

Tailoring a Better Future

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Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo



Economic empowerment



Tax deductible

Total Budget



\$22,500

Project Timeline



1 YEAR



POPULATION

86.8 million

POVERTY

63.9% of the population below poverty line

HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth: 60.7 years

EDUCATION

Mean years of school (adults) 7 years

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX

Ranking out of 189 nations DR Congo 175 (Aust 8)

**2020 Human Development Report*



Overview

This project provides training for 100 local vulnerable, and often traumatised, women, girls and boys to become tailors across two locations in Goma. Participants learn several different sewing techniques together with some marketing/business skills, training participants to become proficient all-round tailors who can either set up a small business or obtain a job in the sewing industry. Ten robust sewing machines will be purchased to add to the stock of machines, together with fabric. A secondary aim is to facilitate peace in a society still suffering from decades of civil unrest and ethnic conflict. This is our fourth sewing project with our partner to develop skills for gainful employment. DR Congo continues to be a very challenging environment.

Why support this:

We are impressed with our partner's abilities and the desire to not just teach sewing, but to use it as a platform to spread peace. The requirement that each student contribute a small fee to demonstrate commitment to the course adds buy-in. We appreciate the focus on women who need to earn a better living and we value the fact that there is a clear outcome for the students – different pathways into income generation and a better life. We also appreciate the benefits from the camaraderie and support mechanisms that develop over the year.

Objectives Include:



Tailoring training for 100 people



Self-development and peace building training



Purchase of 10 new sewing machines



Food distribution to families in need

Expected life Change

- Women gain income-generating skills to support themselves/families
- The restoration of dignity and self-esteem to those who have suffered so much
- Small steps towards building a cohesive and peaceful society
- A network of support from teachers and other students, particularly during COVID-19 lockdowns and restrictions