



DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO



The Democratic Republic of Congo has one of the richest soils of Africa, with materials such as uranium, coltan and cassiterite, used for the new technology devices. The Country still lives a war that started twenty years ago and that caused more than 6 millions of deaths, 500.000 raped and mutilated women. Epidemics, among which Ebola, ravage the Country.

BUKAVU



The Hell of Bukavu. It was the name of the district in which the families of the policemen lived. Policemen salary is only 5 dollars per month and it is impossible for them to support their family: they live in misery, too often unavailable of providing a meal to their children. 1.000 people lived in 1.000 sqm., crammed in makeshift tents. They only had 2 open sewer toilets and 1 point of water supply.

The “Suore Francescane del Monte” nuns have been constantly working to help this community and they still are an essential point of reference for the families.



A mother and her children get some rest in one of the old tents of the district.



Don Pino, Need You Onlus volunteer, visits the camp.



The only point of water supply for the 1.000 people of the village before the intervention of Need You Onlus.

We started helping the community of Bukavu in 2015. Giorgio Olivieri, architect and tireless volunteer, projected the construction of an actual village. With this project: each family would have a wooden house, would have access to decent toilets, children would be able to attend the school.

The first step was to move the camp up on the hill. Rains are heavy and there aren't any paved road in the village so people sink in the mud and stay covered in dirt. By moving the camp up on the hill and by providing the families with better equipped tents, we could help them shelter better from the torrential rains.



The temporary camp up on the hill.

The construction works started in 2015. We inaugurated the first wooden house in 2016, with great proud of both the association and our volunteers and benefactors.



Giorgio Olivieri in front of the wooden houses during the 2017 mission

Together with the construction of the wooden houses, we built a school with a canteen and a first aid room. 935 children attend the school:

- 3 classrooms are for 120 children from 3 to 5 years old
- 10 classrooms are for 520 children of the primary school from 5 to 12 years old
- 8 classrooms are for 295 children who attend secondary school



From Monday to Friday, children get a hot meal of rice and beans: on Monday they get a double ration, in order to compensate for the poor nutrition of the weekend. The younger children, aged 4 to 6, get the mussalack, a mix of milk and flour rich of proteins, vitamins and carbohydrate.



We built a total of 48 toilets and 2 new points of water supply for the whole community.

We also built a pagoda big enough to welcome the gathering of both children and parents during the rain season, thus allowing children to play and adults to have social interactions.



The building of one wooden house costs € 3.000. Thanks to our supporters, at this day, there are 35 wooden houses in the village of Bukavu.





Our volunteers during the 2017 mission



In the early 2020 we inaugurated a new project for Bukavu: a tailoring school.
40 young women can now learn a job with which they can support their families.





The “Suore Francescane del Monte” nuns run the hospital, an important healthcare reference point for the region that has surgery, general medicine, maternity and infectious disease departments.

Need You Onlus actively collaborates with the nuns, by sending funding to help children go to school and access the healthcare system.

BOKORÒ



Bokorò is a village 600 km from Kinshasa. There aren't any roads connecting the village but it is only reachable by boat or with tiny airplanes.

In 2008, Father Joseph Nduita and Father Félicien Boduka asked for help for the school Kebia of the village of Bokorò.

The building was crumbling and it was too small to welcome the 300 children who attended school: they were forced to stay in small rooms without electricity, desks or chairs.

Antonio Carcione, entrepreneur from Rome, immediately decided to take the trip at his own expenses and go on site to estimate the amount of work that the building needed. He proposed a project for a building that would cost € 120.000 and that would welcome 1.300 children.





The school was inaugurated on the 19th September 2010 and our volunteers Antonio Carcione, Marco Ferrari, Gerardo Robusti, Dario Formiconi e Maurizio Molan assisted at the ceremony.

We couldn't complete this project without the help and support of our volunteers and donors such as: Fineco Bank of Milan, Alessandro Foti and Paola Spolini, Giuseppe Sala and Alberto Gilli of Candis.



Dario Formiconi with some of the children of the community

The company IMEB donated an electric generator powerful enough to provide electricity to the whole village and thus allowing every day and school activities.

In 2015 we decided to set up a carpentry school that would give a chance to the young men to learn a job and have a better future. The “Istituto d’Arte” high school of Acqui Terme helped us and donated the machines of the carpentry laboratory they couldn’t use anymore because they were not complying to the latest CEE regulations.



Thanks to the company “Erodio” that put at the disposal its staff and thanks to our volunteers, we could send all of the carpentry laboratory machines and 2 containers of essential goods.



In June 2016 our volunteers visited the community to help install the machines. The carpentry laboratory is still fully operational: the students build the new desks for the school, door frames and furniture for the whole village.

KEMBA

(Small village near Bokorò)

In 2013, thanks to Father Jean Willy Bomoi, Need You Onlus got to know the reality of Kemba: 800 children didn't have any suitable place to have their school lessons.



Together with the “Lions Club of Acqui Terme Host” and the “Lions Club International”, with a project that cost € 70.000, we built a school with 12 classrooms.



One of the new classrooms



The new toilets of the school



The inauguration of the school



MENKAO

(Small village near Kinshasa)



The association “Chemin Neuf” operates at Menkao. The village is about 60 km from Kinshasa and it is very poor.

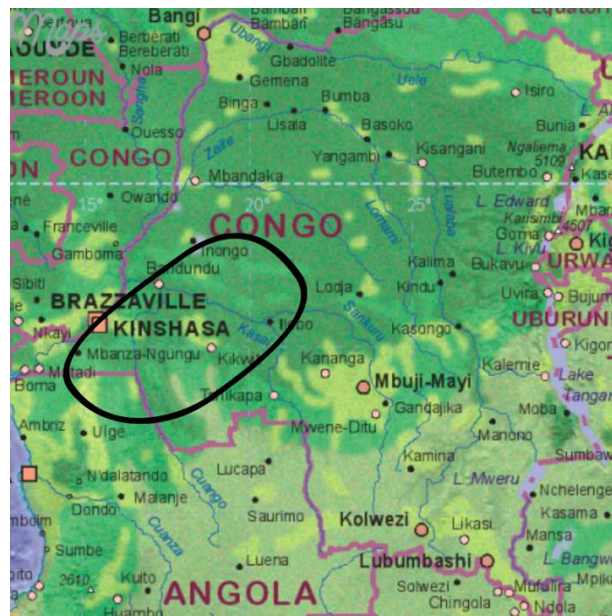
The houses are small: families are large but only have one room and an outside kitchen. Menkao is a village that survives only thanks to the agricultural activity.

Need You Onlus sent, thanks to the contribution of the Mantelli and Peretta families, a tractor completely restored as new that has been of fundamental help for the community.



Our donors with the new tractor

KINSHASA



The female population, together with children, is the most vulnerable category of the precarious socio-economic situation of the Country. Too many young women can't go to school and can't find a job due to lack of experience or the impossibility of buying the material needed.

For this reason, in the centre of Kinshasa, Father Joseph Nduita decided to set up a tailoring atelier: the centre gives the young women the equipment and they can learn the job.

Need You Onlus sent € 2.300 to support the project.

NGANDA YALA

Tailoring atelier

Need You Onlus helped set up a tailoring atelier for homeless girls, teenage mothers and illiterate women who attend the centre “Saint Raymond” in the poor district of Nganda-Yala, 60 km from the capital. The centre welcomes 30 children and 200 young women. The “Suore della Congregazione di San Paolo della Croce” nuns run the centre and manage the project.



ASSOCIATION OF THE WOMEN MARAICHERES DE MBANKANA



Padre Felicien Boduka asked for our help to build a foster home for young women.

The project started in August 2020: 11 girls aged 15-17 who do not have a family and were forced to live in the street, can now have a home.

During the day, the girls work in the fields so that the small community can be self-sustained with the selling of the products they farm.

They received € 2.500 to continue the maintenance work of the foster house.

The aim of the project is to be able to welcome even younger girls who would need greater amount of care and to offer them a safe shelter.

SCOLARSHIPS

Through Father Joseph Nduita who is always the first in line to help the children of the Congolese communities, we keep supporting some of the most worthy students so that they can complete their studies.

Some of the students we help:

- Semplice Mambu will become a doctor in November 2021.
- Ikongo Cedric can attend agriculture school.
- Monkaju Belange, Momkamvula Nolive, Mputu, Esther Elenge, Divine Bosewa, Nkiere, Monsengo Rachidi graduated high-school this year and can go on with their studies.

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