Creating Access to Safe & Reliable Drinking Water in D.R.Congo

The Democratic Republic of Congo (D.R. Congo) faces an acute drinking water supply crisis. With only 46 percent of the population having access to clean drinking water, D.R. Congo 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 D.R.Congo 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.

Since 2019 until June 2022, RAF Global has constructed 80 water tanks (of 2000 litres capacity, each) across Nsele, Kimbanseke, Mont Ngafula and Selembao communes of Kinshasa province, benefitting a population of 238,375 rural inhabitants. There are many locations still in the countryside that are in dire need of safe potable water that can prevent water borne diseases, ill health and deaths.

This call is to support the construction of water tanks in the poorest rural localities of Kinshasa province. This intervention will make provision for safe, sufficient and reliable water for drinking and sanitation purposes in the selected communities. RAF Global will also set up systems 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, starting from USD 500.

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