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Appeal to emergency in Guinea Bissau

Dear Friends,

The **appeal** comes from **Caritas Guinea** for the **worsening of humanitarian situation** in the north of Guinea Bissau. These are the areas involved in the conflict between the army and Casamance's rebels in South Sudan. The isolated people are about 21,000 and the **refugees are 11,000**.

Women and children and the more exposed people.

At present, there is only one nurse for 11,000 people, no doctor and no possibility to evacuate patients to hospitals. Recently, a person suffering of hernia has died because it was not possible to bring him to the hospital for surgery.

Such cases will increase if the only road connecting Varela and Suzane to the rest of the country will not re-open.

Further, UN agencies sustaining the refugees are starting running out of supplies and so reducing their help.

THIS IS THE REASON WHY WE WANT TO SUSTAIN, TOGETHER WITH THE MISSIONARY CENTRE NAMED PIME IN MILAN, THE GUINEA CARITAS. SINCE THE START THIS ORGANISATION HAS BEEN SENDING SUPPORT TO THE PEOPLE MORE AFFECTED. WE WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE ORGANISATION BY SENDING MONEY TO BUY:

1. Aid of first necessity for the refugees and isolated people: medicines, rice, oil, sugar, cloths, mats and mosquito nets;
2. fuel for canoes bringing help to the isolated areas, such as Suzane and Varela;
3. support to families once back in their own villages, now destroyed, by giving them seeds for agriculture, food till next harvest, restart of production activities.

IF YOU WISH TO CONTRIBUTE TO SUCH CAUSE, PLEASE SEND A DONATION TO:

- Pimedit Onlus. Address: via Mosè Bianchi, 94 20149 Milan – Postal account number: n. 39208202

- our association PS76 ONLUS. Address: Via G. Alessi 6/16 A - 16128 GENOA - IBAN C 06175 01418 000001212780

Please state as a reference: "Emergenza Guinea Bissau S101"

THANKS TO YOU ALL,

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