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Project Introduction:

The Congolese education system has not, so far, included in its curriculum specific courses on the protection of the natural environment. This may justify the unaccountable behaviour and activities observed in the city: deforestation, dumping of waste on public roads and gutters, trampling of young plants on green spaces and in schools, etc.

The city of Bukavu has a population of nearly 2,000,000 inhabitants in three municipalities. It is a city with a mountainous relief and a tropical mountain climate in two seasons (the dry season and the rainy season). This city is prone to earthquakes and erosion.

To do this, an environmental education project is needed in schools to make secondary school students aware and sensitive, critical and practical to issues related to their environment.

Proposal Objectives and Goals

Objective 1: Disseminate good environmental practices to students

Goal 1A: Hold conferences and awareness sessions with themes on deforestation, the role of the tree, sanitation

Goal 1B: Building student capacity in relation to environmental protection

Goal 1C: Sort and collect waste in and around schools

Goal 1D: Establish nature clubs in selected schools

Objective 2: Install agroforestry tree nurseries and anti-erosion species in selected schools

Goal 2A: Maintain the installed nurseries

Goal 2B: Planting trees in school compounds

Budget Breakdown

Item description	Unit cost in USD	Quantity	Total Cost in USD
Speaker & accessories	200	1	200
Wheelbarrows	40	3	120

Watering cans	3	15	45
Spades	3	15	45
Hoes	3	15	45
Machetes	3	15	45
Scrapers	3	15	45
Nylon Twine	2	3	6
Polyethylene bags	10	10	100
Leggings	7	40	240
Tree seeds	30	3	90
Transportation	100	-	100
Total			1121

Project Outcomes:

- 3 nurseries located in 3 secondary schools
- 1300 students sensitized
- 9 schools involved
- 9 naturefriends clubs created and operational
- 15,000 seedlings produced