

Hundreds of makeshift shelters in the Bushagala displaced persons camp, Nyiragongo territory in North Kivu, DR Congo were destroyed following heavy rains which fell on Thursday, September 14, in this corner of the country.

The president of the sites for displaced people in Nyiragongo territory, Théo Musekura said that the rain seriously destroyed the shelters of the displaced. The tarps are completely in tatters, others have been blown away by the wind and other shelters damaged by trees that fell during the storm. This is to say that at the moment, many families of the displaced are homeless, the others are trying to put the pieces of tarpaulin back together to rebuild, but it is difficult.

He also called for urgent assistance for these victims saying, "I ask humanitarian NGOs and our Government to monitor the situation and come to the aid of the displaced. Also, we ask them to quickly restore peace in our villages to allow us to return there and resume normal life; because conditions are deteriorating in these displaced persons camps..."

According to him, the majority of these displaced people from Bushagala spent the night under the stars.

The committees of displaced people from the sites located around Kanyarutshinya indicate that the last tarpaulins received for assistance, more than 6 months ago, are already in tatters.

This situation increases the vulnerability of the displaced during this rainy season.