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WorldShare Launches Emergency Response Appeal for Goma Amidst Intensifying Civil Conflict

GOMA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO – January 28, 2025 – As fighting intensifies in the Democratic Republic of Congo's (DRC) eastern city of Goma, WorldShare has launched an emergency response appeal to provide critical aid to those affected by the escalating conflict.

The current crisis stems from the resurgence of the M23 rebel group, a predominantly rebel force that has been engaged in armed conflict with the DRC Government.

The resurgence of the M23 rebel group has triggered a humanitarian crisis, displacing hundreds of thousands of people throughout the eastern territories of DRC since the start on 2025 and leaving many without access to basic necessities.

On Friday the 24th of January the rebel forces invaded the region's capital city of Goma, where almost a million displaced people have taken refuge. Reports indicate widespread killings, the destruction of homes, and the disruption of essential services such as electricity, internet connectivity, and water supply. [cite: 1]

WorldShare's emergency response appeal aims to address the urgent needs of those affected by the conflict, including:

- **Food and water:** Providing food packages and clean water, to displaced families and communities.
- **Medical assistance:** Supporting medical facilities with essential supplies to treat the injured and sick.
- **Fuel for generators:** Ensuring the operation of critical infrastructure such as hospitals.

"The situation in Goma is dire, with countless lives at stake," says Dr Glyn Henman, CEO of WorldShare. "We are committed to providing immediate assistance to those in need and ensuring their safety and well-being."

WorldShare has a long-standing presence in the DRC and is working closely with local partners to deliver aid effectively.

To support WorldShare's emergency response appeal, please visit worldshare.org.au.

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About WorldShare:

WorldShare is a Christian non-profit organisation dedicated to empowering communities and transforming lives through sustainable development programs. With a focus on education, health, and sharing the Gospel, WorldShare works in partnership with local communities to create lasting change.

Note: This media release is based on the information provided and may be subject to change as the situation evolves.

Additional Information:

- Direct emails from individuals in Goma provide harrowing details of the conflict's impact on civilians.
- The BBC and ABC News reports offer further insights into the ongoing situation.
- WorldShare's webpage (worldshare.org.au/gomarelief) provides additional context and information on the organisation's response efforts.
- WorldShare's CEO Dr Glyn Henman is available for interview until Friday 7th February.
- WorldShare may be able to organise a prerecorded interview with our partners on the ground (depending on time, phone/internet and electricity availability) until Thursday 6th February.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require further assistance.

