

## **Report of a general assessment mission to the Suriname river up to Djumu, 13 and 14 May 2006. Contact person: Sander van Dijk**

### **General impression and conclusion:**

Life is getting back to normal. The most urgent needs of food, water and shelter are met. The current needs are: compensation for damaged crops, replacement of damaged foodstocks, school material, repair of generators for electricity supply, fuel, medicine stock, repair or replacement of hand tools for woodwork and reconstruction of houses.

### **Specific information of regions**

#### Djumu and surrounding villages:

- Need for technicians to repair electrical motors of tools and machines for woodwork and brick production.
- All school material is damaged.
- 75% of the houses are not inhabited yet because of wet floors, people sleep in other houses.
- 100% of the agricultural plots are completely damaged
- 70% of the stored food is gone.
- The waterpurification plant for the whole area is functioning well.
- The electricity supply is working
- No acute food shortage
- Need for medicine replenish and stock

#### Semoissie

- 150 of the 300 houses are flooded.
- Medical mission is functioning well
- The aggregate used for electricity supply is damaged and needs an expert to repair.
- The normal source of drinking water is the river. People are reluctant to return to this normal routine due to assumed pollution (my own impression is that the water quality of the mainstream is not different from the normal conditions due to the huge quantity of water and moving speed and absence of pollution sources.
- 50% of agricultural grounds are damaged
- All school material is gone.

#### Botopasie

- The NOGs (red cross) have made a detailed inventory of the needs and damage and forwarded this to the NCCR
- Only part of the food packages expected have arrived.
- Medical mission is not functioning well due to a lack of personnel and stock.
- The aggregate used for electricity supply is damaged and needs an expert to repair.
- There is a lack of fuel (boats and aggregates) to perform the distribution of goods.
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