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The project

“Pamodja” in Swahili language means “together”, and this project purposes to realize a community Centre for hosting a group of people that will be involved in sharing their lives and working together. The project includes farming and breeding, and it’s going to be developed in Katanga region, South East of Congo Democratic Republic.

More specifically it will take place in Kipushi peripheral area, at Kaponda Village, 30 km far from the regional capital city, Lubumbashi. In this area the “Karibu” Association has already been involving in some actions: talks, public debates and meetings with the local farmers, about how to realize economical development in respect of local traditions and with ethical values.

We have to face with an unflattering economical situation – here as well as in the whole Congo Democratic Republic – where poverty and social problems are enhanced with lack of basic education and weak socio – economical structures.

In the countryside, a lot of young people leave their homes and villages looking for basic needs and better job opportunities into big towns. Here they don’t find real job facilities nor opportunities; city suburban areas don’t offer them anything but social deviance and no future.

In this context the “Pamodja project” offers some life opportunities, in partnership with the “Karibu” Assocation, that was born to cope with socio – economical problems, with the help of young volunteers.

The “Karibu” Association (“karibu” means “welcome!” in Swahili language)

It's a cooperative, non governative association, with christian basis, that operates for social solidarity, to promote sustainable economical development through rural work.

Activities

All the projects deal with mutual help in friendship, making people work together.

Methods

This association works to help social activities and micro-projects in order to get better living conditions, especially for young and poor people. These people become the subject and the main protagonists of their own change and their own choices.

The Association gets money from people contribution, from friends and donors who can help and support the “Karibu” Association.

In Italy, the “Karibu” Association is in partnership with a similar Italian Association, called “Di Tutti i Colori”.

“Di Tutti i Colori” Association

It was founded in 2003 by people coming from different nationalities and countries, who are living in the same town and share some common aims:

- promoting cultural confront, with different people and cultures, as differences can enrich each other's life
- promoting solidarity, people care, integration
- educating to intercultural dialogue, peace, sustainable development
- supporting people who face exclusion, deviance and social conflicts

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the Pamodja Intervention

We will work in farming projects, as agriculture can be helpful for our economical autonomy and stop young people's run from rural villages to big towns, where they will find no real perspectives.

Congo Democratic Republic

Extension: 2.344.855 km²

Population: 44.000.000 inhabitants

Density: 15 inhabitants per km²

Capital city: Kinshasa

Government: Democratic Republic

Languages: French (official), Lingala, Swahili, Bantu (national languages)

Religion: christian (catholic, evangelical, protestant), traditional

Working people: 41% (at 2000)

Illiteracy average: 45,5% (at 2000)

Life expectations: 43 years (at 1999)

Number of inhabitants/doctors: 6.452 (in 2004)

Telephone coverage: 30 telephones on 1000 inhabitants



The project's aim

First of all we need to build up a community centre, where people can live and work together, against poverty and social uneasiness.

Then we are going to buy materials, equipment and tools, in order to start farming and breeding activities in 10 hectares land: one part of this land (5 hectares) will be bought by the "Karibu" Association, the other part (5 hectares as well) being given us by the local government. Here we are going to use land for food

production and self sustenance, for storage and for commercial uses.

Who will benefit

In the first phase 20 young people will be received and welcomed, and they will help in building up the Centre, so that they can feel protagonists of the project, as well as donors and volunteers.

The project will also give a helping hand to people living nearby: over 15.000 peasants will have positive feed back coming from the project, as indirect benefits.

The donors

Local people and local equipments and tools will play the most important role, but we're looking also for private and public organizations dealing with social solidarity to get involved.

Activities

Daily care inside the Centre, basic education, taking place in the Centre itself and in the villages nearby, education to communitarian work and participation.

Time requested

The basic project will take 3 years, and will be divided into two phases:

- First step: from October 25th 2007 to November 2008 (building up the Centre, first aid activities, beginning of working and farming/breeding activities).
- Second step: from September 15th 2008 to December 2010 (time requested to consolidate breeding and farming activities, agricultural production and commerce)

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Enjoy our project!

Anybody can help in many ways, with single contribution or public/private initiatives supporting our projects.

Concretely:

- with 20 € we can buy a working tool (a hoe, a spade or a wheelbarrow)
- with 35 € we can buy an animal for breeding (a goat, a sheep or a swine)
- with 100 € we can send working tools (the ones we won't find in villages nearby our Centre), from Italy to Lubumbashi, Congo.

Actual rates

1. building up the Community Centre

a. The Centre will lodge our first community (5 people to begin, then up to 20), who is going to share community life and work.

To do so, we need tools and equipment for building up our Centre, we shall dig a well for water supply, that can be available from villages nearby.

Total expense: 5.750 €

b. farming and breeding – we have already got 3 hectares land

We need to buy belt, sweet potatoes and vegetables seeds. We shall buy 20 hoes, 5 machetes, 6 spades, 2 wheelbarrows, and also 10 goats, 8 rabbits, 15 hens.

Total expense: 3.600 €

c. Other tools requested are:

2 water engines, solar panels, food storage and preserve, 3 wood cooking systems, additional working tools. These materials shall be coming from Italy stocked in a container.

Transport expense: 9.650 €

2. farming activities

We are going to cultivate the 8 hectares land in maize, beans, soy and vegetables. To do so, we need: 20 hoes, 5 machetes, 3 spades, 2 wheelbarrows, 2 hedge trimmers, 1 millstone for maize flour, 1 tractor, seeds.

3. breeding

We are going to build up a stable for goats, hens, swine and rabbits.

We need: 1 chick incubator, solar panels for incubator's alimentation, 30 hens, 15 goats, 5 swine, 15 rabbits, working tools from Italy (2 containers).