**B.5 D.R.C, Goma - 2002 - Volcano**

**Case study: Distribution and technical support**

**Project type:**  
Materials distribution.  
Self-build, with technical support.

**Disaster:**  
Democratic Republic of Congo, Goma volcano eruption, 2002

**Number of houses damaged:**  
15,000 houses were destroyed and 87,000 people were made homeless.

**Project target population:**  
Initially 3,000 families, increased to 5,000 (33%).  
Part of a joint intervention targeting 12,625 families (85% of the 15,000 affected)

**Occupancy rate on handover:**  
All shelters completed.

**Shelter size**  
24m². Total materials cost 180 USD, including plastic sheeting.

**Project timeline**
- Jan 2002 – Volcano erupts
- Feb 2002 – First transitional shelters erected
- Oct 2002 – 1,307 families assisted

**Summary**

Distribution of mostly locally-procured materials for beneficiaries to build their own transitional shelters on self-selected plots after the eruption of the volcano in Goma. The distribution was accompanied by technical support and distribution monitoring.

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A temporary house built during this project  
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