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FDU- INKINGI **Office of the Chairperson**

ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR WEDNESDAY 20th January 2010

On Wednesday 20/1/10, Ingabire Victoire Umuhoza, Chairperson of FDU-Inkingi and her team visited Gisenyi hospital. She witnessed personally health problems faced by Rwandans from the region of Rubavu.

The Chairperson of FDU-Inkingi took that opportunity to visit many prisoners with poor health who have been admitted in that hospital. The majority of them have been in prison for more than 7 years without any trial because the prosecution doesn't have any criminal dossier against them.

One of the prisoners told FDU-Inkingi representatives that he was remanded in custody because the government had developed umudugudu (a small village) in his property without consulting him and no compensation for his land which was used. When he tried to claim against such injustice he was accused through Gacaca of genocide ideology, and then sentenced to purge 15 years of imprisonment. There were prisoners who explained that they were in prison because of their participation in the killing. Victoire Ingabire told the latter that their sentence should be for them a lesson for understanding that nobody had any right to kill anybody else.

During her tour of the City of Gisenyi in the region of Rubavu, Victoire Ingabire visited the area surrounding the Lake Kivu. She met with children who couldn't pursue their secondary education, consequently many parents let them to find how to survive on their own while still very young, for example by renting boats to commute on the lake. Some of these children told Victoire Ingabire their problems that need to be addressed urgently.

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Victoire Ingabire also witnessed the level of deterioration of the national road Kigali-Gisenyi, while there were no apparent government strategy to get it widened or repaired, since it has plenty potholes nearly on its full length.

The whole visit gave Victoire Ingabire an opportunity to understand that there were in Rwanda many areas of development which have been destroyed and need to be addressed so our country could continue its sustainable course of development.

The visit had started at 9.30 am. It ended late afternoon.

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Victoire Ingabire Umuhoza listening to a convict