

Skills For My Future

COD-HKC-SFF-P01



Bukavu, Dem Republic of Congo



Economic empowerment



Tax deductible

Total Budget



\$56,500

Project Timeline



2 YEARS



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 will provide 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 enabling them to 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 two-year program will consist of skills and business training together with a reintegration kit for each graduate. This includes materials needed to continue their trade.

Year 1 budget: \$24,500; Year 2: \$32,000.

Why support this:

DR Congo faces many challenges. It continues to be ravaged by war, militia, corrupt governments and inadequate systems. Young people living with disabilities often fall through the gaps and community networks with no support and usually end up begging on the streets. Opportunities to make a living are virtually nil. We appreciate the work of this Centre - the only one of its kind - which has a solid track record, having been established in 1979. It provides skills and opportunities for those shunned by the rest of society. Vocational training forms one part of the Centre's network of services for those with disabilities, providing hope, training, support and a future.

Objectives Include:



20 students will be trained in sewing



30 reintegration kits will be provided



10 participants will receive joinery training



30 students will improve social skills

Expected life Change

- Reduced begging and a means to support themselves
- Development of self-esteem, confidence and dignity to work with others and in a community
- Improved health due to better food security
- Increase in school/education attendance leading to skill development