

Support My Future



Bukavu, Dem Republic of Congo



Economic Empowerment

Budget \$27,900

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

APR 21

MAR 22

Overview

This project is providing training in sewing and joinery for 30 young participants living with disabilities from very poor families. It will provide training for young people to learn a skill which will enable them to help support themselves financially and participate in a society where disability means rejection at every social level. It will also teach good social interaction skills. The one-year program will consist of skills training together with a reintegration kit for each graduate. This includes materials needed to continue their trade.

Impact for April - September 2021

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20 students are being trained in sewing,

receiving technical sewing skills and product guidance so they can become autonomous in earning an income for themselves as well as benefitting their families.

10 participants receiving joinery training

Once trained and equipped, the participants will be economically independent, which benefits their households and those in the community receiving their services.

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Training materials purchased and in use

These include sewing machines for each of the trainees and routine tools and supplies used in the joinery workshop. The joinery and sewing teachers also receive a regular wage.

Sale of products to local community

Some of the products made in the sewing and joinery programs have already been sold to local buyers, giving the participants a new-found confidence and a sense of social integration.



- Every apprentice trained assists, on average, a household of 7 people
- An estimated 20 households benefit from the services provided by one apprentice, which translates to 4200 indirect beneficiaries of the program



Mapendo Matabaro

My name is Mapendo Matabaro and I am the second of five children in my family. I was born into a very poor family in a village called Mulamba in South Kivu and have been deaf since birth. I have been attending the Centre's primary school and sign language classes since I was 6 years old and am currently one of the sewing apprentices. I am now able to cut and sew a shirt! I am very much looking forward to completing my training so that I can take charge of myself and help my family as well as serve my community by providing basic clothing items to sell.

100% GETS THERE

Thank you for making a difference