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**FINAL REPORT FORM
for
WACC-SUPPORTED PROJECT**

This document is for end-of-project reporting. It has two parts: a) Narrative Report; b) Financial Report.

You will need to refer to your Project Application Form, the Agreement with WACC, and your bank statement when completing this form. Please return it with supporting documents and materials to WACC. Please answer the questions as fully as possible.

THE NARRATIVE REPORT

1. Project Title: (as appeared in the Agreement)	The Giant Peace Dove Media Campaign
2. Project Reference Number: (as appeared in the Agreement)	xA44-11
3. Full Name of Project Holder:	Umoja Wa akina Mama Fizi
4. Full Address:	PO Box 58 Kigoma Tanzania
5. Name of Country:	D R Congo
6. Period the project was implemented: (from month/year to month/year)	April 2007 to April 2008
7. Project Grant received:	Amount in local currency: 3,756,000 TSH Amount in Euros or US\$ (circle as appropriate):2,230EUR
8. Date(s) Project Grant(s) were received: (as in your bank statement) 1 st remittance 2 nd remittance	26 June 2007

9. Activities

During the period of the project, UWAFI conducted a training session on “women build peace” with participants from the UWAFI Network (UN) of women activists from around Fizi; and an exchange visit with leading human rights organizations in Uvira for 10 women from the network to exchange information on approaches to peace advocacy and women’s rights.



Due to funding constraints, UWAFI could not publish 300 copies of the newsletter, “*Wanawake na Hali ya Unyanyasaji*” (Women and Oppression) as initially planned.

Additionally, the following activities were carried out throughout the year:

1. Educational activities to encourage reflection and discussion that leads to personal and collective action among women. Throughout this campaign, we encouraged women
 - to do educational work in schools, workplaces and communities,
 - to support local women's groups,
 - to distribute Education and Action kits to schools.
 - to speak out on issues of public policy and women’s human rights. We encourage women to talk in schools, workplaces, and places of worship about the problem of violence against women.



2. Organized three Peace Day picnics at our local level and flew our doves (here in the picture doves are represented by balloons) with pride.



3. Painted “peace” murals and displayed them in front of the churches, mosques and schools and also attached them to fences. Altogether, 12 groups painted murals for this campaign.



4. Helped groups to get started. “Peace Dove” as a symbol of peace making/building Workshops were held in Misufi, Kihimbi and Misisi Villages. These are the villages where doves were flown. They constitute the epicentre of war where many women have endured harmful treatment by armed groups during the liberation war.



5. Distributed to schools Peace educational kits that were used throughout the year to meditate on peace subjects.



6. Worked with the media to contribute to the end of violence against women.



10. Was the project successful? (If possible, please give measurable indicators.)

The Giant Peace Dove Media Campaign was a really success. It has provided a way to learn how to live peace. The workshops and presentation sessions helped to cut differences among local communities. The campaign was a coalition of community organisations from 3 villages and influential individuals committed to fostering a culture of non-violence in the community. The message reached 24 places of worship in the territory and in 12 schools in the vicinity.

11. Project Beneficiaries

The campaign was open to any man or woman from fizi territory who was opposed to violence against women, who subscribed to equality between man and woman. The project as a whole reached out 100 women from Fizi and 60 men from all sorts of background.

12. How have the beneficiaries reacted to the programme activities? What were the impacts of the project and different effects on women and men in the project?

The project was very welcomed by the beneficiaries. Their reaction was to say that they wish such a campaign to be an on-going activity rather than to be a one-off. For the campaign to have positive results, people to be informed and told about peace building strategies again and again. Therefore, any continued support from WACC would be appreciated (if this is applicable).

13. Outcome and Outputs of the project: What has your project achieved and what has changed?

The project has seen positive outcomes. Few indicators prove this. After the implementation of the programme, 12 schools in the territory have adopted and scripted peace messages in their curriculum to support the Giant Peace Dove Media Campaign as campaigned for during the period of the project. There is now a considerable amount of police presence in the territory to protect civil liberties as this one of the requests from Uwafi during the campaign period from the local authority. The number of women participating in the territory decision making panel has increased as well from 3 women per village committee to 6 women per village committee. This increase of 50% is a result of the campaign to try to raise the voice of women in the territory and to be heard.

14. Evaluation

14.1 What were the results of evaluating the project?

During the year being considered, Uwafi has evaluated the project effectiveness and commitment. Based on results, we are pleased to say that our work on behalf of Fizi woman has been somehow completed as planned in spite of political and economic instability in the region. We have achieved as much as we had hoped.

Positive Feed back comments were received from the beneficiaries of the project. Beneficiaries were very receptive to our posters which were produced to promote dialogue and communication on peace. The public and passer-bys have commented that our activities were really needed during this period as they have facilitated discussions and have brought to life meeting points to debate matters of common concern.

14.2 What were the challenges, difficulties, and/or failures in carrying out the project? Please explain how you addressed these issues.

Though this period has given a little hope to the whole population of Fizi with the Peace campaign in the territory, both the political and social situations did not enable Uwafi and its partner grassroot organisations to totally materialise its activities as initially foreseen. The reasons are here below explained:

- Weak mobilisation of local and external resources due to political instability;
- Massive displacement of the population out of their villages running for their safety;
- Limited financial resources to face a huge amount of needs;
- Weak networking system with other human rights activists leaving a great amount of

- work to Uwafi to carry out this kind of activities on her own;
- Scattered efforts of local organisations supported by Uwafi due to poor contact with local political authorities.

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1. Uwafi will continue to work with other human rights activists to consolidate their efforts for change.

15. Other comments, if any.

In relation to our campaign results and based on feedback comments gathered from beneficiaries and the public in general, this coming year's programme activities will focus on:

- Reinforcing analysis, capacity building, negotiation, lobby and planning for activists of human rights.
- Awareness raising, synergy promotion and reinforcement, networking and complementarities between grassroots movements and local authority in a sense that common programs may make a difference at all levels.
- Support the emergence and reinforce a culture of a more participative and more democratic approach which could put together local authorities and women's human rights organisations in the planning of important activities seen to be of priority. This means, in some of Uwafi programs to see local authorities become part of the planning, resource mobilisation, carrying out, follow-up etc.

We do believe with such a programme a more trust worthy Fizi could be ready to collaborate with women organisations, a culture where gender would be accommodated and the peaceful coexistence between ethnic groups is more visibly healthy.

16. Name of the person submitting the report:

Position: Mme Russi Alema, Director

Date: 03.06.2008

Signature:

