

Dates Covered: 2010-03-27 to 2010-04-03.

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.



 $\bf {Map\ 1}\ \it Voix\ \it des\ \it Kivus$  operates in four villages in South Kivu.

**Table 1** This table gives the number of each type of event reported from each location. Identical messages received from different representatives in the same location within 24 hours of each other are treated as single reports.

	Village 1	Village 2	Village 3	Village 4	Total
Non empty messages	21	10	32	12	75
Non empty non practice messages					0
Events	20	7	30	10	67
00 Nothing to report	0	3	0	1	4
11 Presence of MONUC	1	0	8	0	9
12 Presence of FARDC forces	0	0	12	0	12
13 Presence of other armed groups	0	0	0	0	0
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)	0	0	0	0	0
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	1	0	0	0	1
42 Looting/ property damage	0	0	0	0	0
43 Violence between villagers	0	0	0	0	0
44 Theft of development funds	1	0	0	0	1
51 Kidnapping by FARDC	0	0	2	0	2
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	3	0	3
62 Civilian death due to disease	2	3	3	2	10
63 Civilian death due to natural causes	0	0	0	0	0
64 Sexual violence against women	1	0	0	0	1
65 Sexual violence against men	1	0	0	0	1
71 Flooding/heavy rain	0	0	0	0	0
72 Large forest or village fire	0	1	0	3	4
73 Earthquake	0	0	0	0	0
74 Drought	0	0	0	0	0
75 Crop failure/ plague	5	2	0	2	9
81 Complaint against NGO	1	0	0	0	1
82 Practice message	3	0	0	0	3
83 Unclassifiable issue (followed by text)	4	0	1	3	8
	0	1	1	0	2
84 Security alert					
90 Blank	0	1	5	4	10
91 Other	1	0	2	1	4

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## Timeline: Events by Village Deaths related Local violence to armed combat and property loss



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)		
2010-03-29	FARDC kidnapped people who were then forced to transport things.	Les FARDC ont enlevées des individus qui ont été forcés de transporter des effets.		
2010-03-29	In the night of March 27 the gold mine collapse and three villagers and one	Dans la nuit du mars 27 une mine d'or s'est effondrée a tué trois villageois et		
	FARDC soldier were killed.	un millitaire de FARDC.		
2010-03-29	FARDC passed by the village and made people transport things.	Les FARDC sont passées par le village et ont forcés des individus à transporter		
2010-03-29		leurs effets.		
2010-03-29	FARDC helicopter hovered above the village.	L'helicopter des FARDC survolle le village.		
2010-03-31	The storm and the rain damaged fields and one house in [****].	Le vend et la pluie ont détruit les champs et une maison à [****].		
2010-03-31	FARDC helicopter hovered above the village.	L'helicopter des FARDC survolle le village.		
2010-04-01	A child died due to disease.	Un enfant est décédé de suite d'une maladie.		
2010-04-02	Our fields were damaged by the rain.	Nos champs ont été détruit par la pluie.		
2010-04-02	Our fields were damaged by the rain.	Nos champs ont été détruit par la pluie.		
2010-04-03	A man died due to disease and FARDC passed by the village and made people	Un homme est décédé de suite d'une maladie et les FARDC sont passées par le		
	transport things.	village et ont forcés des individus à transporter leurs effets.		
2010-04-03	MONUC helicopter hovered above the village.	L'Hélicopter de la MONUC survolle le village.		

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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.

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