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The Voice of Hope War Refugee Project is supported by Mid Essex Area Meeting.

This project will support war refugees in eastern DRC, primarily in the cities of Bukavu, Goma, Uvira, Kamanyola, Sange, Bwegera, and other territories, providing food, water, and other necessities to Congolese Quakers who have fled the war in eastern DRC, due to a war that will soon be two years old since the M23 rebels occupied the provinces of North Kivu and South Kivu. Burundi has been the only neighboring country where Congolese refugees hope to find refuge, leading to a large influx.

This project will provide essential support to Congolese Quaker refugee families in the transit camp in Burundi before they can be officially recognised as registered refugees by UNHCR. Once they are recognized, refugees receive support from the UNHCR on a permanent basis, but prior to this recognition, no support is given to new refugees in the transit camp. The project will support them for three months prior to recognition. Working with local authorities and community leaders, beneficiaries will be identified and will receive basic food items (rice, beans, oil, salt) and hygiene kits (soap, jerrycans, sanitary napkins). Essential clothing for children and adults will also be provided. In addition, the project will organise awareness-raising and community activities, such as sessions on hygiene, health, and social cohesion, as well as sports and cultural activities.

