

## Creating Access to Safe & Reliable Drinking Water in the Democratic Republic of Congo



The Democratic Republic of Congo faces an acute drinking water supply crisis. With only 46% of the population having access to clean drinking water, DRC has one of the lowest rates of access to potable water in Sub-Saharan Africa. Inadequate water supply and sanitation services have made the communities vulnerable to waterborne diseases. Additionally, it has burdened the population especially women and children from disadvantaged sections with additional workload, deteriorating the overall Quality of Life.

The solution to the present day drinking water crisis in DRC lies in building a network of micro-level drinking water structures based on the indigenous knowledge and practice of local communities. Construction of low-cost water tanks (which revolves around the established principle of watershed management) have paid rich dividends earlier, in terms of addressing drinking water needs of the community, at the local level.

This call is to support the construction of 12 water tanks in the Kinshasa province of DRC, serving a population of 46,000 individuals belonging to specific (marginalised) communities and spread over 12 villages. This intervention will make provision for safe, sufficient and reliable water for drinking and sanitation purposes in the selected communities. RAF will also help the beneficiaries to form water committee to raise the community awareness and practices for responsible usage and maintenance of the facility.

The cost of one tank is USD 1500. Your generous donation will help a community lead a healthy life, free from a range of life-threatening diseases. If you sponsor one tank, you will improve the lives of an average 3000-3500 people from underserved communities. You may also choose to pay any donation amount towards the cost of a tank. To know more & donate write to Sunita Charaniya (RAF, DRC) [sunita.charaniya@rafglobal.org](mailto:sunita.charaniya@rafglobal.org)