

**Question for written answer E-010428/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Humanitarian crisis in North Kivu: time for action

In the past 16 months North Kivu, a province in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo, has been ravaged daily by lethal attacks from one of the last rebel movements active in the area, the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF). Caritas Butembo-Beni¹ has calculated that these attacks have cost the lives of hundreds of people in the past two months, while more than 72 000 have fled from the ongoing violence.

What steps has the EEAS taken to stabilise this lethal conflict?

What resources has the Commission provided to offer the necessary humanitarian aid to these regions?

If it has taken no action, is the Commission willing to set aside additional funds to alleviate the humanitarian crisis in this region?

¹ http://caritasdev.cd/fr/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2752:beni&catid=25&Itemid=100053