

## Strengthening Clean Water

COD-ADB-SCW-P01



Idjwi Island, Dem Rep of Congo



Water



Tax deductible

Budget: \$44,500

Project Timeline

1 YEAR - START 1/6/23



### POPULATION

95.9 million

### POVERTY

63.9% of the population below poverty line

### HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth: 59.2 years

### EDUCATION

Mean years of school (adults) 7 years

### HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX\*

Ranking out of 191 nations DR Congo 179 (Aust 5)

\*2021-22 Human Development Report



### Overview

This fifth project with our partner will fund support and strengthen previous water projects on Idjwi in Lake Kivu, eastern DRC. The focus will be twofold: the restoration and upgrading of 17 existing water sources together with further water sanitation and hygiene (WASH) training for local water management committees within these remote and poor communities. Clean water for Idjwi is much-needed and requested, benefitting families and other social structures such as health centres, schools and local churches/community centres, including disadvantaged pygmy communities. The project complements a government program designed to reduce the morbidity and mortality caused by unclean water and poor, or no, knowledge of WASH in villages and schools.

### Why support this:

Our partner has provided clean water to a number of other villages across the island of Idjwi reducing disease and increasing access to clean water, taking the burden off girls and women in walking long distances. The local communities assist with the labour towards the upgrades and maintenance, to help ensure buy-in. It is imperative to the long-term success of water projects that local village Water Committees participate in targeted and ongoing training and work closely with health authorities.

### Objectives include:



Capacity building for local Water Committees



Monitoring of a further 11 water sources



Upgrading of 17 water sources



Funds for construction materials

### Expected life change

- Improved health and productivity as a result of access to clean water
- Reduction in the burden for women and children having to walk long distances to collect water – this means more children in school, and women can spend more time on income-generating activities
- Communities empowered to look after their own needs, through establishing and maintaining Water Management Committees