

# ACTION KIVU



Action Kivu provides the Democratic Republic of Congo's victims of violence with the opportunity to rebuild their lives on a foundation of hope, dignity, and economic self-sustenance.

A U.S. 501(c)(3), Action Kivu works with local Congolese non-profits and community leaders to empower and educate women and children, thus breaking the cycle of poverty and creating an environment for peace.

## Projects and Participation

### *Empowering Women: Sewing Workshops | Professional Training*

Providing marginalized women the tools to generate income and embrace their gifts and their rights, enabling them to discover positions of power in their communities.

### *Empowering Children: Education Assistance*

Vulnerable children and orphans, victims of the ongoing conflict and HIV/AIDS crisis, are able to attend school, with fees and uniforms paid for.

### *Empowering Community: Agriculture | Animal Husbandry*

A shared farm provides agricultural skills and training, as well as land to grow food to feed families and to sell at the market.

An animal husbandry program teaches the community the benefits and care of farm animals, eventually to reap the health and economic benefits of cows' milk.

## Donors Make a Difference

Girls who once were not able to afford school are at the top of their classes because of consistent attendance, made possible by Action Kivu's education assistance programs. Shukura was at the top of her fourth grade class in Spring 2012, and plans to be a teacher.

Graduates of the sewing program successfully run small businesses.

Nzigira and Tantine live at home with their parents and family, who do not work, and from the women's shared small business, they meet their families' basic needs.

"This sewing certificate is a symbol of victory and respect," one mother said of her daughter's graduation from the sewing workshop in June, 2012. "And I will be the first to register in the literacy program because I was not happy with the last presidential elections, when I asked people to help me vote but they did it according to their own will. I want to make sure next time I am able to read the name of the candidate of my own choice."

100% of donations go directly to the programs in Congo, minus nominal banking fees.

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The Impact of Your Contribution

**\$15**

one bolt of fabric for a sewing workshop student

**\$50**

one month's salary for the shared farm instructor

**\$75**

one year of school for a primary school student

**\$95**

one year of school for a secondary school student

**\$175**

one sewing kit for a sewing workshop graduate



In 2011,  
**34 women** graduated from the sewing workshops and **115 children** attended school all thanks to the generosity of our supporters

