

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. MENTAL HEALTH

A focus on the child's mental health through the establishment of efficient rehabilitation programs, with massive support for (mental) health, including alternative programs such as art and sport therapy to facilitate their reintegration.

2. EDUCATION

Tailor-made education programs including quality school education and vocational trainings with sustainable results and long-term effects on the child's reintegration to guarantee full recovery and recognition on the professional field.

2.1 It is also important to include within these education programs :

- Peace education for their mental well-being and to understand the impact that war has on them.
- Sexual education to provide the fundamentals on consent, STDs and STIs, assess and tackle the issue of the psychological trauma caused by incidents of rape, forced sexual slavery and rebuild their self-esteem.

3. CIVIL SOCIETIES

The development and further implication of the civil society to maintain the collection of data on child soldiers and recruitment :

3.1 Development of the Triple Nexus

3.2 Involvement of Belgian companies specifically in DRC

4. LONG-TERM REINTEGRATION AND REINFORCEMENT OF COMMUNITIES

The full reintegration of a child in WAPA's programmes costs between 3.000€ and 5.000€. An effective reintegration program should last between 5 to 7 years.

4.1 Work on prevention campaigns and tackle the subject to its root

4.2 To develop better communities and protect the locals from the rebels groups and their raids.

5. INTERNATIONAL RULES AND CUSTOMS

Constant reminder of the existing legislation to which countries abide to.

5.1 Specifically a review of the international legal treaties, international human and children's rights.

5.2 To review the diplomatic relations specifically between Belgium and RDC.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL TRANSITION

To further support these developing countries in the transition to more sustainable and ecological transition.

6.1 To guarantee a sustainable and long-term future for these children and enable them to maintain a standard way of living with access to food and clean water.

7. URBAN VS RURAL LIFESTYLES

All these previous points must take into consideration the imbalance between the urban and the rural population and thus should attempt to reduce the inequality as much as possible or otherwise distinguish the different needs and act accordingly.

7.1 All these include equal access to resources between urban and rural populations.

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