

IMPACT ASSESSMENT

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

PRACTICAL SKILLS HELP PRIMARY SCHOOL GRADUATES OVERCOME POVERTY



The Anglican Diocese of North Kivu, Democratic Republic of the Congo, built a vocational training center for students who graduated from primary school. Students learned to make furniture, such as this bed that will be sold to the public.

COMPLETED PROJECT

Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is still suffering from the results of years of armed conflict. Residents throughout the country face severe poverty and malnutrition. An estimated 60 percent of those in poverty are children. The education rate among the population is 30 percent. Due to families' low income, the school enrollment rate is 46 percent for girls and 58 percent for boys.

Butembo is the second-largest city in North Kivu, DRC, and has a population of about 900,000. Over the last decade, many youth have settled in the city of Butembo, some from militant groups. The influx of people and constant growth of the city has caused vast unemployment for young people, many of whom were orphaned by war. The young people need education and practical skills to become self-reliant and able to support themselves and their families. A primary school education is not sufficient for youth to succeed in this war-torn country.

The Anglican Diocese of North Kivu provided a primary school that serves more than 180 students, including 50 children under the age of 6. The diocese secured the land and constructed a vocational center there that teaches graduating primary students carpentry skills to help prepare them for a successful technical career. Youth receive personal support and spiritual mentorship, as well as hands-on training and preparation for employment. As the center grows, additional youth in the area are offered the chance to enroll in the vocational school.

This project expected to impact 523 people, including 500 community members and 20 orphans. In fact, it reached 545 people altogether, earning a rating of "Achieved."

PROJECT PROFILE ID: ARDF-0316-N. KIVU

Lead Ministry
**ANGLICAN DIOCESE
OF NORTH KIVU**



Requested amount	\$68,459
Amount spent	\$67,827
Expected cost per beneficiary	\$130.89
Actual cost per beneficiary	\$124.45
Location	Dem. Republic of the Congo
Sector	Education for children
Evaluation date	March 2019
Researcher	Frederick Barasa

PROJECT PERFORMANCE

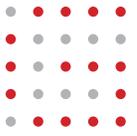
BELOW

ACHIEVED

EXCEEDED

DEFINITION OF RESULTS

Exceeded	Implementer exceeded goal by more than 20%
Achieved	Implementer solidly achieved the goal +/- 20%
Below	Implementer partially achieved the goal
Not achieved	Goal was 100% not achieved



ASSESSMENT & RECOMMENDATION

In a country endowed with vast natural resources, skills-based training is important to raise employment levels. Eastern DRC continues to experience the devastating effects of armed conflicts including land destruction, disease and poverty. In the midst of the country's future uncertainty, the church is the only stable and functioning institution that offers health, education, and social services.

To create opportunities for evangelism and church growth, and to strengthen rural communities comprised primarily of young people with little education, the Diocese of North Kivu constructed a vocational school to train young people in carpentry skills. This vocational training center sought to take advantage of the immense business opportunities that exist in Butembo and neighboring towns. This initiative taught carpentry skills to young people who, after graduating, received carpentry kits to set up their own workshops. The center sold the furniture produced in the training to local residents at affordable prices.

Church members participated in the implementation of the project from the beginning. A diocesan construction committee worked with the carpentry committee to manage the funds during this project's implementation.

Despite continued insecurity, disease, and poverty, beneficiaries testified to the importance of the church creating income-generating opportunities, reconciliation, and unity in North Kivu.

Some 527 people benefited from the trainees' Bible study when they shared the Scriptures with their family members. This led to people joining or attending church, some for the first time. Because of the vocational school, the Diocese of North Kivu earned a reputation as a well-known transformational church. People are witnessing God's faithfulness, learning about reconciliation and forgiveness, and beginning to trust for a better future.

Fifteen young people were trained and received carpentry certificates. The graduation ceremony was attended by local government officials. Students demonstrated their commitment, dedication, and hard work by spending long days learning. Upon completion, all trainees were encouraged to return to their communities to serve as volunteers in their churches and as role models to other young people.

During program implementation, leaders of the Diocese of North Kivu realized that purchasing a concrete mixer from Uganda was not a viable option due to high operating costs



The Diocese of North Kivu acquired this truck to ship finished furniture to customers in their communities.

and low return on investment. This resulted in the bishop consulting the development committee, which opted to purchase a truck to transport the workshop material with prior approval from the Anglican Relief and Development Fund. While the truck is used to transport workshop materials and deliver finished products to customers, it is also used to support other diocesan projects and transportation of delegates to various meetings within the diocese.

RECOMMENDATION:

This project has the potential to rescue young people from a state of despair and hopelessness. Those reached by this project are young people who have endured years of hardship and need to be reminded of God's provision and love through his Word. The beneficiaries heard about the hope they have for a bright future because of God's love for them. The GRID recommends the North Kivu Diocese for future funding.

ANTICIPATED	ACTUAL	EXPECTATIONS/COMMENTS
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500 COMMUNITY MEMBERS will become more engaged with the Bible as trainees share Scriptures with their family members. They will learn about reconciliation and forgiveness and be encouraged to conduct morning and evening devotions with their family members

527

[+] ACHIEVED A total of 527 community members benefited from the students' Bible study by sharing the Scriptures with their family members. The trainees were motivated to engage with the Scriptures, learned what the Bible says about reconciliation, and some attended church for the first time.

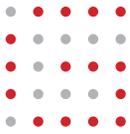
20 PEOPLE – mostly orphans – will learn carpentry and other technical skills so they can start their own shops and earn income, and three teachers will benefit financially through employment at the vocational school

15

[-] BELOW A total of 15 people were trained in carpentry skills. Upon completion of the training, the trainees were encouraged to return to their communities to serve as volunteers in churches and as role models to other young people. Also, their standard of living improved from the income they earned from selling furniture they produced in their workshops. Fewer students were trained as the leaders found it took longer to train the students than expected.



Once students completed their vocational training at the center in North Kivu (above), they received carpentry kits so they could set up their own workshops in their communities.



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FINANCE REPORT

BUDGET ITEM	BUDGETED FUNDS	ACTUAL FUNDS SPENT
Concrete mixing machine*	\$20,000	\$16,575
Electrical carpentry tool kit, generator	\$17,000	\$15,253
Construction workshop	\$9,453	\$12,812
Research and evaluation	\$8,929	\$8,929
Hand carpentry tool kit	\$6,000	\$4,743
Building materials	\$6,077	\$8,500
Instructors' payroll	\$1,000	\$1,015
TOTAL	\$68,459	\$67,827

NOTES:

The purchase of a concrete mixer was not a viable investment and the diocese asked and received permission from ARDF to purchase a used truck instead. It is used to transport carpentry materials and furniture, among other uses.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

"I was born in Kibiriri village, a town that experienced and continues to feel the effects of war. My parents are displaced and live in the forest. Because of war, I did not get the opportunity to attend school, but I want to thank God for the chance to join the Anglican Diocese of North Kivu vocational school. I was one of the people selected to attend the training and received training as a carpenter. This training has helped me a lot, my life has changed for my family. Because of the training, I started my own business that has continued to grow and expand. I now employ people and now can support my family. I attend church and [have] become a better Christian. I have made friends with whom we read the Bible together. My hope is in the Lord and thank him for the opportunity to acquire new skills."

—Mumberi Baptiste, Vocational school trainee and business owner, Butembo, DRC

PROJECT RECAP

ID - ARDF-0316-N.KIVU
Timeline - 12 months
Requested - \$68,459
Modified - 060619

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