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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Democratic Republic of Congo (D.R.Congo) is among the world's most resource rich countries, with about 50 percent of African continent's water reserve, rich reserve of minerals and 2/3rd of the world's entire supply of cobalt that is critical for electric car batteries and therefore, the business of clean energy. The country is poised to play an important role in offering green alternative to the world for transitioning into electric vehicles.

When welfare of its citizens and ensuring prosperity of all communities become the driving force of a country's economic development, there's nothing to stop it from attaining great heights among the league of countries on all parameters, especially, Human Development Indices. D.R.Congo is a resilient country and so are the Congolese people who, despite the fragilities pervading their lives and livelihoods, have learned to survive. With welcome transition that have taken place in the country and commitment to stability, good governance and international finance to help the country build back better, I hope that the 60 million people who lived on less than USD 1.90 a day in 2018, will transform into a force of 60 million gainfully employed people who have moved out of poverty with the support of state, society, market and the international development agencies.

RAF (D.R.Congo) is committed to improving the Quality of Life of the poorest, marginalised and vulnerable segments of society. Our vocational trainings and seed capital support have helped poor and vulnerable women to safeguard their health and move towards safe income earning avenues. Our health interventions provide both, services as well as knowledge in poor communes for cataract surgeries, safe water and hygiene practices and building defence against infectious diseases. Our interventions address malnutrition through food ration, promoting backyard farming and supporting bakeries for children living in institutional care. We engage extensively with school children, endeavouring to contribute towards their classroom learning as well as improving the school infrastructure. I am happy to share with you the Annual Report, 2021 and invite you to explore our work and support us.

During the year, Rizwan Adatia Foundation also underwent a brand building process and now presents its work across Africa and Asia under the brand, RAF Global. Our new logo is a transition from the original one yet, carries its essence of service to humanity with collaborative efforts and symbolises hope, renewal and resilience.

I am thankful to the local community, donors and programme partners such as various Government Ministries and Departments, technical and implementing partners and institutions such as health centres, schools, skill training centres and orphanages that were pivotal for programme implementation in 2021. Such partnerships also create synergies and sustenance of interventions.

Best Wishes,
Rizwan Adatia

ABOUT RAF (D.R.CONGO)

Rizwan Adatia Foundation (D.R.Congo) henceforth RAF (D.R.Congo) is registered by the Ministry of Social Affairs in the category of ASBL/NGO/EUP of a social nature, under Law No.004-2001. RAF (D.R.Congo) is an integral part of RAF Global which is a private, non-denominational, not-for-profit international organisation that is committed to improving the quality of life in selected countries across Africa and Asia.

RAF (D.R.Congo) has implemented as well as supported projects across 13 communes in the province of Kinshasa, reaching out to over 64,000 inhabitants. We believe that access to quality education and healthcare, fulfilment of human potential and the assurance of good governance are indispensable to improving Quality of Life. We work through holistic, inter-organisational and inter-agency efforts to address common and specific goals and partner with the civil society, private sector and Government at various strata, to promote solutions that are timely and relevant to the local context. Such partnerships are aimed at driving lasting change and sustainable development with better convergence and optimisation of resources.



OUR VISION

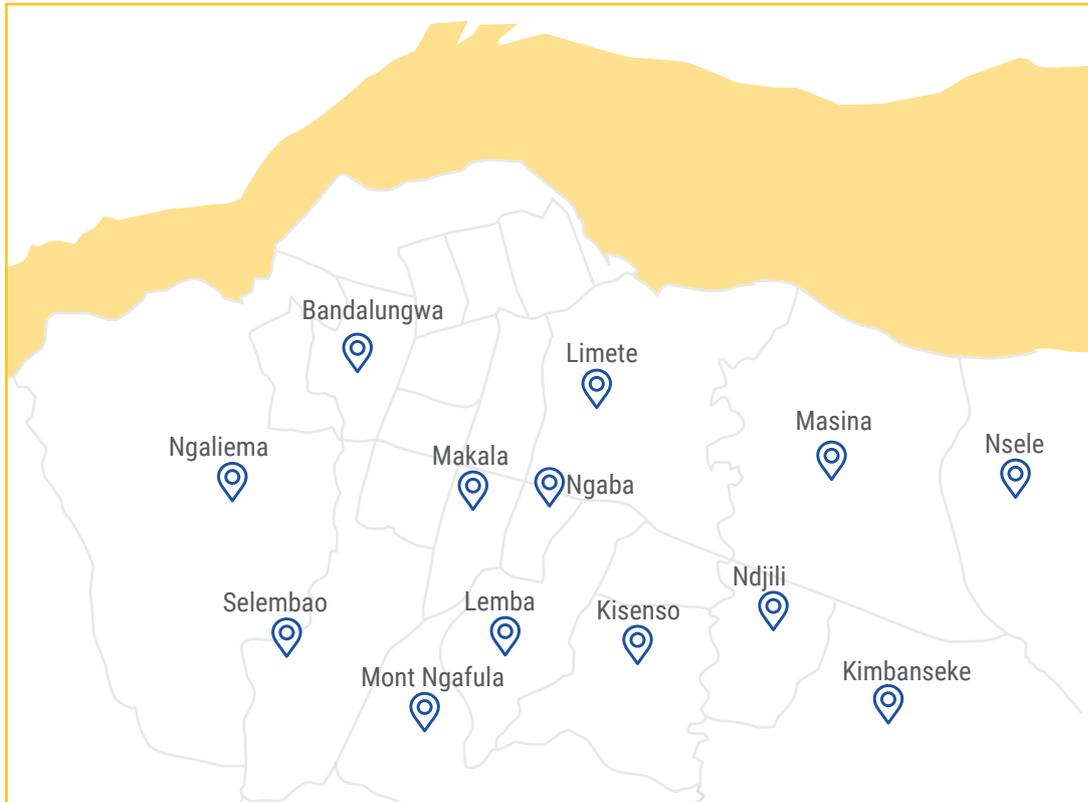
A resilient society that is free from poverty and where every woman, man and child leads a fulfilling life with dignity, peace and security of rights.



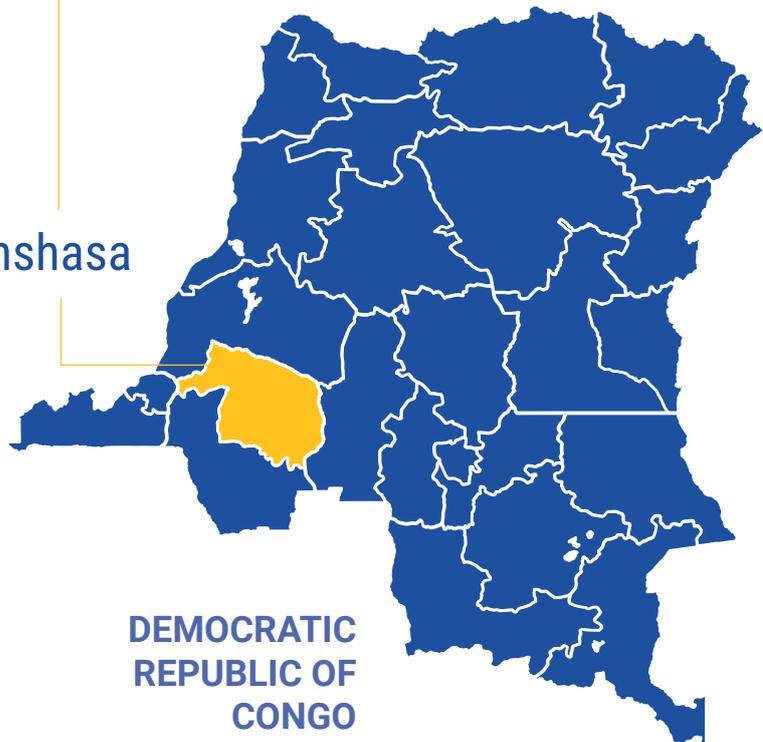
OUR MISSION

RAF works with the most marginalised individuals, families and communities in the poorest areas of Asia and Africa to improve the 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 a lasting change.

WHERE WE WORK IN D.R.Congo



Kinshasa



PROGRAMMES IN D.R.CONGO

RAF Global promotes programmes with a holistic, long-term and multi-sectoral approach in the areas of Economic Integration and Livelihood Support for Women and Youth, Climate Smart Agriculture, Health and Nutrition Initiatives, Education and Technology, Good Governance and Humanitarian Response. In D.R.Congo, it has implemented as well as supported projects in the province of Kinshasa,, reaching out to over 64,000 beneficiaries.

Following a Strategic Programme Planning process in the year 2021, RAF (D.R.Congo) has committed to offer a comprehensive bouquet of services to the poorest and most marginalised families in the communes of Kimbanseke, Nsele, Mont Ngafula and Selembao of Kinshasa province. The cataract related support additionally reached Bandalungwa, Makala, Masina, Kisenso, Lemba in 2021 and broadly, across all communes.



INTERVENTIONS IN THE YEAR 2021



THE CHALLENGES

As a country, D.R.Congo has withstood the toughest of times after gaining political independence from Belgium in 1960. It is one of the richest countries in the world with respect to natural resources and the untapped deposits of its raw materials are estimated to be over US\$ 24 trillion. These very bounties of nature however, have proven to be the source of its miseries, resulting in decades of unregulated extraction by private agencies, severe poor governance legacies and misappropriation that at one point, resulted in no deliverance of any public services to the population, devastating civil war and continuation of violence in the north eastern part by rebel groups to control the goldmines.

In the year 2020, D.R.Congo experienced its 1st recession in 18 years due to the Covid-19 induced measures such as lockdown and restrictions on transport, non-extractive activities, manufacturing, public works etc. A little prior to it, in 2019 the country was already undergoing 'difficult balance of payment situation triggered by fall in commodity prices, new spending initiatives and lose spending oversight during the political transition period'. With the Government's initiative towards financial transparency and improvement in governance along with international finance, the economic situation has somewhat eased. In the year 2021, the economic growth was projected to be around 3.6 % due to the growth in mining.



The humanitarian crisis in the country has continued, as a result of violence in mining rich areas, causing significant displacement, hunger and threat to life for the affected communities. New variants of the Covid-19 virus such as Delta and Omicron across most provinces have further intensified the struggle of Congolese citizens for appropriate and timely healthcare, food security and dignity in their lives. Even before the pre pandemic years, D.R.Congo carried the burden of third largest population of the global poor. The post pandemic phase is all the more challenging for sustaining lives and livelihood of the poorest in the country. For RAF (D.R.Congo) it was challenging to restore regular programmes particularly when the province of Kinshasa was epicentre of the Covid-19 infection in the country. Moreover, D.R.Congo has remained the least vaccinated country in the world. RAF's efforts and commitment towards improving the Quality of Life of target communities despite the emerging challenges, has to be seen in this backdrop. Despite the challenges, RAF (D.R.Congo) had beneficial presence in the lives of 253,534 individuals in the project intervention areas in the year 2021.

PROJECT LOCATIONS

During the year 2021, RAF (D.R.Congo) had key project interventions in the communes of Kimbanseke, Nsele, Mont Ngafula and Selembao while outreach for cataract awareness and surgeries thereafter additionally benefitted the communes of Bandalungwa, Makala, Kisenso, Masina and Lemba in the province of Kinshasa.

S.No	Name of Province	Location
1	Kimbanseke	Rural
2	Mont Ngafula	Rural
3	Nsele	Rural
4	Selembao	Rural

OUR REACH

Project Name	No.of Beneficiaries	Project Name	No.of Beneficiaries
ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AND LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT FOR WOMEN AND YOUTH (EILSWY)		EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME (ETP)	
Vocational Training through 9 centres	1349	Distribution of School Kits	1300
Seed Capital & Distribution of production materials, assets	25	Sponsorship of Students	28 (directly) 150 (Fee waiver) T: 178
Employment of trained youth for fresh bread production at an orphanage	4	Donation of Sports Equipments	880
Small Enterprises started by Graduated students	496	Building the Library Resources	1650
		Teachers' Training Programme	235
CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE (CSA)		HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE (HR)	
Kitchen Garden Initiatives	80	Distribution of Winter Jackets	50
HEALTH AND NUTRITION INITIATIVES (HNI)		OTHERS	
Construction of Water tanks	195,500	Distribution of Biscuit packets	38,127
Awareness generation in Schools (Hand washing, MHM, Malaria, Visual impairment & others)	5064	Senior Citizens' Day	50
Community outreach (for Cataract and HIV/AIDS)	760	International Children's Day	800
Cataract Surgeries	1196	Christmas	2,750
Nutrition Support	3040		

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES 253,534

1 ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AND LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT FOR WOMEN AND YOUTH (EILSWY)



RAF (D.R.Congo) promotes economic well-being of women and youth, across the spectrum of decent work opportunities such as, wage employment, self-employment and enterprise development by aiding their income generating skills as well as supporting them with seed capital to start businesses and build productive assets.

RAF (D.R.Congo) has successfully managed to conduct in-classroom and practical structured, short-duration vocational training courses (covering tailoring, carpentry, beautician, arts and bakery) for past several years, benefitting 2,397 trainees until the year 2020, through its training centres spread across the communes of Mont Ngafula, Nsele and Kimbanseke. In the year 2021, RAF (D.R.Congo) felicitated and provided certificates to 1,349 trainees for successfully completing their courses of three months duration in selected trades that are taught through its 9 vocational centres. The courses taught are based on requirements of the market and they open avenues for wage employment as well as, self-employment.

Trades	Female	Male	Total
Tailoring	721	3	724
Beautician	558	2	560
Art	64	1	65
	Total		1349

The vocational training programme is implemented in partnership with Association Chretienne pour le developement des Femmes et Enfants (ACEDEFE), Foyer Pere Monti, Soeur de Saint Joseph de Turin, Centre Social Saint Matthieu, MUSADEC, Centre Nutritionnel Soeur Veronique Natival, Orphelinat Mama Koko and Monastere Benediction de Mambre.

To promote entrepreneurship and self-employment among the trainees graduating from various vocational courses, RAF (D.R.Congo) has a history of providing seed capital as well as, helping them build productive assets. In the year 2021, 25 women students who graduated from various courses benefitted from distribution of sewing machines and materials for beautician



and art courses (18 from tailoring and 7 from other courses) to start commercial activities and shall be required to partly repay their costs. This strategy not only helps develop a corpus by which RAF (D.R.Congo) could scale up the support to other deserving candidates but most importantly, it makes the recipients value these more and use them appropriately, as they are not free, but hard-earned. The foundation has also continued the practice at two of its centres where tailoring graduates could bring work orders and use the centre asset like the sewing machine and centre space to craft the work and earn an income. By the end of 2021, RAF (D.R.Congo) has identified a total of 496 students who graduated from its vocational courses (491 women and 5 men) and started their own small enterprises that are sustainable ventures.

RAF (D.R.Congo) has been training and employing the youth at Pediatrics De Mama Koko orphanage, Kimbondo (Mont Ngafula commune) in bakery skills and production. In the year 2018, it established a bread making factory at the campus, initiated the process of selecting resident youth for on-the job training at the in-house bakery

and provided them an income source while fulfilling the larger purpose of serving fresh bread to resident children, throughout the year. The stable income had helped the youth to move out of institutional support over a period of time, rent a place outside and also find employment elsewhere. A new batch of resident children could thus be trained in bakery and employed at the campus. This cycle of training, employing and assisting youth in weaning from institutional support has continued successfully over the years. In the year 2021, 4 youth at the orphanage had an assured monthly income, helping them to prepare for life outside of the orphanage. These strategies help the resident children become self-reliant over a period of time, besides ensuring that Pediatrics De Mama Koko orphanage, Kimbondo takes more orphaned and vulnerable children within its care.

It is the benevolence of the following donors that makes our work possible in the area of Economic Inclusion and Livelihood Support for Women and Youth: Ste. Shayna and Ste. ACOKIN SARL (Mr.Rafik Dharani), Mr.Kamlesh Shukla and Ste.Fourways Sarl.

2 CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE (CSA)



RAF (D.R.Congo) has made a beginning in promoting and strengthening farming practices and systems that adapt to climate change in order to ensure sustainable income and food security for smallholder farm families. Geographically, D.R.Congo is the second largest country in Africa, endowed with abundant natural resources that historically, have reaped benefits for other nations but not D.R.Congo and its people. Extraction of these resources has exposed the local communities to threats of climate change. While promising changes are now taking place for greater control and use of these resources for the benefit of local population, in its capacity as a foundation, RAF (D.R.Congo) is also pitching in and working in the area of Climate Smart Agriculture through information dissemination, awareness building through demonstration and trainings and thereby building trust in the CSA technology as key intervention areas.



Despite the fact that 70 percent of employed population in D.R.Congo works in the agriculture sector that is mainly subsistence in nature, food insecurity and malnutrition is rampant all across. It is also known that women execute significant work in agriculture however, they have minimal land ownership and also, not much training in agriculture/farm based activities. Therefore, in the year 2021, RAF (D.R.Congo) initiated kitchen garden intervention at Centre Nutritionnel Soeur Veronique Natival (Nsele commune) which is frequented by many girls and women from impoverished homes for food. Team members from the foundation as well as the Nutrition Centre motivated this group to learn skills in organic, backyard farming through two training sessions as well as provided them with seeds, saplings and support in implementing it at the Nutrition Centre. The produce has been used for making nutritious food at the centre for under privileged children and explores whether the Nutrition Centre could gain self-sufficiency in feeding the malnourished children and pregnant and lactating mothers. As a result of the intervention, 76 women and 4 men have enhanced farming skills in horticulture that could help them earn an income and take care of nutritional needs of their families.

3 HEALTH AND NUTRITION INITIATIVES (HNI)

Good health is critical to fight poverty at the individual, family and community levels and is a precondition for progress on several of the SDGs on which RAF (D.R.Congo) is committed.

The pandemic of the year 2020 and the persistence of Covid-19 disease in the following year resulted in renewed emphasis of health programme at RAF (D.R.Congo) particularly, on building defences in addressing infectious diseases through approaches ranging from awareness building of school students and communities on good hand washing and sanitation practices, management of menstrual hygiene, prevention of Malaria and HIV/AIDS, and construction of water tanks. At the same time, implementing regular health initiatives in the area of eye health care has been of utmost importance to RAF (D.R.Congo).

The following have been the key highlights:



1. Construction of water tanks

D.R.Congo, the 2nd largest country in Africa, is endowed with abundant freshwater. The freshwater springs, in and around rural areas are critical water sources for local communities, serving approximately 90 percent of the rural population. While the need for water infrastructure development is urgent in the country, for improving access to safe water supplies, RAF (D.R.Congo) has in the recent past, started investing in water issues, with low-cost solutions that promote the practices of water preservation and conservation.

In the year 2021, the foundation constructed 67 water tanks (of 2000 litres capacity, each) across the communes of Kimbanseke, Mont Ngafula, Nsele and Selembao, covering a population of 195,500 inhabitants (Men: 86,200 and Women: 109,300). These efforts involve several steps, starting with identification of natural springs in intervention areas, an assessment on how to preserve the freshwater from contamination by humans and animals, community consultation for understanding requirements for safe water for drinking and domestic purposes and

to garner support during construction and after the community asset is handed over to the community (if it is constructed on public land), taking permission from landowner (if the site of freshwater source is on private land and therefore requiring construction of water tank on private land) and drawing a written commitment from the landowner that he'll not charge user fee for access and usage of water by the local community.

Through the above initiative, RAF (D.R.Congo) aspires to make safe water freely accessible to poor communities in rural areas of 4 communes (in the province of Kinshasa), contribute towards improved sanitation practices, check the spread of waterborne diseases and thereby address the issue of malnutrition among children. D.R.Congo reports chronic malnutrition that affects 43 percent of its child population in the age group 0 to 5 years of age. Malnutrition is a consequence of several factors such as lack of access to safe drinking water, sanitation services and unsafe sanitation practices especially, hand hygiene. The initiative has also reported to improve the safety of women and children so that they do not have to travel far distance to fetch water, especially at night. These initiatives have been made possible by the generous donation of Dhrolia Family Foundation, Mohamadali Hasmani, Afzal Adatia, Star Group, Salim Darediya, Zarina Foundation, Mehboob Jindani, Sadik Patel and the groundwork support of MUSADEC, Monastere Benediction de Mambre and CNPD that was critical in implementing the initiative.

2. Awareness on hand hygiene, menstrual hygiene and prevention of Malaria

D.R.Congo experiences challenging health situations such as Ebola outbreaks since 1976, Cholera which has become endemic in several provinces since 1973 and persistent malnutrition across provinces. The Ebola outbreaks in 2021 have reported



50 to 55 percent fatalities while Cholera disproportionately affects under 5 years old as well as school going children. The latest addition to this list is the Coronavirus disease (Covid-19), a contagious viral infection caused by Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) that was first reported in human beings in Wuhan, Hubei province, China in late December 2019 and thereafter, spread across continents, creating a public health emergency of global scale. Ebola is transmitted through direct contact with blood, body fluids and contact with sick or dead wild animals. Cholera is a highly contagious disease transmitted through contaminated food or water. It causes severe diarrhoea and dehydration that must be treated immediately to prevent death. In all the above cases, the triad of water-sanitation-hygiene management appears to be the best, low cost preventive solution.

Inculcating correct hand washing practice has demonstrated significant health outcomes that build defence against infectious diseases. Since 2018, RAF (D.R.Congo) has engaged with schools on a monthly basis to improve the hand hygiene practices in intervention areas. The foundation has provided buckets and stands at various schools in the province of Kinshasa to promote safe learning environment by making water accessible



for sanitation, improve the practise of hand hygiene among school students and contribute towards reducing the rate of infections and various life-threatening diseases. While in the year 2020, Covid 19 related pandemic stalled the work, it was resumed in 2021 in the schools spread across the communes of Kimbanseke, Mont Ngafula, Nsele and Selembao. Hand washing practices are reinforced among children in the intervention schools through global observance days such as the Global Hand Washing Day. A total of 2,330 school children have been reached out through the initiative.

Effective Menstrual Hygiene Management is another area where RAF (D.R.Congo) has engaged with girl students and teachers of various schools in the province of Kinshasa since 2017. Key emphasis has been on spreading awareness on how to maintain hygiene when in menstruation, reducing risks to infection, normalizing the biological cycle of menstruation and encouraging girl children to attend the school, informing them on useful of sanitary pads in making menstruation manageable and safe and thus improve the overall health of adolescent school going girls. Strategically, the initiative aspires to develop confident girls who would be able to break the cultural barriers in education and later, at work and other life opportunities. In the year 2021, RAF (D.R.Congo) observed



International Menstrual Hygiene Day on May 28 at 5 schools across the communes of Kimbanseke, Nsele and Mont Ngafula with the participation of 1000 adolescent girls and also distributed sanitary pads to them. The vocational training centres supported by RAF (D.R.Congo) also conduct a weekly session on MHM to reinforce the practice of appropriate hygiene measures among the students.

Dissemination of information on Malaria and preventive methods along with distribution of coils has been another initiative in the province of Kinshasa. D.R.Congo falls in the high transmission zone with respect to Malaria. It remains one of the main causes of morbidity and mortality in the country, and carried the global burden of 22 percent of all malaria related deaths in 2018. In the year 2021, RAF (D.R.Congo) organised sessions on Malaria for over 1000 students of 4 schools spread across the communes of Kimbanseke, Nsele, Mont Ngafula and Selembao. Prevalence of Malaria further exacerbates the impact of HIV/AIDS. RAF (D.R.Congo) has focused on promotion of insecticidal nets, indoor spraying and other measures.

Besides, the foundation has conducted informative sessions for 200 school children and 90 elderly women on HIV prevention and how to access medical care and treatment



for People Living with HIV/AIDS in the community. The foundation channelizes efforts on the issue considering that 64 percent of PLWHAs in D.R.Congo are women while 68,000 children under the age of 14 years are living with HIV and about 25 percent of this group requiring paediatric as well as HIV related services are on treatment.

3. Cataract related Interventions

Outreach in Schools

RAF (D.R.Congo) has an active project on promoting proper eye care among school children. The initiative emerged out of the local need to address loss of vision among children due to eye infections and in new born due to complication in the expecting mother during pregnancy or when she contracted diseases like Chickenpox or German measles. The overall purpose has been to aware children on the signs and symptoms of cataract so that the cases are detected early and medical treatment is availed within time. In the year 2021, the foundation carried out cataract awareness sessions in 6 schools spread across the communes of Lemba, Masina, Selembao, Kimbanseke and Makala, benefitting total of 534 students.

Outreach in the Community

Since 2017, RAF (D.R.Congo) has conducted regular outreach across 13 communes in the province of Kinshasa. The objective has been to spread awareness on restoration of vision through cataract surgeries, prevention of blindness, assisting local hospitals in their campaigns and identifying the most underprivileged patients who cannot afford even the bare minimum medical expenses. Several times the local hospitals link deserving patients with the foundation for facilitating their surgeries. In the year 2021, the outreach meetings benefitted 670 people from the communes of Nsele, Kimbanseke, Masina, Bandal, Makala, Kimbele and Kisenso in partnership with BDOM and Roi Baubion hospitals.

Cataract Surgeries through Strategic Partnership with Local Hospitals

Cataract is a very common eye condition that mainly affects an ageing population. With progression in age (noticeably after 60 years), the lens inside eyes turns misty or cloudy that begins to affect a person's vision. A simple operation that removes the lens and replaces it with an artificial one can restore the person's vision. Cataract surgery has a low complication rate and is successful in 97 per cent of cases according to World Health Organization. However, if the



cataract condition is left unattended it may result in total blindness affecting not only a person’s vision but disabling him/her for life, increasing both– the financial and social dependencies on family members or society at large.

It has been observed that in D.R.Congo large numbers of poor people do not attend to their cataract condition for several reasons, including financial ones. In D.R.Congo the average cost of two eye cataract surgery is about 200 to 300 USD in private hospitals. RAF (D.R.Congo) has negotiated with the private hospitals in and around Kinshasa and brought down the cost to approximately USD 105 to 125 for two eyes surgeries. Since 2017 until 2021, RAF (D.R.Congo) has facilitated over 2,471 surgeries (across 13 communes of Kinshasa) for poor, high risk patients who could not afford surgeries and were most likely to neglect the disease and end in blindness.

In the year 2021, RAF (D.R.Congo) partnered with 3 hospitals namely, BDOM Hospital (Lemba), Centre Hospital, Roi Bauboin (Masina) and Centre Hospital, Libikisi to reach out to patients from 13 communes in the province of Kinshasa and facilitate various services for them including, registration at the hospitals for operation, counselling and psychosocial support, Pre and post operation consultation, and

financial assistance for the operation. As a result, a total of 1196 underprivileged people benefited from their cataract surgeries and were gifted with vision to lead a dignified life. Of these, 36 patients had surgeries done in both their eyes. The implementation was made possible by the benevolent donation of Devimco SARL and its partner Ste.Biso na Biso and Dhrolia Family Foundation.

4. Nutrition Support as Safety Net

The food crisis situation in D.R.Congo is acute and so is malnutrition. In 2017, it was observed by UNICEF that one in ten children is severely malnourished and in danger of death. Malnutrition or stunted growth among children also affects their brain development, reduces their IQ and weakens their immune system. During the period between July and December 2019, over 15.5 million people in D.R.Congo have lived in acute food



insecurity. The number of people with high acute food insecurity peaked in September 2020, coinciding with Covid-19 situation and the pandemic. The Government has recognised that investment in nutrition must be a priority in the national plan for poverty reduction and multi-sectoral approaches are being implemented, to deal with the crisis.

Since 2017, RAF (D.R.Congo) has considered it essential to extend nutritional support to children and women with infants in the communes of Nsele and Mont Ngafula through partnership with institutions such as Mother Teresa Home, Foundation Pediatrique de Kimbondo and Association Les Cris Des Enfants. The Orphelinat Mama Koko at Kimbondo (Mont Ngafula commune) has also been receiving fresh bread every day for all residents, since 2018 through its in-house bakery that was constructed by RAF (D.R.Congo) and is repaired periodically.

In the year 2021, total of 2173 children received assured healthy food through the Centre for Nutritionnel Soeur Veronique Nativ (in Mpsa, Nsele) with the generous donation of RAF (D.R.Congo). Another institution, Don De Marie orphanage (in Limete) has received monthly food basket for 47 children, comprising of items such oil, tomato paste, sardine, beans and butter with the kind support of Mr.Ashikbhai Adatia. The Bakery Initiative at Orphelinat Mama Koko in Kimbondo (Mont Ngafula commune) provided fresh bread to 820 children every day in 2021, with the kind support of Ste. Fourways SARL and other donors. Access to nutritious food was thus secured for 3040 children in the province of Kinshasa in the year 2021.

Location	Female	Male	Total
Centre for Nutritionnel Soeur Veronique Nativ (Nsele Commune)	1204	969	2173
Don De Marie orphanage (Limete)	24	23	47
Orphelinat Mama Koko (Mont Ngafula commune)	420	400	820
			3040

5. Other Distributions

The foundation carried out distribution of various articles in the nature of providing immediate relief or one-time consumption for special social groups such as the elderly and children. Winter jacket were distributed to 50 senior citizens in partnership with the NGO APEC in the Nsele commune on July 10. With regard to the elderly, the foundation's intervention has also focused



on their nutrition to build immunity and fight diseases. It has distributed food items (rice, oil and tomato paste) to 50 senior citizens in partnership with the NGO, APEC at Nsele. The foundation also distributed biscuits packets to 13 schools in the communes of Kimbanseke, Nsele, Mont Ngafula, Masina and Ndjili covering total of 38,127 children through generous donors.

4 EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME (ETP)

RAF (D.R.Congo) recognises that education must provide its learners with the knowledge, skills, attitude and values to lead productive lives, make informed decisions and contribute as responsible citizens in the wider society to foster peaceful societies, practice gender equality, sustainable living and health and well-being for all. Initiatives in these areas were severely affected by the surge in Covid-19 disease in the year 2021 and the continuation of the pandemic. When the situation permitted, as a strategy RAF (D.R.Congo) endeavoured to bring back the children to school, keep them interested in learning and provided them life skills and information on a range of health and sanitation that have relevance in their lives.



The following have been the key highlights:

1. RAF (D.R.Congo) sponsored the school fees of 28 children at College Deo Lutelamo in the commune of Selembao. In a spirit of reciprocation when the foundation donated 50 benches to 4 schools in the communes of Kimbanseke, Mont Ngafula and Nsele, the schools agreed to provide free education to 150 children for one year who are enrolled at Complexe Scolaire Le Leader, Mere Marie Augustine school, College St. Frederic and E.P Mputu. The foundation also distributed 1,300 school kits to the following schools in the communes of Kimbanseke, Nsele, Mont Ngafula and Selembao namely, Complexe Scolaire Le Leader, Mere Marie Augustine school, College St.Frederic, Sr.de St.Josephde Turin, Complexe Scolaire Yambo, C.S La Palmier, Monastere Benediction de Mambre, CNPD and Espoir Congo- SABEC. The most deserving and disadvantaged students who could not buy books, school stationery and bags were identified and provided with appropriate school kits. Through the initiative, an effort was made to bring the vulnerable children back to school after the long pandemic, support them in possible ways and help reduce school drop outs.



2. As an endeavour to build resources for public schools particularly in rural areas, RAF (D.R.Congo) organised a Teachers' Training programme for 235 teachers presently employed at rural schools in the communes of Kimbanseke, Nsele and Selembao. The joint meeting and training programme encouraged sharing of experiences among the teachers, cross-learning as well as, learning relevant techniques from the master trainer to improve the delivery of lessons and engage students in a better manner. The intervention is much needed since the educational qualification of secondary school teachers in public schools is low and moreover, approximately 2/3rd of the public school teachers in rural areas have no pre-service training
3. School students and those in institutional care in RAF's project intervention districts have benefitted from a range of information sessions relating to Malaria and HIV/AIDS, Menstrual Hygiene Management, Hand washing, Self detection & reporting of visual impairment including cataract, and Practising Covid-19 preventive measures. Total of 5,064 children have been reached out covering the above initiatives.



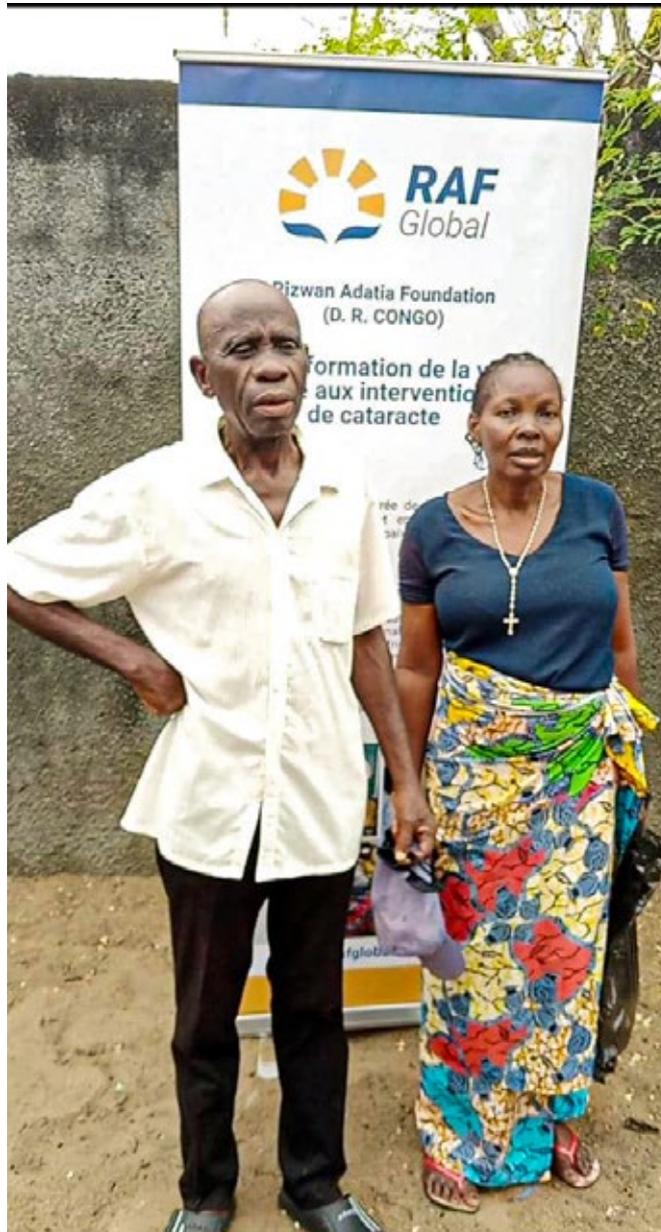
4. To encourage sports activities in schools, RAF (D.R.Congo) has undertaken assessment of schools in the communes of Kimbanseke and Nsele pertaining to availability of sports equipments at various schools, assisted in repairing them, along with meeting additional requirements at the playground in schools. At Mere Marie Augustine school, the foundation repaired the sports equipments while it donated footballs to Sr.de St Josephde Turin and supported 880 primary school students with sports equipments at Esprit Congo- SABEC.



5. To inculcate reading habit among children, improve their language skill in French, improve school infrastructure by building its resources and encourage children to attend school, RAF (D.R.Congo) has initiated library related activities in the communes of Nsele and Kimbanseke. The foundation has facilitated donation of 121 reading books in French for the school libraries of Ecole Lycee la Moutarde (Nsele) and Saint Frederic School (Kimbanseke) benefitting total of 1,650 students. The initiative was made possible with the kind donation of International Women's Club.

CASE STUDIES

1



NY is a middle aged man who lives in Mpasa, in the commune of Nsele. For past 9 years, he was experiencing an acute impaired vision due to cataract in the eyes that made him completely dependent on his wife. NY could not afford the cost of medical consultation as well as of the operation. It was by chance that NY attended one of the community outreach events of RAF (D.R.Congo) and came in contact with the team that arranged for his physical examination as well as the operation at one of RAF's partnering hospitals, free of cost. NY recovered from the surgery and his vision was restored. Everyone in his neighbourhood was pleasantly surprised. Thereafter, NY also found employment at a local school and has an income to support himself and his wife. NY thanks RAF (D.R.Congo) for bringing about a positive change in his life.

2



NJ is a 27 years old woman who lives at Boulevard Lumbumba, in the commune of Nsele, with her family. She could not pursue studies after secondary school because of financial constraints. After several years of gap, she decided to enroll at RAF's vocational training centre for a course in tailoring. The training that lasted for 3 months has transformed her into a skilled and confident woman who is self employed and has an income from work orders for stitching clothes in the neighborhood. NJ is thankful to RAF (D.R.Congo) and expresses her gratitude by helping others in the community.

3



Ecole Mere Marie Augustine is a school functioning in the commune of Nsele that caters to 380 students in the locality. The school has been in dire need of sports equipments. In the post-Covid-19 pandemic situation, most schools around the world face an insurmountable challenge to fill the learning gap of students, keep them interested and engaged in school and ensure their physical training that also contributes to mental alertness and enhanced attention span. At Ecole Mere Marie Augustine, it was clear that the broken swings, lack of sports equipments and quality of playtime could not keep the children happy and learning at the school. Committed to human development goals, RAF (D.R.Congo) responded to the need and supported the school in revamping the playground infrastructure.

EVENTS

Several Global Observance Days were celebrated by RAF (D.R.Congo) in the year 2021.



RAF (D.R.Congo) adopts an integrated approach pertaining to WATSAN by collaborating with government agencies and other institutions to address health issues that arise from poor sanitation. As part of this initiative, the foundation observed "Global Hand washing Day" through October 15 to 18, across several schools in the communes of Kimbanseke, Nsele, Selembao and Mont Ngafula. This initiative highlighted the importance of hand hygiene to 2330 children, training them to learn the right way of washing hands for ensuring prevention of disease. The following schools partnered in the initiative: Monastere Benediction de Mambre, C.S. La Palmier, Complexe Scolaire Yambo, Sr.de St.Josephde Turin, Complexe Scolaire Petit Flamme, Mere Marie Augustine school, Mpsa.



International Children's Day that is celebrated annually on November 20 is an occasion for development agencies to renew their commitment towards protecting, safeguarding and nurturing young lives. RAF (D.R.Congo) has been working with public schools, health facilities, skilling centres and other institutions in villages, districts, communes and provinces to reach 0-18 year olds and their caregivers for age-appropriate interventions for improving access to healthcare, hygiene, nutrition, quality of education and scope of gaining life skills. On the occasion, RAF (D.R.Congo) carried out awareness sessions on the rights of children especially girl children in the intervention schools in Nsele, Kimbanseke, Mont Ngafula and Selembao, covering total of 800 students.



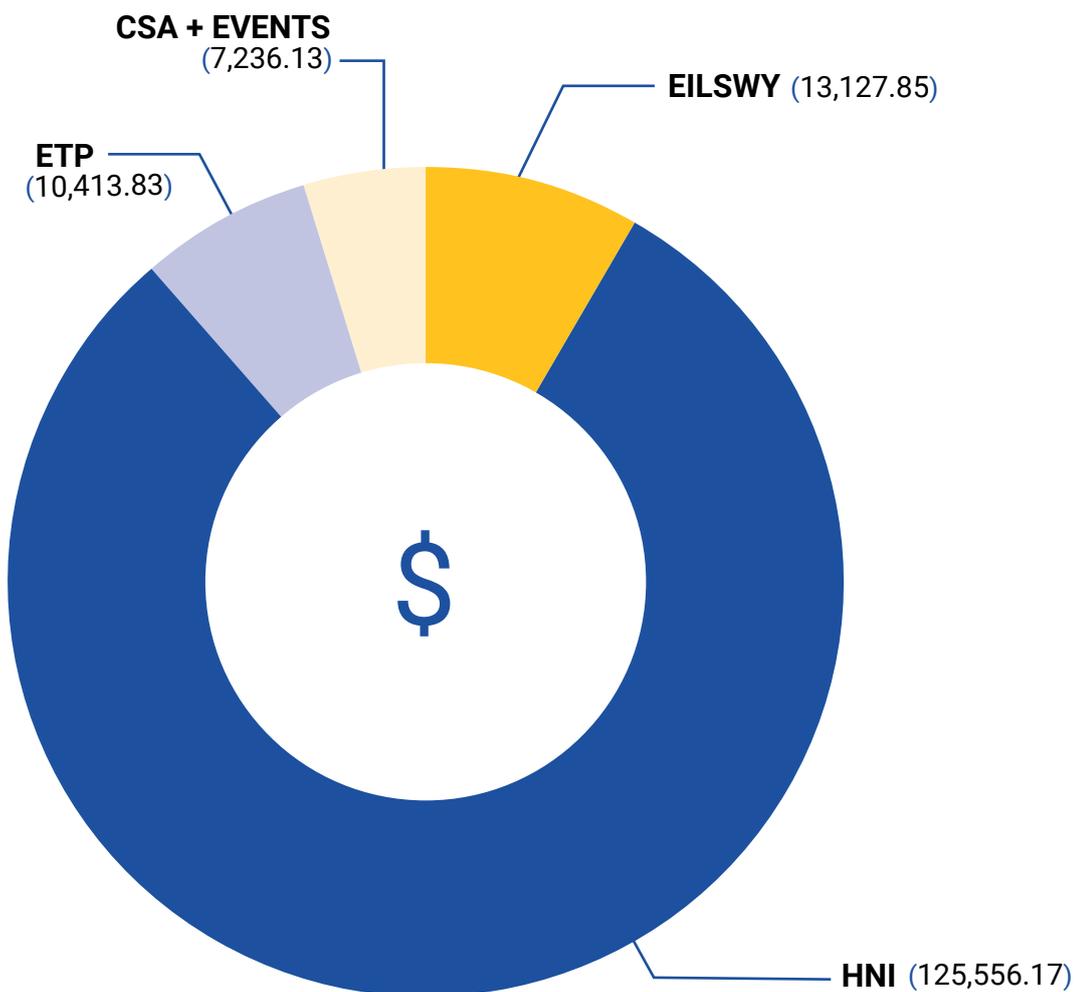
December 1 was celebrated as the World AIDS Day with the theme 'End Inequalities: End AIDS' that lay special focus on reaching people left behind from access to essential HIV services. Sharing of facts on HIV, debunking myths, making informed life changes and practising compassionate behaviour in interaction with people living with HIV/AIDS or affected families were the global messages trending on the day. RAF (D.R.Congo) conducted sessions on prevention from HIV/AIDS at St.Mathieu Centre (Nsele) and Complex Scolaire la Palmiere (Selembao) for 200 school students and 90 elderly women.



From December 18 to 22, RAF (D.R.Congo) celebrated Christmas with children of 47 orphanages in the province of Kinshasa and distributed toys to 2,750 children with the benevolent donation of Mr.Anish Somani (ETS BONHEAR) and other donors. For children living in institutional care, owning a toy is one of childhood's most cherished dreams and the foundation is thankful to the donor for the contribution and the scale of donation.

FINANCIALS

The pie chart given below provides a visual presentation of sector wise programme expenditure in US Dollars. It is important to note that during this period, RAF's major investment has been in the area of Health and Nutrition Initiatives (HNI) through various interventions. Economic Integration and Livelihood Support for Women and Youth (EILSWY) has been another significant area for investment in the communities.



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