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**REPORT ON MENSTRUAL HYGIENE AWARENESS at the School Center Bouclier Joseph,
Goma City, North-Kivu Dr Congo**

The "Water and Pads" project is very close to our hearts.
I was able to introduce the project in Goma, and it was well received.

The "Water and Pads" project is a great asset for the pupils in Goma and for the girls on the streets in my province: Due to the conditions of war, they cannot find anything to protect themselves during menstruation. These girls face a lot of difficulties because of the armed conflicts...

The problem is also linked to respect for gender. Therefore the situation of the girls needs to be integrated in school. That way we can take care of them during their menstrual period.
As a gender specialist, I can never rule out the "Water and Pads" project in my programme, knowing how it help for balancing the social relations between girls and boys in the school environment.

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