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**Project Title: 5000$ for empowering 20 widows/widowers caring for 48 orphans pupils in Minova & Bweremana, Democratic Republic of Congo in 2016-2017**

Worrying about someone else beside oneself is a proof of being human. **"Mankind owes to the child the best it has to give"** Declaration of Geneva. It is then our task as humans to help children and give them the best of ourselves. We are therefore soliciting your generosity for these widows and orphans pupils of Minova and Bweremana villages. Each of those vulnerable women and men in need has different stories; most of them are tragic. It is difficult for a parent to have peace of mind, when he (she) is not able to take care of his children properly especially due to lack of money. All of the targeted widows and widowers practice informal activities to cover essential needs like food, medical care and housing, but hardly enough for their children’s school fees. They have between 4 and 9 children each and struggle every day for their children’s welfare but it is not easy at all.

They lead very poor living conditions marked by lack of stable sources of income leading to school instability or school drop out for insolvency. Unemployment and limited land access aggravate their vulnerability. The head of Minova hospital reported that since January 2016 to now, 56 children were abandoned in hospital. Their mothers fled leaving their children behind because of insolvability.

The widower, Mr Dunia the hero, has a tragic comic story. He lost two wives. His first wife drowned during a journey when a canoe capsized in Lake Kivu waters due to bad weather in 2014. She left three orphans. Among other victims was his neighbor who also left his wife/widow with nine children/orphans. Mr Dunia married his late neighbor’s wife/widow and they agreed to take care of all of the twelve children/orphans without any discrimination.

A year later, his second wife died on complications of childbirth. Now, he has twelve children to take care of, by himself. Despite all of his activities, it is practically impossible for this man to provide the best to his children. **"Mankind owes to the child the best it has to give"** as it has been said at the Declaration of Geneva, it is then our task as humans to help them, give them the best.

The financial support needed by our NGO **CADRE** is for three reasons:

1. To pay school fees for the 48 orphans in these villages (50$ per child).
2. To boost the widows’ activities in order to generate more income to pay for their orphans’ school fees (100$ per widow/widower).
3. To provide beneficiaries (widows and orphans) with one year effective accompaniment to ensure sustainability of the project. (600$ for accompaniment).

Our thanks in advance to anyone who will kindly contribute to the grievances of those orphans’ pupils and their mothers.