



## Strengthening the marginalized population

Project  
2018-2021

...in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

### Location

The project is carried out in three different cities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), namely in Kinshasa, in Kikwit and in Lubumbashi. Kinshasa is the vibrant capital of the DRC with more than 17 million inhabitants. Kikwit is the main city of Kwilu province, located east of Kinshasa. The capital of the province of Upper Katanga, Lubumbashi, is located in the south of the country, near the border with Zambia.



### Current situation

The DRC counts nearly 77 million people and there are major gaps in the provision of health, education, infrastructure and energy. Life in the three cities is not easy, many people do not have access to vocational training and therefore have difficulties in finding a job. Lack of education leads to particularly high unemployment rates (more than 46% in 2018).

### Some statistics

Despite the enormous wealth of the DRC in raw materials (coltan, diamonds, copper, etc.) and despite a drop in the poverty rate from 71% to 64% between 2005 and 2012, the country is ranked only 176th out of 188 in the Human Development Index (UNDP, 2016). It is a particularly vulnerable country that lacks coping mechanisms. Life expectancy at birth is 59 years and average years of schooling are 6 years (UNDP, 2016).





## Project description

The project aims to strengthen the capacity of the local population through vocational trainings in 7 different areas: health, social economy, computer science, sewing, hairdressing, agriculture and renewable energies. The project also offers trainings to trainers who will then teach young trainees and entrepreneurs in these different fields. These trainings will be held in Kinshasa, in Kikwit and in Lubumbashi. The purpose of the trainings is to enable the population to start income-generating activities.



## Beneficiaries

Across the three cities, a total of 1.482 people will benefit from this project, including girls and boys, young entrepreneurs, medical staff, teachers and trainers. The number of beneficiaries per area of intervention is: health (126), social economy (66), computer science (606), sewing (156), hairdressing (156), agriculture (306), renewable energies (66).

## Project funding

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