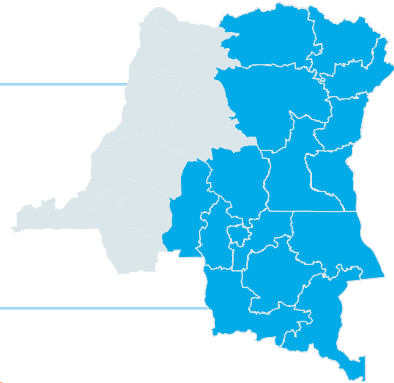


# BUILDING DURABLE SYSTEMS TO ADDRESS VIOLENCE IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

## IMA WORLD HEALTH | 16 YEARS OF IMPACT (2010–2026)

### THE CONTEXT

Years of conflict and instability in eastern DRC have disrupted health systems, displaced communities and eroded protective structures. Women and girls are disproportionately affected, with limited access to comprehensive medical, psychosocial and protection services.



These are the provinces where IMA World Health has supported prevention and survivor response programming.

### IMPACT TO DATE



**382,000+**  
survivors

assisted across major violence prevention and response programs



**28,500+**  
community actors

trained to prevent violence and support survivors in their communities



**47,000+**  
women

supported through Village Savings & Loan Associations to rebuild income and regain economic independence



**3.5 million**  
people

reached with prevention messaging and information about available services



**195,000+**  
PEP kits

procured, packaged and distributed nationwide to prevent HIV and other infections after sexual assault

### OUR APPROACH



#### Prevention

Community education and engagement to address harmful norms, strengthen local leadership and reduce risks before violence occurs



#### Mitigation

Strengthening health facilities, referral networks and safe spaces to reduce harm and improve access to confidential support



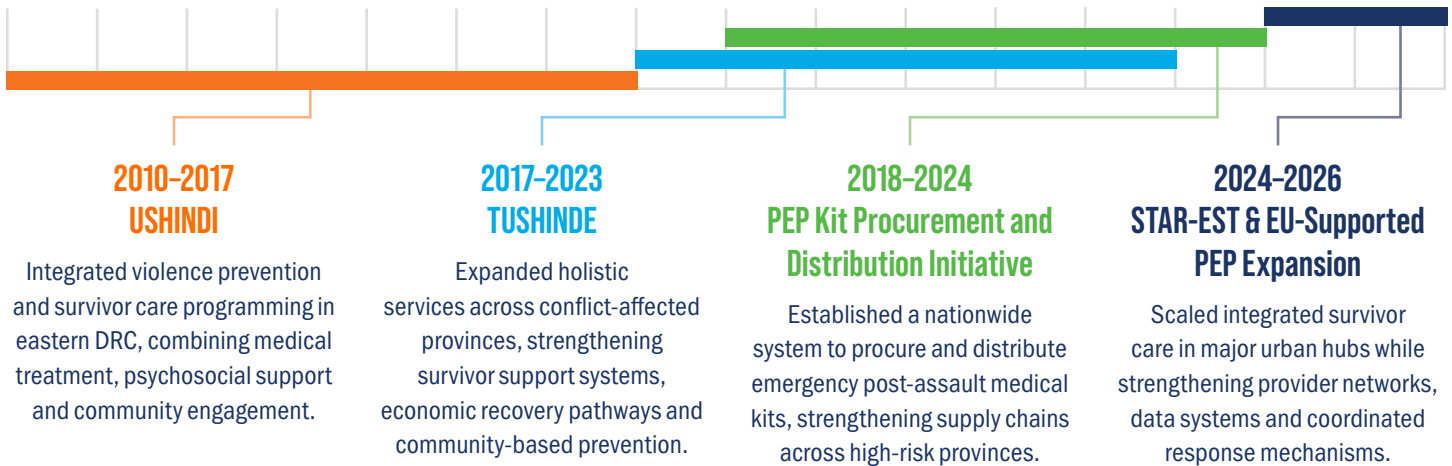
#### Response

Comprehensive survivor care including emergency medical treatment, mental health support and pathways to economic recovery



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## 16 YEARS OF SURVIVOR-CENTERED SCALE



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## PEP KITS: EMERGENCY CARE WHEN TIMING MATTERS MOST

### What is a PEP kit?

A post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) kit is a pre-packaged set of medicines and medical supplies used by trained health providers to treat survivors of sexual assault. It includes medication that can help prevent HIV if given within 72 hours of an assault, along with treatment to address other immediate health risks.

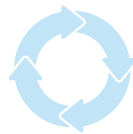
### Why PEP kits matter?

In conflict-affected areas, health facilities often face shortages of essential medicines and supplies. By ensuring complete PEP kits are available in advance, providers can deliver timely, lifesaving care when survivors seek treatment.

### Scale and Systems Strengthening



**195,000+** PEP kits  
procured, packaged and  
distributed nationwide



**115+** health zones  
supported through  
strengthened supply chains



**National DHIS2 system**  
strengthened to improve tracking,  
reporting and accountability

### How the System Works



### Conclusion

**16 years. Hundreds of thousands of survivors supported.  
A national system strengthened.**



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