



## COALITION FOR THE CONGOLESE

Do not forget to do good and to share with others

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### Giving Hope to the vulnerable



To stand in the gap for God by reaching out to the poorest of the poor in our communities

He that gives to the poor lends to God and God will pay him back that which he has given” Prov.19:17

## A word from the Executive Director



Though I became the Executive Director in August 2021, I have had the pleasure of being one of the founders of Coalition for the Congolese people. It is exciting working with CO.CO.PE. The challenges are stimulating and the expectations are high. At the beginning, our major focus was improving critically underprivileged and vulnerable women through sustainable farming practices. However, over time, we have included interventions like HIV prevention and control, sanitation towards factors that indirectly affect health, Education and agriculture. We have also adopted a holistic approach to support households with interventions like; skilling adolescent girls that produce and can't support their children.

To date the organisation has over 65,000 beneficiaries with well established offices in Brazzaville, PONTE NOIRE, with our branch in INGIE, EMVOUBA, MADINGOU districts. These have supported the organisation and communities in different ways and we are grateful with their support.

We thank the district officials, the departmental council of Bouenza, district Social welfare, Crossroads foundation, Malta Embassy in Congo, Femeraid international, Malta Cross and sub county officials for a loyal collaboration that accommodates our beneficiaries especially the vulnerable and people with special needs.

We thank our donors, friends, supporters, mentors, Global Kingdom Life Assembly, church of Hong Kong, Philippines, GKLA Congo church, Pastors, evangelists and every one for a faithful and increasingly generous partnership; we know that your contribution creates change in our communities and we are proud of you. Year after year, your support serves to strengthen our desire to support the beneficiaries. We also thank the staff and management for the good work done in the field.

We thank our board of directors; without them and our generous donors, Coalition for the Congolese people would not stand.

Last but not least, our deepest gratitude to the change agents and community monitors/volunteers who give in their time and energy during the community activities. Your support to CO.CO.PE team is a donation in itself!

To everyone, thank you for continuing to spread the word about the beautiful sustainable service delivery by CO.CO.PE through its various projects.

Thank You so much. God bless you

Executive Director Processor Henry Nsika

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**February 2019 Coalition for the Congolese People was granted Tax-Exemption for all activities including importation of materials related to Co.CO.PE Projects for the development of Congolese people's well-being, including foreign workers to assist CO.CO.PE on humanitarian activities in the Republic of Congo**

## PARTNERS



**IN 2020, CO.CO.PE, KMAFAP, AND FEMERAID SIGNED A COOPERATION PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS**



### **Appreciation /Reward.**

The Departmental Health Council rewarded to CO.CO.PE and KMFAP MALTA for the program contribution in hard time of Corona Pandemic. on the occasion of their annual general assembly for contributing in children learning facilitation during lockdown through radio and print materials. The Executive Director had received the appreciation on behalf of CO.CO.PE and FKFAP MALTA



# WELCOME

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## EDITORIAL

Once again I greet you with calvary blessings. I do appreciate all our partners for your sacrificial giving towards this noble cause. May God make mention of your names in heaven.

We have managed to reach out to the disabled people that have been marginalized for a period of time. Lastly I humbly request anyone with a heart for the community, to join us as we reach-out to the poorest of the poor.

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## INTRODUCTION

CO.CO.PE is a Non- Governmental Organization founded with the goal of promoting and advocating for the rights of vulnerable communities in the Republic of Congo. Its duly registered under the Laws of the Republic of Congo under the Non-Governmental Organisations.

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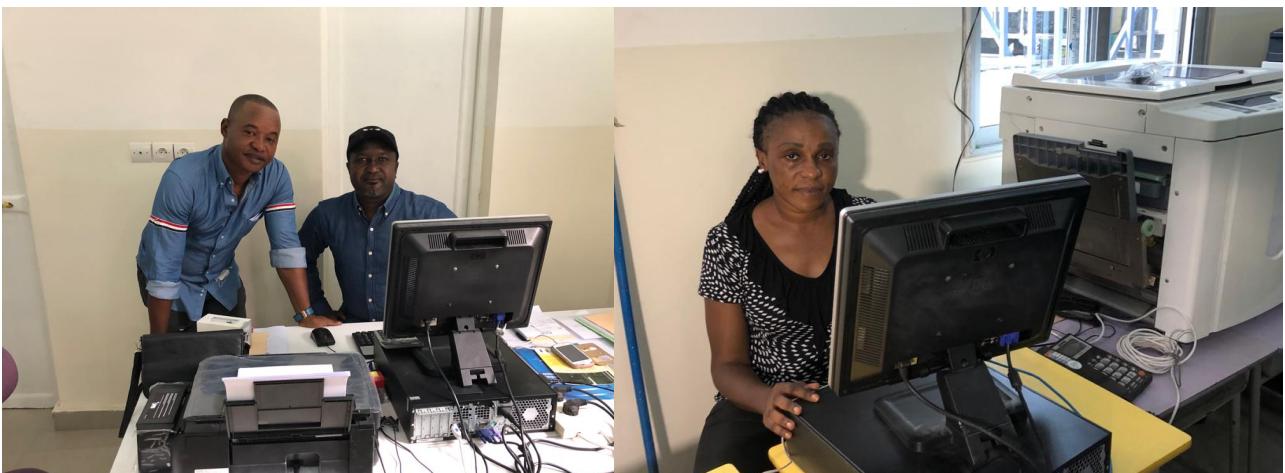
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The Projects managers Mr Mabila Freddy and Mme Genevieve Biyendolo .

The truth about our work is that we spend most of our time in our office staring at computer screens. we coordinate operations, supervise projects and budgets, do paperwork, and ensure that projects are completed in a timely manner.

## Message From the Board

We would like to extend our sincere and deepest gratitude to the supporters, well-wishers, volunteers to have provided the funding that enables CO.CO.PE. run since our commencement.

We appeal for your continued support and partnership in the implementation of the strategic objectives to ensure vulnerability is reduced in our communities. May the Lord richly bless you all.

### Who we are and what we do ?

Coalition for the Congolese People is a nonprofit, non-governmental organization, non-political [charity] located in Republic of Congo . We are official Development partner to the INGIE ,ENVOUBA ,POOL ,BOUENZA Districts . The Charity Club has more than 2000 registered persons living with disability (PWDs) and their care givers / families and more new members are being registered. In our office, counseling, guidance, and support is rendered to them in different ways i.e. provision of food staffs, wheel chairs, tri-cycles, free re-usable mistral sanitary pads, mattresses, school bursaries, training of hands on skills to the youth and vulnerable children, offering shelters and clean water to the communities.

Our major target is to reach out to as many Congo living with disabilities as possible, across country. The CO.CO.PE a community Based Organization that was conceived after during different Evangelical and Charity mission in Congo with Professor Henry Nsika . decided to advocate for a change and improve people's lives who are vulnerable and suffering from poverty.

Co.CO.PE exists to transform lives of VULNERABLE persons, families and communities through community empowerment programs geared towards the creation of a society that is friendly to the marginalised through the provision of sustainable integrated technical and material support, Donations, health promotion, income generation, education and skilling.

# OUR HISTORY

Coalition the Congolese People .CO.CO.PE is a non-Political and non-Government Profit Organization(NGO) child mission-oriented, established by Pastor Jonas Bouenimio and Professor Henry Nsika . Who was motivated by compassion by working to see to the complete overall development and welfare of the less privileged African child in the less privileged communities? It has legally cooperated in the Republic of Congo with registration number 016/18/MID/BBZ/SG/DOSP/SR.

The main objective of this body is to establish various levels of schools in needy communities.

To establish as a bridge in the VULNERABLE community of the Republic of Congo and the Republic Democratic of Congo through education, skilling, empowerment, agriculture, donations or to join with other firms, companies, institutions, and individuals in doing so or to join with any other organisations having the same objectives.

To organise vocational courses, tailoring, knitting, seminars, workshops, study tours, exhibitions, conferences, and other necessary training for the community

With an aim of empowering the community with advanced skills.

To empower vulnerable communities with vocational skills for self-reliance.

To create a conducive environment for funders and well-wishers.

To advocate for the rights of persons with disability (PWDs) and their welfare.

Hospitals for the purpose of caring out moral instructions and the attainment of qualitative education and a good medical system where we are spreading the word of God, for the benefit of all Congolese as well as a forum to assist or aid the less privileged children.

The CO.CO.PE is a humanitarian in the Republic of Congo under our church Global kingdom life Assembly of Hong Kong and the Philippines.

is currently funding a nursery school and a primary school in the Republic of Congo, located in Brazzaville, Pointe Noire with over 1750 students.



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- Conducted Quarterly monitoring & evaluation visits in the community by the Board management committees to assess the project progress and communication improvement among the vulnerable persons.
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## CO.CO.PE EDUCATION AND HEALTH ( SCHOOL,CLINIC PROJECT )



The CO.CO.PE's schools' component of the project "Strengthening rural and less privileged people's influence on education on the less privileged communities in the devolved governance system in the Republic of Congo, funded by Coalition for the Congolese People. The target population comprised 600 learners drawn from the project schools, two (2) Community Committees INGIE(BRAZZAVILLE ) and POINTE NOIRE, comprising six and four members respectively; 156 duty bearers and 2400 community members.

It should be noted however that these figures except those of the learners reflected largely the population of the larger project and not necessarily those targeted with the INGIE Communities

These included 134 children (INGIE 102 and 32 EMVOUBA ) and 77 adults (INGIE 35 & EMVOUBA 42). At the Region level, out of the 102 children from INGIE, there were 26 boys and 76 girls; while from the 32 children from ENVOUBA, there were 15 boys and 17 girls.

Findings confirmed that the project interventions have had a positive impact on the futures, Education and well-being, enrolment, retention, completion and performance rate; attitude and practice change among the learners, as well as significant gains for the girl child. An inquiry into the awareness level of the CO.CO.PE activities in the two schools returned 100% knowledge level.

CO.CO.PE seeks to provide quality healthcare to the rural and urban poor through free community health. Launched in 2009, we offered services to over 8200 individuals such as screening, diagnosis and treatment of basic diseases, public health education, voluntary counseling and testing, and provision of free medicine.

COVID-19, CO.CO.PE Clinic Served and distributed the sanitary Pad ,engaged in pieces training in personal and environmental hygiene, hands washing promotion campaigns during the pandemic, and health and hygiene promotion. In our school and others in the communities

Teachers confirmed that girls used to be very embarrassed when they soiled their dresses in school but after the training in menstrual management, this problem has since been addressed. Girls are happy to join the school and stay undisrupted.

Retention at INGIE has significantly improved. The teachers interviewed confirmed that since the project has begun, the dropout rate is insignificant.

In 2017 for example, only 2-3 children dropped out of school while 2018 has so far recorded no dropout.

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They estimated the completion to have increased from 60% to 95% in the last three years. Performance has also significantly improved at INGIE. Compared to 2016, the Mean Score improved by an estimated 11+ points in 2017. The performance at the school had significantly increased over the last three years as follows



## GKLA LEARNING CENTRE AND SCHOLARSHIP

The Republic of Congo is among 23 countries in the African Union that lack a policy or law to protect pregnant girls' and adolescent mothers' right to education.

With our meagre resources to work hard to provide for the 20 children under care. The parents cannot afford to pay the school fees and school materials .

So, we established the “GKLA leaning center ”, to support vulnerable children, including kids with disabilities, by providing education, skills development, Art for social change, sport and health programs. CO.CO.PE has since extended his support to the **isolated villages** , to ensure women and children live safer and more fulfilling lives.

During the pandemic **CO.CO.PE leaning center all** community children were .We has organised food parcels and education programs to keep families going through though lockdown periods. made us more determined to make sure the community gets all its needs met.

**M**r Etienne retired government teacher , now volunteer in CO.CO.PE . We have in our CHLDRE LEARNING CENTER 20 children from less privileged families who couldn't take care for their children, most of whom had succumbed to TUBERCULOSIS, HIV/AIDS. particularly of pregnant minor students and adolescent mothers, and the from attack during armed conflict. The Republic of Congo continues to face high rates of teenage pregnancy aged below 18 . Education for many girls suffers as a result of early marriage and pregnancy.



## WATER DEVELOPMENT IN MAYANGA COMMUNITY



In 2019, GKLA CHURCH with an aim of improving the livelihoods of people living in rural and small towns sought to improve access to water in Mayanga Village . to promote safe and adequate water supply and a clean and healthy environment. rehabilitation, and construction of water and sanitation facilities.

In implementing measures against waterborne and other diseases in the pool department District.

Through the construction of one well together with the promotion of hygiene behavior change among the residents.

Therefore in 2018, this project was started but due to technical challenges only In the month of August 2019, GKLA CHURCH work on Mayanga municipality and saw the construction of the water well with a manual hand pump, as well as repairs.

This project had a lot of support from the community members and irrigation. With all the work that CO.CO.PE has undertaken to improve the water and sanitation access, particularly in the informal settlements region of Pool the need is still dire and the interventions are still very much in demand.

### **Impact :The project has brought many immediate benefits:**

- It has solved the acute water shortage at the school
- Students and staff can now get a drink of water by just turning on a tap
- Students spend more time at school as they don't have to take time out to fetch water
- 10 Tap Stands Refurbish.ed, increasing clean water coverage for 1,452 people.
- 12 new taps were built, reducing waterborne disease and distance walked to collect water, as well as increasing time saved on water collection and income savings for 3,000 new people.
- 10 pour-flush toilets installed at schools increasing student enrollment for 2,000 students
- Household hand washing stations and latrines, improving hygiene behaviours of 2,405 people.
- Mayanga villages, increasing the proportion of the population using safely managed sanitation and hand washing facilities with soap.

# Vulnerable communities in Republic of Congo

**CO.CO.PE was established to help vulnerable and persons with special needs through donating Wheel chairs, Sanitary Pads, and home items.**



There are many vulnerable communities in Republic of Congo and Africa in general that have had little or no access to descent life and better education.

CO.CO.PE provides, better health care, education, advocacy, support, welfare and skills to the vulnerable persons, families and communities through collective effort.

In Republic of Congo , an estimated 12% of the population have a disability yet 22% of unemployed disability. Persons with disabilities account for 12.4% of the population. Disaggregation by age reveals that Children with disabilities (17 years and below) are 2.9%, youth with disabilities (18-30years) are 2%, adults living with disabilities (31-64) are 5.5% whereas older persons with disabilities (65 years and above) constitute 2.1% of the population. Analysis by gender reveals that disability is higher among women (6.9%) compared to men (5.6%).

In addition, the disability prevalence rate is higher among those living in the rural areas 10.3% compared to those in the urban areas 2.2%. Visual impairments account for the highest form of disability (6%), followed by mental disabilities (5%), physical impairments (4%) and hearing difficulties (3%). (Vulnerable)that is the reason we focus on helping the disables in the communities

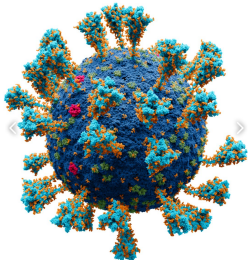
## DISABILITY COMMUNITY

A disability is any condition of the body or mind (impairment) that makes it more difficult for the person with the condition to do certain activities (activity limitation) and interact with the world around them.

Although “people with disabilities” sometimes refers to a single population, this is actually a diverse group of people with a wide range of needs.

Two people with the same type of disability can be affected in very different ways. Some disabilities may be hidden or not easy to see.

Nearly everyone faces hardships and difficulties at one time or another. But for people with disabilities, barriers can be more frequent and have greater impact.



## **THE COVID-19 RESPONSE PROGRAM : PROJETC : Sante Bopeto**

During the pandemic period CO.CO.PE has been working in partnership with various partners such KMFAP, FEAMAIRE . CO.CO.PE has been implementing Access to continue education and risk communication to COVID-19 Response Program in partnership with Embassy of Malta (KMAFAP ) in **Bouenza** province whereas intensive program implementation in **mouyonzi** district.

**The COVID 19 response Program was started in July 2019 and ended in April 2021.**

### **Executive Summary:**

The program was to response the COVID-19 through accessing in continues Education and raising mass awareness with risk communication approach during the Pandemic lockdown in Bouenza Province.

The intensive program was implemented in INGIE, MOUYONZI ENVOUBA districts. The each district consists of ten municipalities, with urban municipalities and rural municipalities.

All the schools were closed due to the nation clamped in lockdown and most of the schools were used as quarantine, the people living in constant fear however the number of Corona virus infected people.

The District Administration office, of **Yamba** also issued the directive and sealed the district. Due to the pandemic outbreak it can be assumed that the academic session will not be resumed till the situation remain normal and confident.

In context of COVID 19, Program explored the innovative efforts to promoting for continue learning at home.

To access to continuous Education and engage children in continue learning process with the different alternative medium as video conference school were carried. Also provided 8120 sets of creative learning materials was enable learning achievement children's creative learning behavior. The program equally successful to influence local government to School reopened and disinfection. In **Yamba** district's 111 quarantine used schools and municipality ware disinfected in support of local government initiation. Also the raised the mass awareness through the different local media on Protection, Education, Wash, Health related messages in 3 different local languages kitouba, lingala , francais ,take in community. With regards to policy and plan intervention, the program was successful in bringing about significant changes . The response plan were formulated in favor of education risk reduction at the local level government and put into effect

## **Achievements by Program:**



To disseminate the COVID 19, Nutrition, WASH, Education and immunization related messages widely, We have installed the 40 hoarding boards in different much public accessible places of co.co.pe school , co.co.pe clinics .Provincial Hospital of madingou District Hospital of mpanga . The messages were in Kitouba local language which was very impressive to public understand. The hoarding board messages significantly contributed to create the mass awareness, to take prevention and precaution of COVID- 19. With messages of Do's and don'ts the billboard was placed in the quarantine and Isolation centers , which significantly boost the exposure of awakening message regarding to COVID-19 during staying in centers during pandemic. 30 billboards were developed and placed in isolation and quarantine.

**SANTE BOPETO** program carried out in 6 municipality where the 111 schools were used as quarantine. Went it out to the more than 400 villages of the catchment areas of 109 schools, where able to reach approximately 60000 population.

It was focused mainly to infected community and sites areas where the local government established the quarantine and isolation. The message includes both covid-19 awareness and education related messages.

The message has reached the community that home is the first School for children and children can study at home.

To the COVID-19 risk mitigation and awareness rising for necessary prevention, the precaution related code of conduct messages was painted in the schools' wall. The code of conduct has been written in 111 quarantine center established school of 6 municipalities



# PROGRAM FOCUSED DISTRICT

- Mouyonzi Municipality
- Yamba Municipality
- Mabombo Rural Municipality
- kimpa mboukayi Municipality
- Obe ville Municipality



## School Disinfectant amidst of the pandemic reopening



Opening, distribute critical hygiene and prevention items and counseling session in schools.

While most of the schools were started to reopen in even and old method. At the time we organized the head teachers consultation workshop to explore analyze the possibilities of schools reopening and effect of COVID-19 , in collaboration with local level education units. We triggered the importance of disinfection and provided school disinfection materials and personal safety items as per Government guideline to disinfectant schools 'classroom and compound to 111 schools of THE POOL , EMVOUBA ,INGIE,BOUENZA districts . The Package contains Gown, Face shield, Spray Tank, Sodium Hypochlorite, Heavy gloves, Latex gloves, Mask, different color clothes, dustbin, measuring cup etc.



After receiving the virtual training from the KMFAP MALTA , we also conducted the brief orientation session to all 100 schools head teacher on how to prepare the blend and proper disinfection methods. Also, there were discussed on consequences and the risks of not taking precautions. In this way 100 schools were reopened by follow the safety and precaution major as per the school disinfection guideline.

The major challenges of the lockdown supposed to be children dropout from the schools and their retention after continuation because of high psychological threat that created by the COVID 19.

To address these seen challenges, we developed the "Welcome to School Card" with short sweet content welcoming children in School to get enrollment. The card was both side printed and front side the messages of Education and back side is hand washing and how to use mask messages.

All total 1,20,000 number of card were printed and distributed to all 6 Local level/ 20,000Pcs.

The card has the blank section where schools head teacher must be signed and students should put their information i.e Name, Class, enrollment date. Students and their Parents were happy to get such letters from the schools

# Agricultures

## Agri-Mosoungi Program

### *Empowering Agricultural skills to vulnerable persons*



poorest people 90% live in the rural areas most of them depend on agriculture for their livelihoods depends in agricultural production. Co.CO.PE believed growth in agriculture reduces poverty faster than growth in other sectors. help rural people grow and earn more. It also promotes gender equality and inclusiveness, builds the capacity of local organizations and communities, and strengthens resilience to climate change.

By advocating for poor rural people and financing projects that transform rural areas. The majority of unprivileged communities in Republic Congo, living in extreme poverty with insufficient access to food are, engaged in agriculture. Many of these smallholder farmers live in marginalized, diverse and harsh growing environments, with poor quality soil and limited irrigation options.

They are reliant on increasingly inconsistent rainfall and lack access to agricultural inputs, finance, information and technology. Yet they are responsible for nearly all Congo's food production.

## Agri-Mosoungi Program

We also focus on agri-mosoungi - means by which rural poor farmers can earn an income from market oriented production through individual, group activities and formal small and medium enterprises for two key reasons.

The first is that smallholder farming is an extremely vulnerable livelihood. By investing in agri-Mosoungi we will make livelihoods more resilient by increasing and diversifying rural household income streams. The second is that agricultural development is increasingly seen as key to sustainable and equitable economic growth in unprivileged Communities . If matched with improved infrastructure.

**Our agriculture Goals** , Given that the majority of underprivileged poor are engaged in agriculture, it is difficult to imagine how equitable growth is possible without development in the sector.

As Republic of Congo population continues to grow, agricultural development - both the increase in quantity and quality of food that is grown -. For these reasons Co.Co.PE focuses primarily on agriculture, agri- mosoungi program and household nutrition

### Our goals are to work with rural communities to:

- 1) Improve food, nutrition and income security for smallholder farming families.
- 2) Support the establishment and growth of inclusive, profitable and sustainable agri-business.
- 3) Support improvement of the policy environment for small-scale producers and their families.

Our work is influenced by several over-riding themes which influence everything we do:

- 1) Gender & Inclusion
- 2) Youth
- 3) Climate Smart Agriculture
- 4) Innovation & Technology

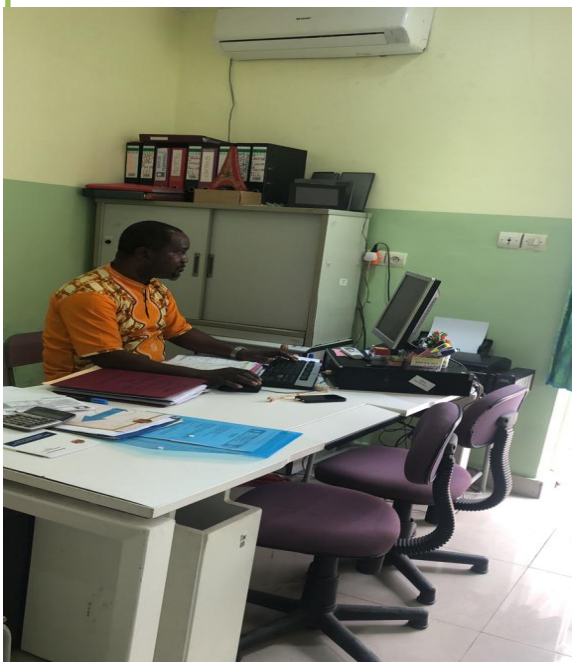
# Agricultures



The Ambassador of Malta KMAFAP .  
During her visit to various of CO.CO.PE  
agriculture projects



Church land offered by the Government



## Break the cycle of poverty

**CO.CO.PE development model starts with education**

Empowering children with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to develop their capabilities to the maximum possible extent. Ensuring a child has access to quality education

**Renovating abandoned government** schools or school rooms (including classrooms, libraries, kitchens, teachers' accommodations, and school offices), that are then supported by other infrastructure needs key to breaking the cycle of poverty. we renovating existing structures where needed .

CO.CO.PE has renovated 50 schools in rural communities . CO.CO.PE . Planning also built and renovated schools in other in Goma and Itiri region in Republic democratic of Congo as well



**THANK YOU CROSSROADS HONG KONG**

Our kindergarten room is furnished 80% with the necessary supplies, such as desks and chairs, libraries with books, and other essential items for teachers' offices and accommodations donated by Crossroads foundation

# SCHOLARSHIP

Education is one of the fundamental rights of an individual. Limited access to education therefore means many are stuck in a cycle of poverty and this could later result in activities like; deforestation and charcoal burning which degrade the environment leading to climate change.

There are many vulnerable communities in CONGO that have had little access to education.

We therefore partner with well-wishers to provide carrier guidance, school fees, scholastic materials, Sanitary towels and other needs to the

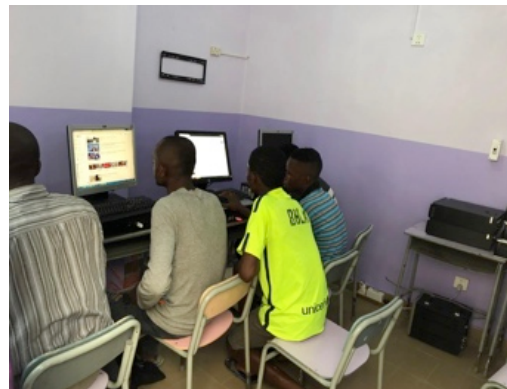
## **vulnerable children in Congo**

CO.CO.PE support vulnerable children's boys and girls to education through paying school fees, Scholastic materials, Mattresses, Uniforms among others.

## **Entrepreneurship Trainings**

Our mission is to end extreme poverty by lifting up a new generation of entrepreneurs. Our ready-to-deliver entrepreneurial training program builds confidence and provides practical business skills to the target population.

Learning centre can provide multiples sessions of most needed centre-based services, benefiting unprivileged children aged 1 to 18 .Education is one of the fundamental rights of an individual. Limited access to education therefore means many are stuck in a cycle of poverty and this could later result in activities .like; deforestation and charcoal burning which degrade the environment leading to climate change. There are many vulnerable communities in CONGO that have had little access to education.



## Project : Sarah's child

### Youth Skills Development and Employment Opportunities

The rate of youth unemployment was high in the Republic of Congo, at 30.5 percent. Young women (with an unemployment rate of 31.6 percent) and vulnerable youth faced a particularly difficult situation. It was further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and the associated economic downturn. Many youth lacked relevant skills in demand in the labor market. Moreover, the country's skills development system was ill-equipped to provide youth with the kinds of in-demand skills sought by potential employers.

CO.CO.PE and KMFAP MALTA financed Skills Development for Employability with the less privileged society 460 vulnerable youth in the region of Bouenza , Pool (70 percent of whom were women), acquired training and skills for successful employment opportunities .

**In mechanics, carpentry, hospitality, electricity, plumbing, baking, , hairdressing, cooking, and baking, cashier and welding**

### Challenges

In the Republic of Congo, the youth unemployment rate was high. Many young people lacked a quality education and market-relevant technical skills. Many were also out of school or had limited education. While some technical and vocational training opportunities existed, they were limited in quantity, highly theoretical, and lacked market relevance. The situation was even worse for young women. And the single mother.

Moreover, the formal education system had little scope to offer training opportunities for youth to increase their skills. As few young people had savings and needed to earn a daily living, the opportunity costs of participating in training programs were often too high for them to participate.



# Challenges

Sarah's child program

Approach Sarah's child program was launched, emerging as one of the less privilege community main instruments in achieving a sustained impact on the persistent challenge of youth unemployment.

That why we got tax exemption because we assisted the government in the remote area communities .and change life of youth women .

The project provided an opportunity for out-of-school and vulnerable youth to acquire the essential skills needed for their socio-professional participation in the labor market through salaried or self-employment.



## Results

The project provided skills opportunities and increased the employability of vulnerable and out-of-school youth. It supported small- and medium-sized enterprises by building the pool of skilled workers in the country. The project results aligned with the Republic of Congo's National Development Plan, as well as with the associated efforts of development partners to address vulnerability and unemployment in a sustainable manner





## **The project empowers women by providing them with employment opportunities .**

This sanitary pad project is more than just about menstrual hygiene in third-world countries. It's about dignity, education, and empowerment. It aims to provide girls with the confidence they need to attend school, even during their menstrual cycle, without fear of leakage or discomfort. That's why we are thrilled to share an update on the Empowering women program! . recently our revenue able to pay for yards of pad fabric and employed multiple tailors. As a result of empowering women .

Project CO.CO.PE manufactured 7,525 and distributed 1,075 pads kits in during all pandemic period .

Women and Girls are the most affected in that it is common in less privileged villages to find small pieces of rags in a handkerchief size hanged for drying and at times. these small pieces of rags from old clothes are found dumped and soaked in blood for disposal , Others are found on dustbin dumps . unfortunately the due of lack of sanitary hygiene , that can lead to girls missing severally days the class room.

Because they cannot afford to acquire sanitary pads hence resorting to use of rags from old clothes that cannot fasten and hold the blood.

At times young women and girls find themselves embarrassed when blood leaks through these rags and soaks their clothes. This exposes them to bullying from the boys who call them people with natural bleeding wounds (machines). This creates stigmatisation among these young girls and women too. these girls feel unsafe and uncomfortable learning when they are continually checking if they soiled their clothing or feeling embarrassed when their makeshift pads are exposed.

Menstrual hygiene is crucial to the health and well-being of women and girls in less privilege communities. women, and girls are exposed at risk of infections and other health complications. urinary tract infections caused by unhygienic menstrual practices.

We have a faith when girls are confident and able to manage their menstruation healthily and with dignity, they can fully participate in all areas of life, including school, work, and community activities.

This empowerment can have far-reaching effects on their prospects and contribute to societal development.

in order to prevents infections, we trying to promotes self-esteem, into the women and girls experience extreme poverty in the communities .Menstruation is often surrounded by stigma and misinformation, in the poor era we can contribute to breaking down this social stigma. Education about menstruation . can help normalize this natural process and reduce the shame and fear associated with it.

## The project empowers women by providing them with employment opportunities.

**CO.CO.PE Launch this Project** because it will increase the supply of suitable, quality and adequate reusable sanitary pads in to women and girls.

This project will also empower women and girls with the skills of making reusable sanitary pads that will ensure self-reliance and sustainability.

The purpose of this intervention is to empower women and girls through supply of sanitary pads with education on menstrual hygiene management and general hygiene in the Communities.

This will last the less privileged schools , clinic and villages .we are happy because this project helping girls at least two-three years, giving them peace of mind while in class!

The project provides girls with reusable sanitary pads, enabling them to attend school during their menstrual cycle without fear of leakage or discomfort. It also offers employment to women who manufacture these pads. our pad sewing allowed 1,075 girls to continue their studies in INGE , EMVOUBA , Pool and mouyunzi safely and comfortably.



### **PROJECT IMPACT :** Girls in POOL DISTRICT

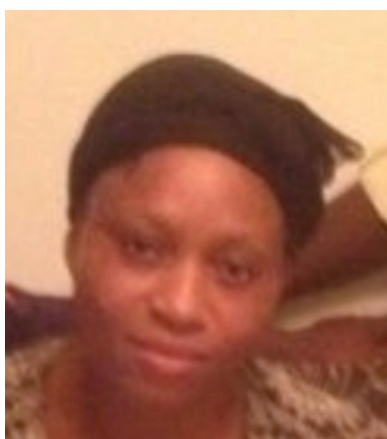
Girls who have received these pads exclaim that the gift of the pad kits has remarkably reduced their stress. They are no longer concerned and distracted while in class.

To equip selected key stakeholders with relevant knowledge and skills on how to utilize the locally available resources (materials) to make re-usable menstrual pads for proper Menstrual Health Management targeting adolescent girls and women across the different targeted schools and surrounding local communities.

**The project empowers women by providing them with employment opportunities.**

**To give girls and women in INGIE district , the opportunity to take full part in education and realise their potential by:**

- a. Improving personal hygiene and health of adolescent girls and women by availing sustainable, affordable sanitary protection.
- b. Removing barriers to education for girls in and out of school so that they can go to school.
- c. Improving the income - livelihood of women and men through provision of RUMPS making



**MELA BOMELE .**

One recipient of a pad kit, expressed her relief from using proper pads, as she used to use makeshift rags as pads on her period: “It was very uncomfortable as I had to always watch it if it’s not falling off. With these pads with snaps, my dilemma is over. Going to school on a period day always proved a huge task and I dreaded such days”.

# DONATION OF FOOD

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### Feeding Program

Under the project, one of the key areas of interventions is provision and promotion of sustainable community Feeding Programmed after realisation that lack of food is one of the major contributing factors to poor or stunted growth and malnutrition among vulnerable children, persons, families including people with special needs particularly in ENVOUBA District.

Lack of food is one of the biggest factors leading to malnutrition and death with the most affected being those deep in the communities.

Parents, guardians and care givers driven by many factors, have failed to provide meals for these people, and this culminates into many people with special disabilities, going or living on empty stomachs, implying that there is less or no concentration of food into the body for growth and brain development. while others would want to do casual work, to raise money for food, people do not trust their perfection.

Worse still, their own families call them a curse and a taboo in the family.



# DONATION



# Health Outreach



The highest attainable standard of health as a fundamental right of every human being. Acknowledging health as a human right recognizes a legal obligation on states to ensure access to timely, acceptable, and affordable health care.

The right to the highest attainable standard of health” implies a clear set of legal obligations on states to ensure appropriate conditions for the enjoyment of health for all people without discrimination.

The right to health is one of a set of internationally agreed human rights standards, and is inseparable or ‘indivisible’ from these other rights. This means achieving the right to health is both central to, and dependent upon, the realisation of other human rights, to food, housing, work, education, information, and participation.

That the reason why in CO.CO.PE do Health Outreach to the vulnerable persons and communities through providing Mosquitoe Nets, Re-usable Sanitary Pads

## Orphanages Saint Antoine visit and donation



## What People saying about Coalitions for the Congolese People

We Yamba District .Thank you CO.CO.PE for your Donations and assistance

### MADINGOU DISTRICT



I am happy to introduce to you NGOs CO.CO.PE in Department of the Bouenza . in our Communities , and in YAMBA District. They have a Charity organization called Coalition of the Congolese People (Co.CO.PE ) I have personally walked with them and have seen how they have labored to extend a hand of help to People living with disabilities in deferent sub-counties of YAMBA District. Their Organization has been donating food staffs, Clothes, Blankets, wheelchairs e.t.c I can say that they are helping the Government to fit in the gap to improve the standards of our Persons with Disabilities (PWDs).

I am deeply impressed by the RE-USEABLE SANITARY PADS they produce and donate to the women in community and the school going Children, this has really helped the community and helped the girls. Professor Henry NSIKAAND Pst Jonas Bouenimio with CO.CO.PE have been a very good example to the People that they lead including less privileges women and the young hopeless generation. I encourage them to continue with the good work and if possible throughout the entire country.

Jean Fulgence  
Pdt of the departmental council of  
Bouenza



I would love to take this opportunity to thank the CO.CO.PE and Pst JONAS BOUENIMIO for the opportunity they gave to our district. They have been providing to the vulnerable persons and families including the disabled fraternity in Mouyonzi district. As government, we are very much appreciative to the work done by the Coalition for the Congolese people in Mouyonzi district and all different communities. I take the opportunity to thank the members of the leaders members, the followers and the well-wishers i for the contributions, because we all know, the hand that gives is more blessed than the hand that receives. So we thank God for the heart given them. We thank them for the love they have for their country, and for those that are in need. We pray to God so that he rewards them abundantly. As district we appreciate the work done by Co.Co.PE and we shall continue to recommend them and fully support the Co.CO.PE . May God rewards abundantly.

Mme Sarah Okandze  
District Social welfare  
THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



## Coalition for the Congolese People (Co.Co.Pe )

Since the establishment of Coalition for the Congolese .

The successes of the organization over the years show the determination and hard work that has been put in by staff and the leadership. Most importantly, these successes are attributed to the commitment and trust shown by the communities we serve as well as the confidence of our funding partners. This rapid growth is also a testament of the credibility of the growing and felt relevance of CO.CO.PE . Indeed, in the years of its existence, CO.CO.PE has built a reputation as an effective organisation which is capable of achieving tangible and sustainable results under challenging conditions. In this period, CO.CO.PE has grown to unprecedented levels, most notably acquiring the stature of health , education and Sanitation; the recognition and awards that CO.CO.PE , has received is evidence to this.

Since 2018, CO.CO.PE has been assisting, helping the vulnerable people and coordinating the different Urban Development Program in the communities .

We are grateful for Crossroads Foundation supported us since GKLA ,James Lung to CO.CO. PE our beginning , these partnerships have allowed US to extend its scope of work in Republic of Congo , as it is able to access skills and resources from other organizations and make them available for community projects.

It is worth noting that CO.CO.PE was able to forge new partnerships such as with the Embassy of Malta and Femeraid international . These new partnerships bring to CO.CO.CO , new opportunities that will see the organization expanding the delivery of service.

CO.CO.PE was able to established the Scholl and clinics which is popularly known as the best help as given of the Invouba and INGIE district . This is a vital component of the community empowerment work that is the backbone of CO.CO.PE's activities.

It is hoped that will grow to become a key advocacy platform for humanitarians Activities in the less privileges and needed in the Counties.

The last years has seen CO.CO.PE operating in renting offices on Bakoukouya road / potopototo and in mid 2021 the organization moved to new office in his owned building , premises to enable all of its programs to be located under one roof.

As eelier stated, CO.CO.PE has been hosting and coordinating the different humanitarian activities Urban Development Program which has been operating from a separate locations

This move would therefore see CO.CO.PE and GKLA CHURCH CONGO being located in the same office block. Finally, I would like to thank all our partners for the confidence they have shown in CO.CO.PE and for their continued support as we strive to make a difference particularly among the poorest of the poor in Congo . plans to foster on with the same spirit of focus and excellence to implementing the many exciting projects and initiatives that were developed in 2024.

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