



Birth registration ceremony for children in the DRC's Tanganyika under the PBF project «Durable Solutions for peaceful coexistence between Twa and Bantu IDPs, returnees and host communities in Tanganyika province»



Kasandja Kabo Fideline receives a birth certificate from the DSRSG/RC/HC
Photo: UNHCR, Nobuko Shimura, 30 September 2021



Tanganyika, DRC, 1 October 2021 - As part of the project «Durable Solutions for peaceful coexistence between Twa and Bantu IDPs, returnees and host communities in Tanganyika province», supported by the Peacebuilding Fund, H.E. Mr. Kamona YUMBA DIEUDONNÉ, Provincial Minister of the Interior and Security, and Mr. David McLachlan-Karr, the United Nations' Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General and Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in the DRC, attended a ceremony where over 200 children received their birth certificates.

Referring to the critical role played by UNHCR in supporting the Government to end statelessness in the province, H.E. Mr. Kamona YUMBA DIEUDONNÉ emphasized in his speech that birth registration is an essential children's right and gives children access to basic social services especially health care and education while protecting them from exploitation, violence, and abuse. He also expressed his appreciation to MONUSCO for all its efforts to improve the security in the province.

This joint project of UNFPA, FAO and UNHCR addresses the root causes of conflict and integrates peace and sustainable development in the DRC's Tanganyika province by offering durable solutions to Twa and Bantu internally displaced persons (IDPs), returnees as well as host communities. The project will create a protective and enabling environment for their sustainable reintegration or integration into communities, strengthen accountability mechanisms, increase youth capacity in conflict prevention and resolution, and improve social infrastructures and access to economic opportunities and sustainable livelihoods, with a focus on the most vulnerable people including women and youth.

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