

This year, **the Foyer Ek'Abana welcomed 24 new children** who were **abandoned by their family** or chased out after being accused of witchcraft.

In the same period, **22 children were reintegrated**: most of them were welcomed **into their family of origin** and 4 were welcomed into foster families.

The Center sensitizes families and provides also concrete help. In fact, **children** going back home **received** some items they need: **a bed, a blanket and clothes, as well as the payment of their school fees.**

At the Foyer Ek'Abana, the **mission** has always been to allow children to **develop their talents**. They receive three meals a day and perform various activities.

Unfortunately, **COVID19** spread also in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The official numbers in the country are close to **8,000 cases** (data updated to 07.07.2020) and **measures** have been immediately taken **to limit** as much as possible **the spread of the virus.**

Schools have been closed since March 19th but **the Foyer Ek'Abana has never totally closed**: some children continue to be welcomed inside. During the day boys learn crafts to become tailors or bricklayers in the future. Girls learn to make beautiful colored bags that they will sell in the future.

In order not to completely stop studying, **social workers bring to the neighborhoods radios** with which **children can follow the lessons that the school broadcasts** and go on with their homework!

**Thank you for your past support** in favor of the girls of Bukavu!  
**Please keep donating** to help abandoned children, **stay by their side during this new emergency!**

