



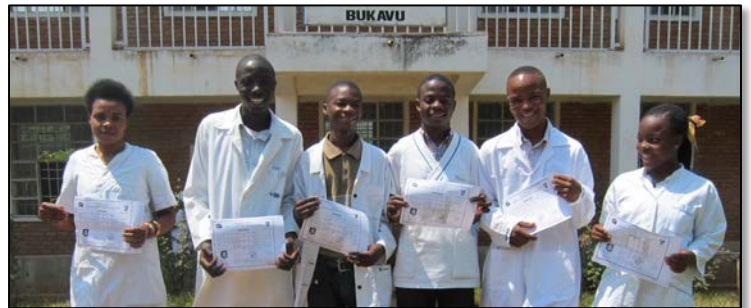
COD-MAF-MED-P07, DRC
Reporting Period: January - June 2016

Health Professionals Training

Budget: \$ 16,800 – fully funded!

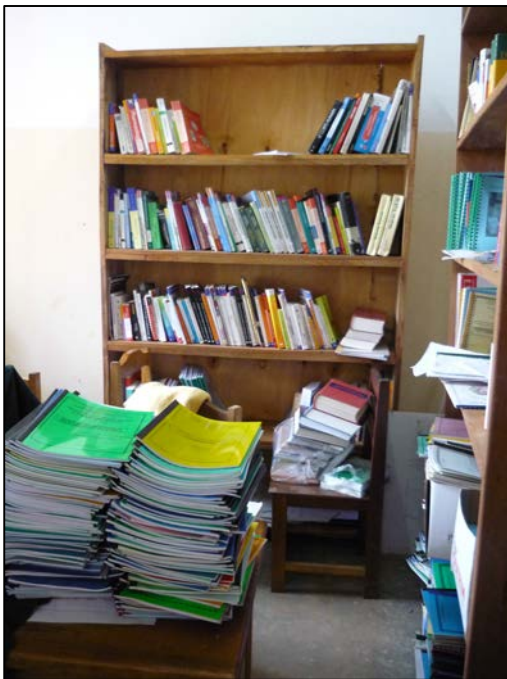
Update:

This project supports 12 nursing students and 16 medical students with 80% 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 life circumstances lack the financial means to complete their training.



Medical students after their mid-year exams

Dr Denis Mukwege recently shared that the Panzi hospital (where students do their training, and where some end up working after graduation) and the University communities have been greatly encouraged that Australians care so deeply for their people that they are willing to make this investment.



The extent of the library at the Nursing University. Fees from our students are slowly increasing the available books.

Panzi Hospital is also benefiting as previous doctors and nurses are now working at the hospital.

Panzi Hospital specialises in carrying for women victims of violence – DRC is still somewhat unsettled and sexual violence has been a regular tool of warfare used in the fighting. By supporting students training at Panzi an entirely new generation of doctors and nurses will be equipped to respond to these patients, and to help rebuild DRC one woman at a time. The hospital has gratefully acknowledged that there is no way they could have educated so many students without this project.

On the student side, several have shared how they would have had to stop studying but for the financial assistance we provide.

On behalf of the many people impacted by this project – thank you for caring for DRC and equipping its people for a better future.