



Observatoire de la Gouvernance et des Droits Humains en RDC

PROJECT: Assisting 20 Disabled Children in the DRC

Context and Justification

In the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), children with disabilities are among the most marginalized groups. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), approximately 15% of the global population lives with a disability, but in the DRC, these numbers are exacerbated by poverty, armed conflicts, and limited access to healthcare. Children with disabilities often face discrimination, lack access to education and healthcare, and endure widespread social exclusion.

This project aims to provide holistic support to 20 children with disabilities, improving their access to education, healthcare, and specialized services. By investing in their inclusion, we aim to foster a shift in societal attitudes and contribute to their socio-economic development.

Identified Problems

1. **Discrimination and stigma:** Children with disabilities are often excluded from social, educational, and family activities due to cultural biases.
2. **Limited access to services:** Families of these children lack the financial means to cover medical expenses, adaptive equipment (wheelchairs, crutches, prosthetics), or specialized educational services.
3. **Inadequate infrastructure:** Few schools or public facilities have the necessary adaptations to accommodate these children.
4. **Family poverty:** The majority of families with disabled children live below the poverty line, further compounding their vulnerability and exclusion.

Proposed Solutions

1. **Provision of specialized equipment:** Distribute wheelchairs, crutches, prosthetics, and other assistive devices tailored to the children's needs.
2. **Access to healthcare:** Cover medical expenses and provide physical and psychological rehabilitation.
3. **Inclusive education program:** Facilitate access to education by funding school fees and collaborating with inclusive or specialized schools.
4. **Community awareness campaigns:** Organize workshops to combat stigma surrounding disabilities and promote social inclusion.
5. **Support for families:** Provide psychosocial and economic assistance to help families better care for their children.

Objectives

1. **General Objective:** Improve the quality of life for 20 disabled children in the DRC by providing tailored services and promoting their social inclusion.
2. **Specific Objectives:**
 1. Provide specialized equipment to each child beneficiary.
 2. Ensure access to medical care and rehabilitation therapies.
 3. Facilitate education for all beneficiaries.
 4. Raise awareness among 100 community members about the rights of children with disabilities and the benefits of their inclusion.

Expected Results

1. The 20 children receive specialized equipment tailored to their needs.
2. Regular access to medical care and rehabilitation therapies is ensured for the beneficiaries.
3. At least 15 children are enrolled in an inclusive or specialized educational program.
4. Increased community awareness significantly reduces stigma related to disabilities.
5. Families benefit from improved psychosocial and economic support to better care for their children.

BUDGET

Items	Amount (USD)
1. Provision of specialized equipment (20 children at \$400 each)	8,000
2. Medical care and rehabilitation	3,000
3. Educational expenses and school supplies	2,000
4. Community awareness campaigns	1,000
5. Psychosocial and economic support for families	1,000
Total	15,000