

# The Women of Minova



**In November 2012, after being defeated by militias, troops of the Congolese National Army retreated from Goma in Northeast Congo to the town of Minova, where they raped at least 141 women and pillaged the town.**

**Many of the women either became pregnant or contracted HIV. Their husbands left them, and took with them all income, including that required for their children to attend school. They were left poor, hungry, sick and depressed.**

*Friendly Water for the World Medical Officer, Doctor Kambale Musubao, (far left) arrives in Minova to assess the situation.*





**In October 2016 Friendly Water for the World provided training and equipment to the women of Minova in fabricating and distributing BioSand Water Filters. In less than three months they built and installed 172 BioSand Filters and netted almost \$9,000, enough to feed themselves, for medical care, and to send their children to school. Their business is expanding rapidly. And the entire community now has access to clean water!**



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