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Mama Koité Doumbia, member of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims, visits projects under the Assistance Mandate in eastern DRC



Mama Koité Doumbia, representing the African States at the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims, and Pieter de Baan, TFV Executive Director at the press conference in Bunia, Democratic Republic of the Congo on 22 February 2017.

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On 22 February 2017, Mama Koité Doumbia, representing the African States at the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims (TFV) at the International Criminal Court (ICC), concluded a two-day official visit to Bunia, Democratic Republic of the Congo. The aim is to visit projects under the Trust Fund's assistance mandate by two implementing partners based in Bunia, Cooperazione Internazionale (COOPI) and Association des Mamans Anti Bwaki (AMAB).

Mama Koité is accompanied by a TFV delegation headed by Pieter de Baan, Executive Director of the Trust Fund.

The visit shows Trust Fund's unique imprint and track record of delivering reparative value to victims and their communities.

On 21 February 2017, Mama Koité and TFV delegation held meetings with Hon. Dr. Jefferson Abdallah Pene Mbaka, Governor of the Province of Ituri and Mr. Soro Karna, Chef de Bureau, MONUSCO. In the meetings Mama Koité briefed about the Trust Fund's current work in Ituri including achievements and continued efforts to bring assistance to the most vulnerable victims of crimes under the Rome Statute. The meetings confirmed that collaboration and exchange of information with the authorities as well as with the UN system are key ingredients for the success of the victims-centered projects supported by the Trust Fund.

Mama Koité stated "I am very pleased and honoured to be in Ituri to demonstrate that the Trust Fund's Board of Directors is keen to accompany the victims on their road to recovery – and also to accompany our implementing partners in their very important work. The most vulnerable victims and survivors of conflicts are in dire need of assistance to regain their dignity and to rebuild their lives within their communities. My personal assessment from this visit is that the intervention of the Trust Fund through its assistance mandate has been of vital importance to the most vulnerable victims, including children and women, and that it must be continued with the support of our funding partners".

Over 230,000 victim survivors in DRC have benefited from the Trust Fund's assistance mandate – including access to reproductive health services, vocational training, savings and loans initiatives [mutuelles de la solidarite], trauma-based counselling, reconciliation and conflict mediation workshops, reconstructive surgery and more.

Mama Koité Doumbia was elected in 2015 for a term of three years as a member of TFV Board of Directors representing the African States.

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