



**WEHUBIT**

**Project name**

**Medicapt**

**Country**

**Democratic Republic  
of Congo**



**Implemented by**



**Budget**

**315,000 €**

**Duration**

**12/2019 – 12/2022**

**Contribution to SDGs**



**Implemented by**



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## CHALLENGES

Every year, tens of thousands of adults and children experience sexual and gender based violence (SGBV) in conflict zones worldwide. Many survivors do not report SGBV due to stigma, fear of reprisals, lack of pathways to care and justice and widespread impunity. When reported, cases often fail due to poor evidence and the breakdown of transmitting information from medical facilities to legal systems.

In Democratic Republic of Congo, PHR has long partnered with HEAL Africa Hospital, an institutional leader in sexual violence response in Goma. The hospital will be used as a project pilot to digitally document forensic medical evidence of sexual violence and increase access to justice for survivors.

## DIGITAL SOCIAL INNOVATION



As part of its efforts to mitigate the individual and community-level effects of conflict-related SGBV, PHR developed MediCapt, a mobile application, in collaboration with local clinicians and hospital partners.

The MediCapt app converts a standardized medical intake form for forensic documentation of SGBV to a digital platform and combines it with a secure mobile camera to facilitate forensic photography, enabling clinicians to securely transmit the data to police, lawyers and judges involved in prosecuting SGBV crimes, with the ultimate goal of improving access to justice for survivors.

## WEHUBIT EFFECT



### COLLABORATION

Facilitated introductions to potential partners through the extensive Wehubit network.

### SCALING-UP

Supported PHR in planning to expand MediCapt use to additional regions within current countries of implementation, as well as new countries.

### STRATEGIC GUIDANCE

Provided expertise including recommendations on public sector scale-up and how to engage with relevant stakeholders.

## EXPECTED ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1) Medical trainees use the application to document sexual violence cases and improve the quality, quantity and integrity of forensic medical evidence collected in DRC.
- 2) Law enforcement and legal stakeholders support using MediCapt technology to streamline the process of transferring evidence among relevant actors.
- 3) The MediCapt application and infrastructure are enhanced to improve usability and security.

15 HOSPITAL  
EMPLOYEES INCLUDING  
CLINICIANS AND  
TECH STAFF WILL BE  
TRAINED TO IMPLEMENT  
MEDICAPT

1,120 SEXUAL VIOLENCE  
SURVIVORS WILL BE SERVED  
THROUGH THE PROJECT

## LESSONS LEARNED

In the spirit of the Principles for Digital Development, PHR engages in a co-design process with end users, consistently seeking feedback to ensure the tool functions well in the realities where they work.

When introducing new technology, it is crucial to ensure that the tool is integrated into existing high- and low-tech systems and into user workflow. Co-design processes help to guarantee that tools can be seamlessly introduced into institutions and with individuals.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE?



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