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Empowered through training and continuous support from RAF Global, women farmers embrace organic farming practices to grow healthy food and sustainable livelihoods.

## Message from the Chairman

As we present the Annual Report 2025 – Democratic Republic of Congo, I reflect with deep gratitude on another year of purposeful engagement, resilience, and progress. Since 2017, RAF Global has remained committed to supporting the most marginalised communities, enabling them to live with dignity, opportunity, and hope.

During the year under review, RAF Global expanded both the reach and scope of its water and sanitation programme. Forty water tanks were built in underserved communities across Kinshasa. These tanks provide access to safe water without relying on electricity. A significant highlight of the year was our strategic collaboration with Centre de Recherche en Ressources en Eau du Bassin du Congo (CRREBaC) at the University of Kinshasa, fostering applied research and student participation in water management while strengthening the technical quality and impact of our projects. We also partnered with the Vodacom Foundation to expand water tank infrastructure in ten underserved areas of Kinshasa.

Strengthening our integrated approach has remained a key priority. RAF Global set up organic gardens on school campuses that have both Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres and skill-building facilities. These gardens provide a reliable source of fresh produce for young children while extending nutritional benefits to the wider campus community. At the same time, this model enables mothers of children enrolled in schools and ECD centres to participate in vocational training, creating opportunities for improved livelihoods and benefitting entire families.

In areas where access to reliable electricity remains a challenge, RAF Global has continued to invest in sustainable, solar-powered solutions.



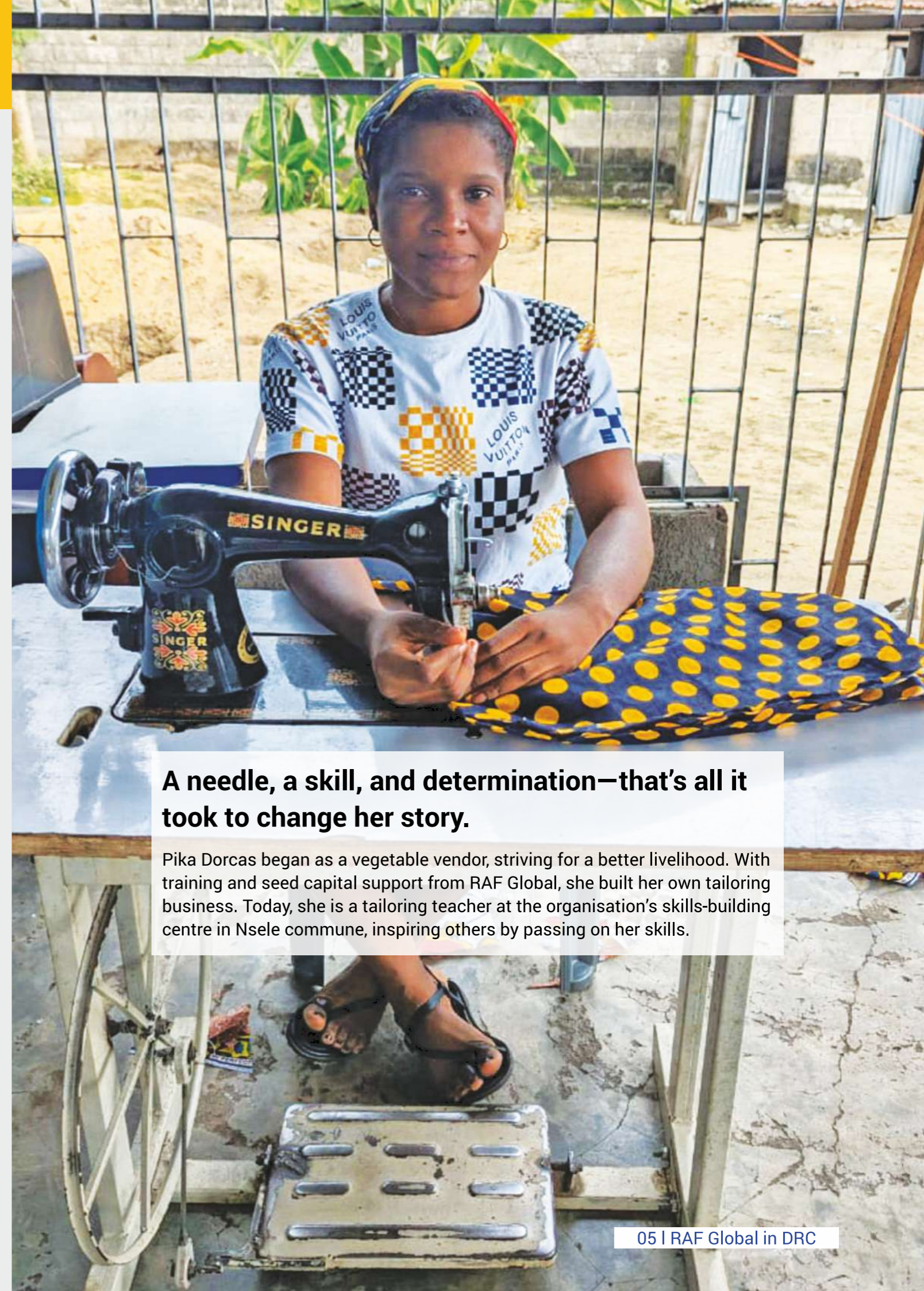
During the year, a solar-powered computer lab was established in a government school in collaboration with UAC SARL, ensuring uninterrupted access to e-learning opportunities. Additionally, with support from RAW Bank, a solar-powered borehole system was installed, improving access to safe water for both the school and the surrounding community.

While much work remains ahead, I am deeply encouraged by the tangible progress we continue to witness. On behalf of RAF Global, I extend my sincere gratitude to our partners, donors, government allies, and community institutions – all of whom have contributed to this journey. Your trust enables us to act as a catalyst, bringing together resources, systems, and grassroots strategies to pursue long-term, systemic change.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated team in the DRC. Your commitment, often in challenging circumstances, reflects the true spirit of service. Above all, the resilience and determination of the communities we serve remains our greatest source of inspiration.

*Rizwan Adatia*

**Rizwan Adatia**  
Founder & Chairman  
RAF Global



### A needle, a skill, and determination—that's all it took to change her story.

Pika Dorcas began as a vegetable vendor, striving for a better livelihood. With training and seed capital support from RAF Global, she built her own tailoring business. Today, she is a tailoring teacher at the organisation's skills-building centre in Nsele commune, inspiring others by passing on her skills.

## About RAF Global

RAF Global is a private, non-denominational, not-for-profit international organisation committed to improving the quality of life primarily in selected countries across Africa and Asia. RAF Global has branches and affiliates in six countries. It works with the most marginalised individuals, families, communities in the poorest areas of Asia and Africa to improve their quality of life by acting as a catalyst that brings together resources, technology, systems, and effective grassroots strategies, giving better choices and control to people for lasting change. In pursuit of its mission, RAF Global endeavours to make long-term, strategic and systemic investment around the key sectors of health, nutrition, education, and sustainable livelihoods along with advancing good governance at the subnational level. Operational in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) since 2017, RAF Global is registered by the Ministry of Social Affairs in the category of ASBL/ NGO/EUP of a social nature, under Law No. 004-2001.

### Vision

A resilient society that is free from poverty and where every woman, man and child leads a fulfilling life with dignity, peace and security of rights.

### Mission

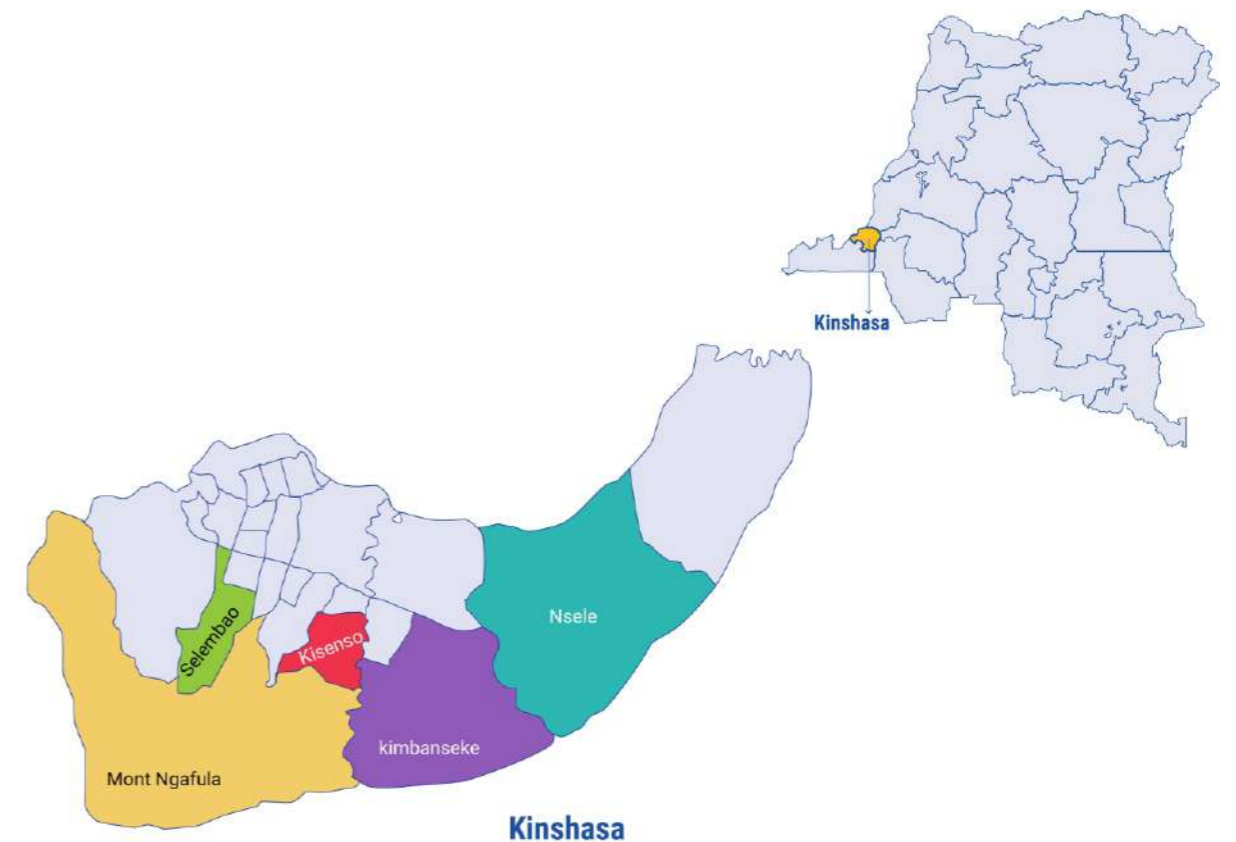
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## Where We Work

### Global Presence



## Democratic Republic of Congo (D.R. Congo)



## Global Programme Framework



During the review year, RAF Global strengthened its integrated, community-centred approach across Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, addressing urgent needs while laying the foundation for long-term resilience. Through coordinated investments in health and nutrition, livelihoods, climate-smart agriculture, and education, the organisation enhanced access to essential services, strengthened local capacities, and fostered sustainable, community-led development, with women and children at the heart of its interventions.

**Key learnings**

The year 2025 marked a progressive step in scaling RAF Global's integrated and strategic approach to delivering measurable impact in underserved communities.

**Integrated campus model for holistic development**

Locating Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres, organic nutrition gardens, and Vocational Training Centres (VTCs) on the same campus created a supportive ecosystem for both children and families. Nutrition gardens helped provide healthy meals for preschoolers, strengthening school readiness and reinforcing the importance of investing in early childhood. At the same time, vocational training opportunities enabled mothers to build skills and pursue livelihoods while their children attended ECD or primary school, creating parallel pathways for child development and family economic empowerment. Building on the success of this model at Centre Nutritionnel Soeur Véronique Natival (Mpassa) in Nsele commune, the organisation established two additional integrated campuses during the review year.

**Growing demand for digital skills**

Strong interest in computer education among youth highlighted the increasing importance of digital literacy and employability skills, as reflected in a 100 per cent retention rate in the basic computer (MS Office) training course.





**Water access is driving community engagement and agriculture**

Investments in water infrastructure improved access to safe drinking water, strengthened community trust, and encouraged participation in other development initiatives. It was observed that farmers in areas where water tanks were constructed developed greater trust in the organisation, which in turn motivated them to participate in organic farming training programmes.

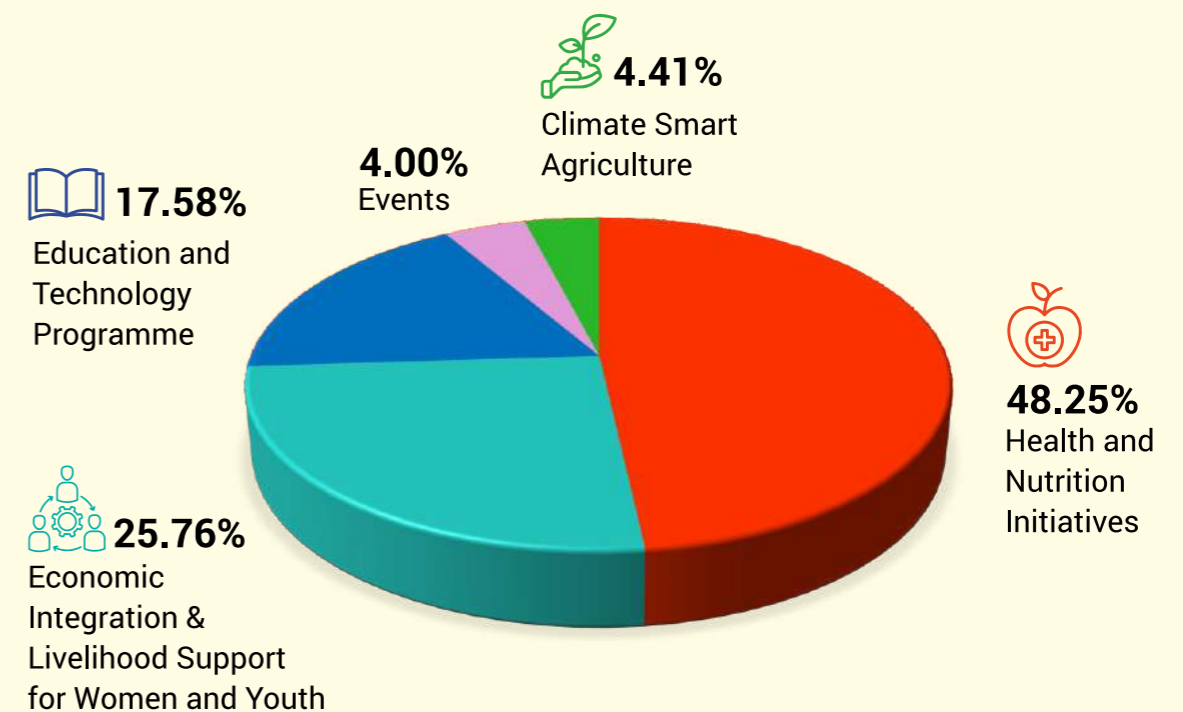
**Supporting the elderly through healthcare**

Recognising the growing vulnerability of older populations, RAF Global continued its cataract treatment initiative to restore vision among elderly individuals. As many senior citizens continue to work to sustain their livelihoods, vision impairment can significantly limit their independence and economic participation. By restoring sight, the initiative helps older individuals regain confidence, dignity, and the ability to lead more independent and productive lives. During the review year, over 80 per cent of cataract patients treated were elderly.

During the period under review, a total of **1,15,009** individuals benefitted from the organisation's initiatives. Among them, **1.2** per cent benefitted from more than one initiative of the organisation. A reported **53** per cent of people drawing benefits from the programme were women. The following table shows the spread of its impact on the community through a range of programmes.

Programmes	No. of persons reached	Proportion of women (among total persons reached)	Of them, proportion of people who have benefitted from other programmes as well
 Health and Nutrition Initiatives	1,04,520	54%	-
 Economic Integration & Livelihood Support for Women and Youth	1,388	84%	17%
 Climate Smart Agriculture	1,195	48%	61%
 Education & Technology	7,906	42%	6%

**Funds investments across programmes**





RAF Global's work in health and nutrition focuses on improving access to essential services for underserved communities. Through free cataract surgeries, nutritious food for children, clean water, and improved sanitation, the organisation aims to reduce disease, improve nutrition, and promote dignity. By supporting local health centres with essential medical equipment and integrating these efforts, RAF Global helps build healthier, more resilient communities where individuals can live better lives.

In the reporting period, RAF Global positively impacted **1,04,520** lives through its healthcare initiatives.

Women represented **54** per cent of the total individuals benefitted through healthcare initiatives.



### Supporting elderly livelihoods through vision restoration

Mafuta Mutai, a 77-year-old widow from Nsele, has supported her family as a small-scale vendor, raising seven children on her own. Selling food and household goods near her home, she relied on this work as her sole livelihood. Over time, cataracts in both eyes severely affected her vision, making it difficult to recognise customers, handle money, and manage her stall. As her eyesight deteriorated, managing her daily work became increasingly challenging.

In 2025, Mafuta learned about RAF Global's free cataract treatment programme through the church and enrolled in the programme for surgery. Later that year, she successfully underwent cataract surgery on her left eye. After recovery, she resumed her vending activities with renewed confidence and independence. Surgery for her right eye is planned for the following year. The intervention has enabled Mafuta to continue earning a livelihood and live with dignity in her old age.

# 1,04,520

Total Programme outreach

# 3,420

children supported with nutritious meals

# 461

cataract surgeries conducted

# 40

water tanks constructed

## Strengthening the healthcare system

### Nutrition care in early childhood centres and institutions

RAF Global's nutrition-aid programme provides daily meals and nutrition support to vulnerable children in Kinshasa. The initiative, supported by private donors and organisations, served 3,420 children during the year.

In addition to providing monthly kitchen groceries to Don De Marie Orphanage and Centre Nutritionnel Soeur Veronique Nativel (a childcare facility supporting malnourished children in Nsele commune), the organisation established organic nutrition gardens on two school campuses. These gardens ensured a sustainable supply of fresh vegetables and fruit for children enrolled in the Early Childhood Development (ECD) programme and for the wider campus community. A bakery unit, established in 2019 as a joint initiative between RAF Global and Ste. Fourways SARL continued to provide fresh bread daily to 820 residents of Mama Koko Orphanage.



### Nutrition initiatives

<b>Daily Meals</b>	<b>Kitchen Groceries</b>	<b>Organic Gardens</b>	<b>Bakery Unit</b>
Provides essential nutrition to vulnerable children	Support orphanages with monthly supplies	Ensure sustainable access to fresh produce	Offers daily fresh bread to orphanage residents

## Enhancing healthcare infrastructure



During the review period, RAF Global, in collaboration with Kin Marche and NGO Zarina, supplied 43 beds, 51 mattresses with bed sheets, three wheelchairs, medicines, hygiene materials, and food packets to Saint Joseph De Turin Madayila Hospital in Kimbanseke. This support is expected to benefit 1,000 patients yearly and strengthen the quality of inpatient care.



## Cataract treatment



In partnership with Foundation Vision, community-based cataract screening camps were organised in Kimbanseke and Nsele communes, reaching 278 people. Of these, 65 were diagnosed with cataracts and referred to partner hospitals for surgery. Over the review year, 461 people received cataract operations through the treatment programme, delivered in collaboration with Devimco, Biso Na Biso, and the Shamji Family. More than half of those who received treatment were women.

## Improving water and sanitation infrastructure

During the review year, RAF Global constructed 40 community water tanks across various communes in Kinshasa, improving access to safe water for 99,435 residents in underserved villages. Of these, 13 water tanks (including seven upgraded tanks) were built in partnership with Devimco, Association KIN ACCUEIL, RAW Bank and private donors, in the communes of Nsele, Mont Ngafula, and Selembao.

### Key partnerships

In the review year, RAF Global strengthened key partnerships to enhance programme impact.



RAF Global partnered with the Centre de Recherche en Ressources en Eau du Bassin du Congo (CRREBaC)<sup>1</sup> at the University of Kinshasa to advance applied research and practical solutions for sustainable water and sanitation. This collaboration aims to support student-led applied research on water projects, while enabling RAF Global to draw on CRREBaC's technical expertise in water infrastructure and hydrology, including the development of low-cost, reliable water-testing mechanisms to strengthen programme quality and impact.



Inauguration of the water tank project by RAF Global and Vodacom Foundation



In collaboration with the Vodacom Foundation, RAF Global partnered to construct 10 water tanks in underserved areas of Kinshasa, which are expected to provide more than 7,000 people with access to safe, reliable drinking water.

<sup>1</sup>CRREBaC is a research centre based at the University of Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo, contributing to the sustainable management and development of water resources in the Congo Basin through scientific research.

## Enhancing community well-being through improved access to safe water



Before construction of water tank



After construction of water tank



In Mont Ngafula commune, RAF Global and Devimco jointly constructed a water tank with an upgraded model featuring a tiled, multi-tap design and increased storage capacity to improve durability, user convenience, and access to safe water for the community.

Previously, villagers relied on a small PVC pipe inserted into the natural spring—a method that was both inconvenient and often unsafe. With the nearest borehole more than 2 kilometres away, fetching water was a daily challenge. The site's strong natural stream flow made it ideal for the new tank, which now supplies water 24 hours a day through multiple taps. Even during peak use, the tank refills within 30 minutes due to the steady inflow, attracting users from villages up to 3 kilometres away.

Beyond providing safe water, the site has become a vibrant community gathering space. Overflow water is directed to a nearby collection point, where women gather to wash clothes and children bathe and play. The facility has become an essential communal asset, improving access to safe water, hygiene, convenience, and social interaction.

## Outreach through Health & Nutrition Initiatives

### Strengthening the Healthcare System



**3,420** children received essential nutrition care in early childhood centres and institutions



**1** district health centre was equipped with essential medical supplies and equipment, benefitting **1,000** patients annually

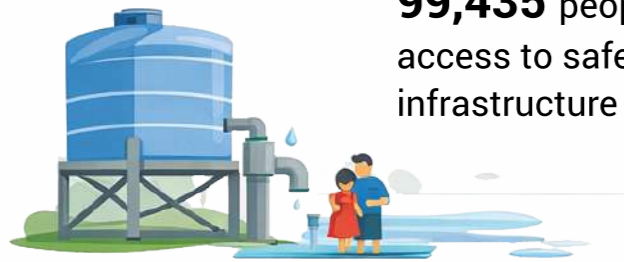


**278** community members participated in cataract awareness and screening camps



**461** cataract surgeries were successfully conducted, restoring vision and improving quality of life

### Improving Water & Sanitation Infrastructure



**99,435** people benefitted from improved access to safe water & sanitation infrastructure





## Economic Integration and Livelihood Support for Women and Youth

RAF Global combines vocational training, seed capital, and ongoing mentoring to help women and youth from marginalised communities start small businesses or income-generating activities that enable them to build sustainable livelihoods. By providing both the tools and the financial resources needed, RAF Global empowers individuals to achieve economic self-reliance and integrate into mainstream economic activities.



### Empowering young women through vocational skills

Sefro, the youngest of six siblings from a single-mother household, completed her beauty and grooming vocational training with RAF Global in May 2023. Prior to the training, she had limited skills and earned a modest income by occasionally styling hair for neighbours. Immediately after completing the course, Sefro began offering beauty services from her home. Within a month, she was earning around 200,000 Congolese francs (USD 90). Gradually, she was able to open a beauty salon in a local market on a monthly rent of USD 20. Following the shop's establishment, her monthly income increased to 250,000–300,000 Congolese francs (USD 111–133). Over time, as demand for bridal makeup, hairstyling, and grooming services grew, her income rose significantly to 560,000–600,000 Congolese francs per month.

Sefro actively promotes her work on TikTok, WhatsApp, and Facebook, and currently has 1,500 followers, helping her reach a wider client base. In addition to service delivery, she now trains aspiring beauticians, charging USD 20 at enrolment and USD 15 upon course completion, with training durations ranging from three to five months. Today, Sefro contributes to her household income, saves regularly, and reinvests in her business. She plans to expand her salon further and continue mentoring young people in the beauty and grooming sector.

In the year in review, **1,388** women and youth participated in Economic Integration and Livelihood Support initiatives, of whom, nearly **17** per cent received benefits through other initiatives as well.

Women represented **84** per cent of all programme participants.

**1,388**

Total Programme outreach

**239**

individuals received seed capital

**100%**

retention rate in Basic computer (MS Office) course











## Skill building

During the review year, 1,388 women and youth from various communes in Kinshasa participated in vocational training. Eleven skill-building centres across Mont Ngafula, Nsele, Kimbanseke, and Selembao offer training in eight market-ready skills: tailoring, basic beauty and grooming, baking, motor vehicle mechanics, electrical work, carpentry, mobile banking (M-Pesa and Airtel Money), and basic computer skills (MS Office). Of all vocational graduates, 84 per cent were women, and an estimated 466 former trainees of previous batches are currently earning between USD 35-85 per month.

### New initiatives during the review year

- ◆ Three new skill-building centres were set up in the communes of Nsele and Selembao, bringing the total to 11 centres across Kinshasa province. The new centres offer vocational courses in tailoring and motor vehicle mechanics.
- ◆ Following the successful introduction of a three-month basic computer course (MS Office) in 2024, the intake was expanded during the review period from 10 to 30 students per batch. The course is offered three times annually, with flexible time slots to suit students' schedules. In the review period, 90 students (37 women and 53 men) successfully completed the course, achieving a 100 per cent retention rate.
- ◆ The training period for motor vehicle mechanics, carpentry, and electrical work was expanded from three to six months, enabling participants to receive more extensive practical training.

### Number of students across courses

				
<b>Tailoring</b>	<b>Basic beauty and grooming</b>	<b>Electrical work</b>	<b>Baking</b>	<b>Motor vehicle mechanics</b>
Male: 2	Male: 6	Male: 57	Male: 32	Male: 42
Female: 622	Female: 447	Female: 1	Female: 40	Female: -
<b>Total: 624</b>	<b>Total: 453</b>	<b>Total: 58</b>	<b>Total: 72</b>	<b>Total: 42</b>
				
<b>Carpentry</b>	<b>Mobile banking M-pesa</b>	<b>Mobile banking Airtel Money</b>	<b>Basic computer skills</b>	
Male: 29	Male: 5	Male: 3	Male: 53	Male: 229
Female: -	Female: 5	Female: 7	Female: 37	Female: 1159
<b>Total: 29</b>	<b>Total: 10</b>	<b>Total: 10</b>	<b>Total: 90</b>	<b>Total: 1388</b>



Ngalasa Kennedy, aged 23, from Nsele commune, received mobile money training and seed capital through a joint initiative of RAF Global and Airtel. He was one of nine youths selected for the training in September 2025. Upon completion, all participants were granted official agent licences and received Airtel-branded jackets, tables, and umbrellas, while RAF Global provided mobile phones, chairs, and an initial capital of USD 150 to help them launch their start-ups. Ngalasa set up his mobile money kiosk that same month on the busiest road near a government school, attracting a steady flow of customers.

Despite initial challenges, he quickly became proficient in offering cash deposits, withdrawals, money transfers, and related services. In October 2025, he earned 42,000 Congolese francs (CDF) and a 15,000-franc commission from Airtel, which increased in November to 65,000 francs and 22,000 francs, respectively. Ngalasa works long hours each day to support himself and is steadily building financial stability. He now aspires to become a super agent, serving larger clients and handling higher-value transactions.

Tshibwabwa Junior, an M-Pesa agent, is steadily building financial stability after launching his mobile banking start-up in July 2025 in Nsele commune. Living in a large family of eight, he now contributes to household expenses, supports his father, and helps cover school fees for his sister's children when needed. In his first month of operation, he earned about 80,000 Congolese francs (approximately USD 40), rising to 130,000–136,000 francs (USD 65–70) per month by November 2025, including commission from e-transactions amounting to 20,000–30,000 francs. His kiosk is strategically located on a busy main road with high pedestrian traffic.



Through a joint initiative of RAF Global and Vodacom Foundation, Tshibwabwa received mobile money training and seed capital, including a table, umbrella, chair, mobile and start-up capital of USD 150. Most of his customers use mobile recharge and mobile money services, reflecting strong demand at his location. He aims to grow within the sector and become a supervisor, managing larger operations while building a stable future for himself and his family.

## Social enterprise fund

In the review year, 239 graduates (an increase from 157 in the previous year) from the skill-building programme who demonstrated outstanding performance received seed capital to launch their start-ups. Seed capital consisted of business tools, resources, and financial assistance. The organisation also granted seed capital for launching group enterprises in the bakery and tailoring trades. It is reported that all beneficiaries of the social enterprise fund in the reporting year have commenced their own business start-ups, earning between USD 35-85 per month.

### Seed capital support across courses



After completing a three-month baking course in 2025 at RAF Global's skill-building centre in Kimbondo, Mont Ngafula—run in collaboration with Ste. Fourways SARL—Esther, Jonathan, and Basunga quickly put their new skills to use by launching a bakery start-up. With RAF Global's support, a spare room in Esther Kalia's house was transformed into a fully equipped bakery. The assistance covered renovation costs, essential baking tools and equipment, start-up ingredients, and an oven created by repurposing an old refrigerator, facilitating a smooth launch.



To break into the market, the team provided free samples to a major retail distributor serving several local shops. This led to immediate orders for 200 muffins per day, which soon increased to 700 per day after the retailer was impressed by the consistent quality and taste.

The team currently produces banana and vanilla-flavoured muffins, each sold at 200 Congolese francs, double the production cost, resulting in a 100 per cent profit margin. By reinvesting profits, they are steadily growing their capital and preparing to expand to meet rising demand.

## Outreach through Economic Integration and Livelihood Support for Women & Youth

### Vocational Training Programme



**1,388** women and youth gained employable skills through vocational training programme



### Seeding Entrepreneurial Futures



**239** women and youth received seed capital support to initiate income-generating activities





# Climate Smart Agriculture

RAF Global empowers marginalised communities through capacity-building programmes focused on organic farming and the establishment of nutrition gardens. By introducing sustainable agricultural practices and supporting the establishment of homestead nutrition gardens, the organisation aims to strengthen food security and promote sustainable livelihoods.



## Strengthening the livelihoods of smallholder farmers through sustainable agriculture

Ebendo Lambo, a smallholder farmer from Mont Ngafula, joined three fellow farmers in adopting improved natural farming practices after receiving training and hands-on support from RAF Global. With guidance on soil preparation, compost application, crop spacing, and field management, the group cultivated a 600 m<sup>2</sup> plot of watermelons. By September 2025, just two and a half months after sowing, the farmers reported notable improvements in both yield and fruit size. Under previous conventional methods, individual watermelons typically weighed 3–4 kg. With improved soil management and natural farming techniques, average fruit weight increased to 6–8 kg, accompanied by greater overall productivity. These results reflected enhanced soil health and better crop management, introduced through targeted training and ongoing mentoring. Encouraged by these improvements, the farmers are confident in continuing natural farming practices in future cultivation cycles.

In all, **1,195** people were supported under the Climate Smart Agriculture initiative during the review period, with **61** per cent receiving assistance through other initiatives as well.

Of the total participants, **48** per cent were women.

**1,195**  
Total Programme outreach

**1,045**  
smallholder farmers received training in organic farming

**150**  
farmers benefitted from nutrition garden training

**85% +**  
trainees harvested at least once from their homestead nutrition gardens

## Organic farming

During the review year, 1,045 smallholder farmers from Nsele, Mont Ngafula, Kimbanseke, and Selembao communes received training in organic farming, with 594 of them also participating in additional on-farm practical sessions. Furthermore, 150 individuals received training in establishing homestead nutrition gardens. The organisation also trained 15 farmers on setting up organic compost bins, thereby enhancing soil fertility and promoting sustainable farming practices. With continuous mentoring and follow-up, over 85 per cent of programme participants achieved at least one harvest.

Giselle Makiese, a smallholder farmer from Nsele commune, manages 1.5 hectares of land independently. A nun by profession, she has been engaged in farming and allied livelihood activities since 2008. Following an accident involving her husband in 2018, Giselle assumed full responsibility for household expenses and the education of her two children, sustaining her family through a combination of farm and non-farm activities. Beyond her own household, Giselle actively supports other women in her community. She allows women from vulnerable backgrounds to cultivate portions of her land at minimal rent, enabling them to earn a living through farming. She also shares her skills by providing informal training in baking, cake-making, and the preparation of snacks and sweets, helping women diversify their income sources.

In 2024, RAF Global supported Giselle with the construction of a water tank on her farm. This was followed by training in organic farming practices in 2025. The organisation further supported her during the review year by setting up of two organic compost bins, each with a capacity of 70 kg of manure, ensuring a regular supply of organic inputs for her farm. In 2025, Giselle practised organic farming on brinjal and onion crops. While earlier production using conventional methods had yielded poor-quality produce, the shift to organic practices resulted in healthier crop growth. Brinjal harvesting has already begun, and the quality of the produce has significantly improved. Encouraged by these results, Giselle plans to expand organic cultivation to additional crops and strengthen collective farming efforts with the group of women cultivating land on her farm.



## Outreach through Climate Smart Agriculture

### Training



**1,045** smallholder farmers trained in organic farming practices

**150** individuals trained in nutrition gardening



**732** farmers supported through distribution of seeds and practical demonstration





## Education and Technology

RAF Global's Education and Technology programme strives to create equitable learning opportunities for underprivileged children in Kinshasa. The programme offers a range of supportive services – early learning programmes, educational grants, learning resources, enhanced school infrastructure, and access to digital learning.

During the review period, RAF Global has reached out to **7,906** children, among whom over **6** per cent benefitted from at least one more initiatives as well.

Of all the children impacted, **42** per cent were girls.



### Provision of safe water facilities for schools and communities

RAF Global, in collaboration with RAW Bank, constructed a solar-powered borehole water facility at a government school campus in Mont Ngafula commune, serving EP Mpuitu School and Complexe Scolaire Mpuitu, which operates in different shifts. This intervention has provided 1,244 students with reliable access to clean water and improved hygiene. Additional water points were installed outside the school premises, enabling over 6,225 community members in the area to access safe water. All supply points are fitted with multiple taps on raised, tiled platforms for improved convenience and hygiene.

# 7,906

Total Programme outreach

# 1,415

students received essential learning supplies

# 3

government schools supported with key infrastructure: solar-powered computer lab, solar-powered borehole water facility, and complete school infrastructure revamp

## Early Childhood Development



During the review year, RAF Global expanded its Early Childhood Development (ECD) programme by opening three new ECD centres in Nsele and Kimbanseke communes. In total, eight ECD centres provided early education to 493 children, 56 per cent of whom were girls. Seven of these centres are strategically located on school campuses in Nsele, Kimbanseke, and Mont Ngafula, helping to boost school readiness, increase enrolment, and facilitate a smoother transition to primary education. During the year, partner organisation Centre Nutritionnel Soeur Véronique Nativel enrolled nine ECD graduates for free primary education at EP Mère Augustine, a school located on the same campus. A further 36 ECD graduates from the same centre received support from RAF Global to enrol in Grade 1 at EP AWA School.

In the review year, RAF Global introduced the Programme National de Nutrition (PRONANUT)<sup>2</sup> -approved nutrition programme in its ECD centres, ensuring healthy, balanced meals for young children. Implemented initially at ECD Ema Bolingani and ECD Marie Madeleine in Nsele commune, a dedicated nutritionist has been appointed at each centre to regularly monitor meal plans and children's growth. The nutritionists completed a one-day training programme organised in collaboration with PRONANUT prior to their appointment at the ECD centres.



<sup>2</sup>PRONANUT is the Government-led nutrition programme of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which establishes national protocols for dietary practices and malnutrition management.

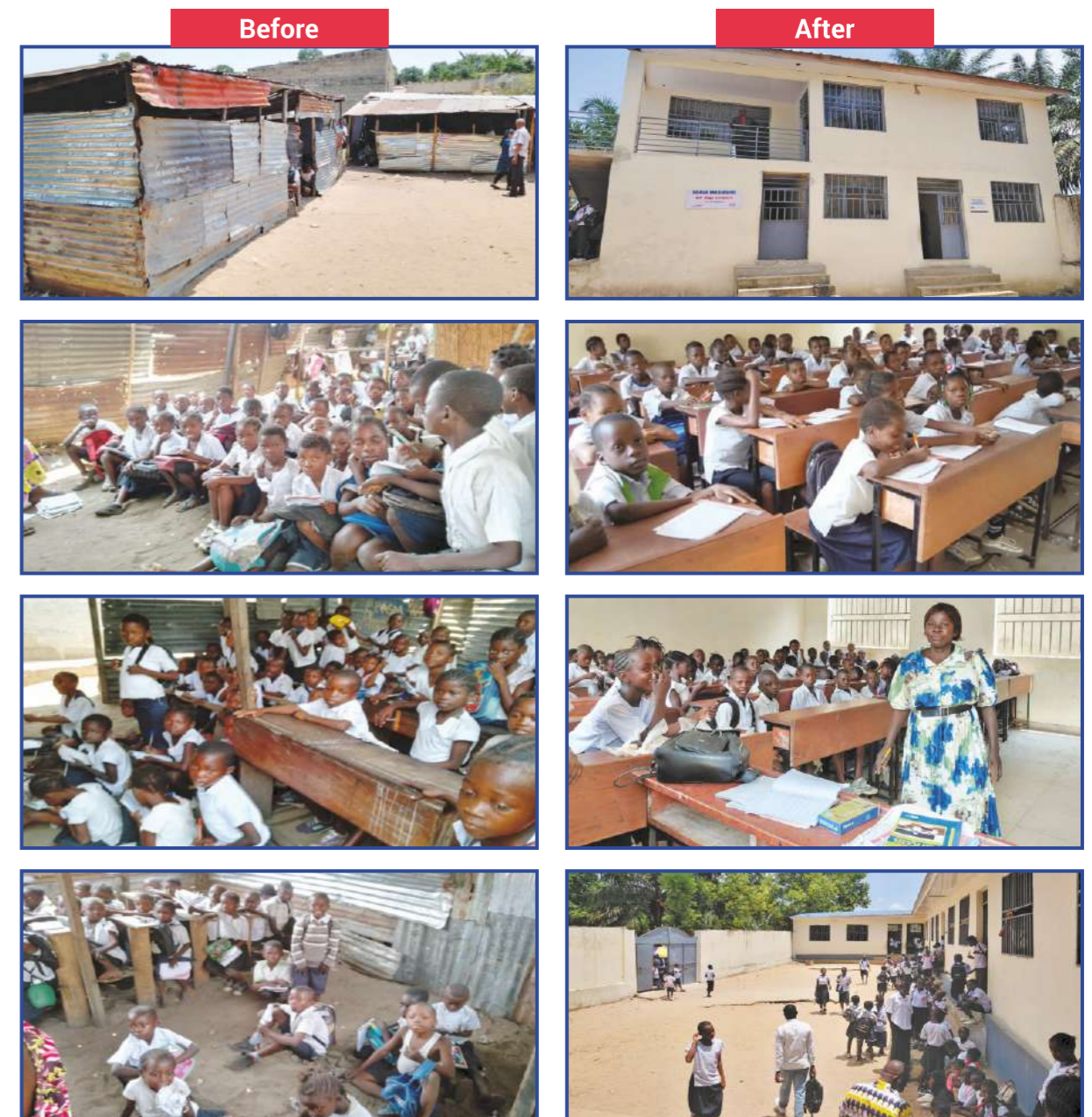
## Education Scholarship

RAF Global supported nine children from Orphanage Les Cris des Enfants in Selembao commune through continued educational scholarships at La Palmier Private School.

## School improvement programme

### Building dignified school spaces for learning

RAF Global, in collaboration with the Vodacom Foundation and Église de Jésus-Christ des Saints des Derniers Jours, built a new primary school facility in a remote area of Nsele commune. For nearly 2 kilometres, students and teachers must walk or travel by motorcycle through narrow paths to reach the school. The intervention included fully furnished permanent classrooms, furniture, educational resources, and the installation of electricity and water systems. Prior to the intervention, classes were held under temporary tin sheds with no adequate seating arrangements. The new school facility has enabled 1,496 students enrolled in EP Pasteur Mayele and EP Isidore Nyamuke, operating in two shifts, to access a safe and dignified learning environment for the first time.





Five-year-old Fansaka Kayina was one of the first kids to join RAF Global's Early Childhood Development (ECD) centre, which opened in 2025 in Nsele commune. The centre is located on the campus of the partner organisation, Communauté de Divine Providence de Bibwa, which also accommodates primary and secondary schools. Alongside the ECD centre, RAF Global established a skill-building centre and a nutrition garden on the same campus, providing nutritious meals for ECD children and serving the broader campus community, reflecting an integrated approach to build learning pathways and community resilience.

When the academic year began in September 2025, Fansaka's mother, Sandrine, enrolled him in the ECD centre while also enrolling herself in a tailoring course at the skill-building centre. This opportunity allowed her to invest in her own skills development while ensuring her child had access to early education, something her older children missed out on, as there was previously no ECD facility in the area. Sandrine has noticed notable progress in Fansaka's learning and is grateful for the support that benefits her entire family. With her elder daughter also attending the primary school on the same campus, Sandrine finds it convenient to manage her children's education and her own training. As her tailoring skills grow, she hopes to support her husband, a daily wage earner, and contribute to the family's income.

*" Since joining the centre, Fansaka has learned so much. At home, he recites poems, identifies alphabets and numbers, and talks about colours he has learned in class. His learning has begun to influence the whole family – even his two-year-old brother tries to repeat words and songs after him! "*

Sandrine (Fansaka's mother)



## Outreach through Education & Technology

### Foundational Education Support



**493** children benefitted under the Early Childhood Development (ECD) programme



**36** ECD children received enrolment support in primary school



**9** students were awarded education scholarships

### School Improvement



**1,496** students benefitted from a comprehensive school infrastructure revamp, enhancing the learning environment



**1,244** students gained access to safe water through a solar-powered borehole facility at school



**3,403** students gained access to computer education through a solar-powered computer laboratory



**1,415** students received essential school supplies



**63** teachers and nutritionists strengthened their capacities through targeted training

## Events and celebrations



### International Women's Day

At skill-building centres across various communes in Kinshasa, 469 women trainees participated in sessions on women's empowerment and financial inclusion. Focused training on household product manufacturing was also provided for 40 women with disabilities to foster sustainable livelihoods.

### World Water Day

An awareness session was organised for community members in Kilamu locality, Mont Ngafula, on waterborne diseases and safe water use. During the event, water samples from the water tank constructed by RAF Global were tested by an expert from COALEX Laboratory, demonstrating the importance of regular monitoring and safe water consumption. The test results confirmed compliance with WHO guidelines and the DRC's national water quality standards.



### World Malaria Day

In the communes of Selembao and Kimbanseke, educational workshops on malaria prevention were organised in government schools, benefitting 238 children. Pupils received mosquito-repellent candles as part of the initiative.



### International Menstrual Hygiene Day

Menstrual hygiene awareness sessions were held across government schools and skill-building centres, reaching 1,500 women and girls. Sanitary pads were distributed to promote safe menstrual practices.

### International Day of Older Persons

Food packets were distributed to the residents of the senior citizens' home, Homme de Vieillard Biyela, in Kimbanseke commune, Kinshasa. The home shelters 75 senior citizens, including 70 women. The visit also included meaningful interaction with residents, focusing on their health concerns and overall well-being.



### Global Handwashing Day

Interactive handwashing sessions were conducted for 342 ECD children and 1,543 primary school students to increase awareness and improve hand hygiene practices.





### World Children's Day

Refreshments were distributed to over 900 children in ECD centres and government schools, celebrating childhood and encouraging a positive learning experience.

### World AIDS Day

An HIV/AIDS education session led by Ms Mamie Ewoza, Educational Advisor at Médecins Sans Frontières was conducted at ITM Madayila Secondary School in Kimbanseke commune, engaging 150 students.



### Christmas Day

RAF Global celebrated with children in residential care and ECD centres, delivering festive treats to 2,500 children and providing essential groceries to orphanages.



### International Day of Persons with Disabilities

A disability rights and resilience session, facilitated by Mr Alume Luasa Bienvenu from the ASOPHA Association, was held at Église La Paix de l'Éternel in Kimbanseke, bringing together more than 100 differently-abled participants.



## DR Congo Country Team



## Partnerships

Partners	Partnership Domain
Mama Koko Orphelinat, Mont Ngafula	Skill-building
Ste. Fourways SARL	Nutrition aid
Ste. Shayna SARL	Skill-building
Ste. Acokin SARL	Skill-building
St. Joseph Turin, Kimbanseke	Skill-building Early Childhood Development
EP Mpiutu, Mont Ngafula	Early Childhood Development
Biyele, Kimbanseke	Early Childhood Development
Madayila, Kimbanseke	Early Childhood Development
Groupe Scolaire Les Elus, Kimbanseke	Early Childhood Development
Monastere Benediction de Mambre, Mont Ngafula	Skill-building Early Childhood Development
Centre Nutritionnel Soeur Veronique Nativel, Nsele	Skill-building Early Childhood Development Nutrition aid Nutrition garden
MUSADEC, Kimbanseke	Skill-building
Ste. Marie, Selembao	Skill-building
Communauté de Divine Providence de Bibwa, Nsele	Skill-building Early Childhood Development Nutrition aid Nutrition garden
EP Ema Bolingani	Skill-building Early Childhood Development Nutrition aid Nutrition garden
CHETA, Selembao	Skill-building
TCSM, Nsele	Skill-building

Partners	Partnership Domain
Kithulu Kandundu Irene, Nsele	Nutrition garden
UAC SARL	School improvement
Vodacom Foundation	Mobile banking training School improvement
Église de Jésus-Christ des Saints des Derniers Jours	School improvement
Airtel	Mobile banking training
Centre Maman Omoyi, Nsele	Computer training
RAW Bank	Water and sanitation School improvement
Centre de Recherche en Ressources en Eau du Bassin du Congo (CRREBaC), University of Kinshasa	Water and sanitation
Zarina Foundation	Healthcare
Devimco	Cataract treatment Water and sanitation
Ste. Biso na Biso SARL	Cataract treatment Healthcare
Association KIN ACCEUIL	Water and sanitation
CH Elykia	Cataract treatment
Roi Baudoin Hospital, Masina	Cataract treatment
CH Etonga, Nsele	Cataract treatment
Bureau Doicesain des Oeuvres Medicales	Cataract treatment
CH Kisenso	Cataract treatment
CH Obika, Nsele	Cataract treatment
CK Kikimi, Kimbanseke	Cataract treatment
CH Lisanga, Lemba	Cataract treatment
Foundation Vision	Cataract treatment



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