codes (as given on the previous page), village representatives can send text. This table provides these texts in both English and French; in the majority of cases *Voix des Kivus* receives these textmessages in Swahili.