



COD-MAF-MED-N06

Reporting Period: July 15 to January 16

## Health Professionals Training - DRC

**Budget:** \$16,000 for Year Six, fully funded!  
\$16,140 for Year 7, currently requiring \$10,140

### Update:

Health Professionals Training is a project Entrust has supported for six years now, working in the extremely impoverished country of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

This project supports 12 nursing students and 16 medical students with 90% of the cost of tuition each year. The students are selected by Panzi Hospital staff after they complete the first year of their study. All students selected demonstrate the required dedication and skill to become nurses and doctors, but due to difficult family circumstances lack the financial means to complete their training. Many of the students selected continue to work and study so they can afford the remaining 10% of tuition, books, and food, as well as support their families.

One trainee doctor Richard met, told him of his father's premature death and the scholarship was the only way he could continue his studies. Knowing others were helping him, gave him the motivation to work even harder and get excellent grades. He was extremely grateful for the support and would not have been able to become a doctor without Entrust!

Each student selected is expected to remain in DRC for a number of years after they graduate, 'paying forward' their scholarship by using their training to benefit their country. DRC had a 20 year period of civil war, and while peace is present, sporadic outbreaks of fighting and violence still occur. The country is still healing, and professionals of any sort are in short demand. Our assistance is providing much needed health care to this country. Already, several graduates of the project are working at Panzi Hospital.



Some of our nursing students in class



Panzi Hospital, where our students do practicals

Feedback from our current intake of students is extremely positive. Without this scholarship over half the current students would have had to drop out of university due to the cost. They are extremely grateful for the opportunity to finish their degrees.

Thank you for your part in delivering better health care to the DRC!