



Stand Up Woman, Light of Tomorrow in Goma

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Project Introduction:

The Democratic Republic of Congo is one of the most troubled countries in Africa especially the East part of it. The North and South Kivu provinces are constitute the focus of rebel groups because of their potentialities in mineral resources, forests...

The majority of victims are women, young girls and children. Some are slaughtered especially in Beni where more than 3000 persons had been killed by the ADF, a rebel group movement from Uganda, some are burnt alive and kidnapped, some are submitted to become by force wives of rebels. Adding to this, Epidemic diseases constitute another current challenge. More than 2000 people have been victims of Ebola and died. Many others are still in the treating centers.

Goma town has been the focus of Ebola as well and more than 5 people have died so far, including women. This situation combined with the war and insecurity have confused everybody and has led to other issues such as illiteracy, poverty, unemployment, early pregnancies for young girls.

In Mugunga, one of the surrounding areas of Goma town, the situation of women and young girls today is worse. This area has been hosting Internally Displaced People from different villages and this situation has contributed to impoverish not only the IDPs but also other communities living around the IDPs settlements. These hopeless women and young girls are still fighting on their own for the sake of their families by being subdued to hard work. They suffer, starve, and get sick without health care. The lack of information on their reproductive system and training in works that can generate revenue to them is improbable.

In this regard, this two-months project comes to bring a solution to some of these problems in the lives of 30 women and young mother girls living in Mugunga/Goma, especially those matching with the lack of information on how to fight against Ebola but also how to handle issues related to the reproductive system, It wants to build their capacity in tree planting, landscape restoration, protection of the environment by setting up nurseries for trees and kitchen gardens in their compounds, train them in some handiwork such as basket weaving, making sanitary pads,...These activities will help them to answer to some of their basic needs and of their families.

Proposal Objectives and Goals

Objective 1: Initiate women and young mother girls in caring for the environment and landscape restoration.

- Goal 1A: Building their capacity in setting up gardens for growing vegetables,
- Goal 1B: Help women putting in place a common nursery for fruit and agroforestry trees,

Objective 2: Help women and young mother girls fight against reproductive system related issues and other epidemic diseases.

- Goal 2A: Raise awareness in fighting against Ebola,
- Goal 2B: Train women and Young mother girls in making cheap sanitary pads.

Objective 3: Help women improve their skills in handiwork.

• **Goal 3A:** Train women and young mother girls to weave baskets that could help them to generate revenues.

Budget Breakdown

Item description	Unit Cost in USD	Quantity	Total Cost in USD
Flyers and Printing	1	30	30
Editing and video shooting	-	-	40
Digital camera leasing	40	1	40
IDEAS Banner	50	1	50
T-shirt IDEAS	6	8	48
Training fees (Encouragement for trainers in making sanitary pads and weaved baskets)	75	2	150
Establishing of nurseries for trees	50	2	100
Local Leaders	2	15	30
Setting gardens for growing vegetables (Kitchen Garden) in families	5	15	75
Weaving material (scissors, threads)	-	-	200

Loincloth for sanitary pads, threads	-	-	100
Leasing of a sewing machine for loincloth,	1	20	20
Baskets with taps for washing hands to fight against Ebola,	30	8	240
Transportation and communication fees members of IDEA and Trainers,	10	6	60
Transport of material	-	-	50
Other Expenditure (Unplanned) (Bank Charges, Stationeries, Documentation)	-	-	50
TOTAL			1,283

Project Outcomes:

- Capacity of thirty women and young mother girls in planting trees, and nurseries beds improved,
- Awareness raised for fighting against Ebola in lives of 30 women and young girls in their families and their surroundings,
- Revenue of women and young girls improved by selling baskets,
- Handy skills in making local sanitary pads and baskets weaving improved,
- Women and young mother girls trained in landscape restoration and the protection of the environment.
- Skills of women in urban agriculture by setting kitchen gardens for vegetables and making it their seasonal habits improved