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IN ENGLISH:

Hello all Liana members,

Dear friends,

who contributed to the relief action funded by Liana and implemented by Drug Fighters and Counseling for Young Generation in Kibera slum. I am sure you have been waiting to hear something from us.

An ODM Member of Parliament was shot dead on Monday night and it triggered more riots and unrest. You don't call these as 'political demonstrations' any more. One does not go to political demonstrations with matches, kerosene and a machete or a sharp knife! The current unrest does not any more seem to have much to do with the election, it has developed into a different crisis since the disputed elections. Now its about historical tensions between tribes, distribution of land and other resources like government jobs, frustration due to inequality between the social classes and tribes, simple hooliganism and crime... complicated and intertwined matters. What is, however, clear is the incredible suffering of very many 'normal' citizens, lives lost in a most brutal way, women and girls raped, homes and businesses burned, fear and traumas that can take a lifetime to heal. Anyway, just when we thought its going to get calmer again, another opposition MP was shot dead. And more riots broke out.

So the past week was very difficult in Kibera. The distribution of food was delayed till Friday as it was too dangerous to operate, the distributors could not get to the distribution point and the people couldn't come to get the food.

Martha & Agnes (from mails and text messages): We received the funds on Monday, we had planned to buy the stuffs yesterday [Tuesday] and distribute them yesterday [Tuesday] but little did we know how the day was going to be like. It was a horrible day in Kibera and Ngumo(where our offices are). We woke up to chaotic day; killings and burnings everywhere. We were attacked on our way to the office, we had to flee for our safety. ... Martha, Frida and Isaac were attacked in the morning. Nobody was injured and nothing was taken from them. They escaped to Mbagathi District hospital. ... Today [Wednesday] the violence has reduced but very high tension. Eija, we can't even comprehend all what is happening, it all seems like horror movies not a reality. We are crying to God day and night to do something.

On Saturday, Agnes held a meeting with the local administrators; the chiefs e.t.c because we want to organize a peace workshop in Kibera and its important for us to work together with the local arm of the government who are the local administrators. In the process of our discussion with them, we realized that nobody has reached out to the disabled with food and beddings. There are so many disabled people in Kibera who were affected and they are already disadvantaged compared to everybody else. Therefore, we decided that we will include most of them in our coming foodstuffs distribution which we were meant to do yesterday.

I am still waiting to hear how the Friday food distribution went. I'll pass on all information from Agnes et al. later on.

After our appeal, we received 2448 euros in total. 1000 euros alone came from Vantaan Energia! One of the spouses of Liana members has previously worked for the company and thus the connection. The rest came from individual donors, not so very many persons, but most contributed very generously indeed. On top Liana had unused funds for this activity 250 euros.

After talking with Agnes we decided to divide the sum into two parts, one part for this past week and the rest for the following week... better to help with slightly smaller rations and try to help people survive for two weeks.

Thank you for your contributions to this activity. With your generous contributions we are able to take action next week again!

With best regards, Eija

SUOMEKSI:

Hei kaikki Lianan jäsenet,

Hyvät ystävät,
jotka lahjoitte hätäapuun Lianan kautta Drug Fighters and Counseling for the Young Generation järjestölle Kiberan slummissa. Olen varma, että olette jo odottaneet kuulumisia meiltä.

ODM:n kansanedustaja ammuttiin kuoliaaksi maanantain ja tiistain välisenä yönä ja se laukaisi uudet mellakat. Näitä mellakoita ei voi enää kutsua poliittisiksi demonstraatioiksi. Poliittisiin demonstraatioihin ei mennä tulitikkujen, kerosiinien ja viidakkoveitsien kanssa. Tämänhetkisillä levottomuuksilla ei näytä enää olevan kovin paljoa tekemistä vaalien kanssa, levottomuudet ovat kehittyneet aivan muuksi kriisiksi. Nyt se on monimutkainen vyyhti, johon liittyvät historialliset heimojen väliset jännitteet, maan ja muiden varojen kuten valtion virkojen jako, sosiaaliluokkien ja heimojen välinen epätasa-arvon aiheuttama turhautuneisuus, silkka huliganismi ja rikollisuus. Mikä on kuitenkin selvää on se uskomaton monien tavallisten kansalaisten kärsimys, elämät menetetty mitä brutaalisin tavoin, naisten ja tyttöjen raiskaukset, poltetut kodit ja kaupat, pelko ja tramat, joista parantuminen vie ehkä koko elämän ajan. Joka tapauksessa, juuri kuin luulimme, että tilanne rauhoittuu, toinen opposition kansanedustaja ammuttiin kuoliaaksi. Ja uudet mellakat alkoivat.

Joten mennyt viikko on ollut erittäin vaikea Kiberassa. Joten ruoan jako myöhästyi perjantaihin, koska sitä ennen oli liian vaarallista operoida, ruoan jakajat eivät päässeet jakopaikkaan, eivätkä ihmiset hakemaan ruokaa.

Marthan ja Agnesin lähettämiä tekstareita ja meiliä en ole kääntänyt suomeksi. Pahoittelen. Lyhyesti: Kiberan tilanne on ollut viime viikon todella paha. Myös Martha, Frida ja Isaac joutuivat hyökkäyksen kohteeksi, mutta pelastuivat täpärästi Mbagathin sairaalalle. Kukaan ei loukkaantunut eikä mitään varastettu. Agnes piti neuvotteluja Kiberan päälliköiden ja muiden johtohenkilöiden kanssa rauhankokouksen järjestämiseksi. Siinä selvisi, että Kiberassa on paljon vammaisia, joita ei ole kukaan vielä auttanut. Heidät päätettiin ottaa mukaan ruoka-avun piiriin tästä ruoka-aperästä lähtien.

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Odotan vielä kuulumisia perjantain ruoanjaosta. Lähetän tietoa Agnesilta ja kumppaneilta myöhemmin.

Lahjoitukset yhteensä olivat 2448 euroa. 1000 euroa siitä tuli Vantaan Energia! Yhtiö on yhden Liana jäsenen puolison entinen työpaikka, siitä yhteys heihin. Loput tuli yksittäisiltä lahjoittajilta, ei niin kovin monelta, mutta suurin osa heistä laittoi erittäin anteliaasti. Tämän lisäksi Lianalla oli tähän tarkoitukseen 250 euroa käyttämättä.

Päätimme Agnesin kanssa, että jaamme lahjoituksen kahteen osaa, ensimmäinen osa tälle mennelle viikolle ja loput ensi viikolle, parempi antaa vähän niukemmat ruoka-annokset ja auttaa perheitä pysymään hengissä kaksi viikkoa.

Kiitos kaikille teille, jotka lahjoitte tähän aktiviteettiin. Teidän anteliaan lahjan avulla pystymme vielä toimimaan ensi viikollakin!

Parhain terveisin, Eija

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