

Skills For My Future

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Bukavu, Dem Republic of Congo



Economic Empowerment

Year 1 Budget \$27,900

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

SEPT 22

AUG 24

Overview

This project enables training in sewing and joinery for 30 young participants living with disabilities from very poor families. It will provide training for young people to learn a skill enabling them to support themselves financially and participate in a society where disability means rejection at every social level. It will also teach good social interaction skills. The two-year program will consist of skills and business training together with a reintegration kit for each graduate. This includes materials needed to continue their trade.

Impact for Sept 22 - March 23

20 20 sewing students were recruited



and have commenced the two-year sewing course, at the end of which they receive an integration kit to allow them to establish their business. 14 female, 6 males are enrolled in the training.

10 participants receiving joinery training

This group did not have as much grasp of foundational concepts as previous ones and so extra time has been given to teaching basic notions before continuing with the practical training package. They are demonstrating the courage to learn and commitment to see it through.



Training materials purchased and in use

The availability of some supplies has been intermittent and so efforts will be made over coming months to strengthen supply chains. The joinery and sewing teachers receive a regular wage from funds.

Sale of products to local community

Products made in the sewing and joinery programs are sold to local buyers, benefitting the community through more quality products being on the market. Increased marketing of the products and awareness-raising of the program is planned in coming months.



- All staff will be trained in sign-language to ensure good communication with deaf students.
- An estimated 20 households benefit from the services provided by one apprentice, which translates to 4200 indirect beneficiaries of the program. 210 family members also benefit through the training students receive, as they become financially autonomous.



Annuarite's Story

My name is Annuarite Buhendwa. I am 28-years-old and one of 8 children from a village near Bukavu. I am staying with a family close to the centre so that I can attend training in sewing. I lost my right arm in a terrible accident with a cassava milling machine when I was younger and my hopes for the future were dashed. But now, since having a prosthetic arm fitted and integrating into the sewing apprenticeship, I no longer feel marginalised because of my disability. I feel like I have my future back – one where I can earn a living to support myself. Thank you for restoring my hope!

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