

## **II. Ethnic Breakdown by Country**

### **A. ZAIRE - Kivu (by zone North to South)**

#### **Note: Leaders in Kivu**

There are local leaders, such as "kings" and politicians, but these people often have little real authority or credibility in the eyes of the local population. Nevertheless, local people have organised and groups have emerged to counter the political vacuum that Mobutu has created in the country. The likeliest leaders would be found in local NGOs and church groups. For example, there is a very powerful group of NGOs and social welfare groups associated with the Baptist Church in North Kivu, in the 1980s they formed the only effect infrastructure in the region. It may be necessary to find these groups in order to contact local leaders.

#### **Beni**

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##### **Baamba (Bamba)**

The Baamba are hunting and gathering peoples. In Uganda they have become agriculturalists but it is unclear if this is the case in Zaire. In Uganda the Baamba have united with the Bakonjo to form the Ruwenzururu Peoples movement, hoping to secede from Uganda. This movement has periods of activism and long periods of quiescence.

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