

REPORT – MARCH 2021 – Cinderellas of Bukavu

In 2020 the Congolese authorities had closed schools for six months (March-September). Reopened in October, they were closed again on 18th December to stem the second wave of the pandemic, as it was accelerating sharply.

The closure of schools is a threat to the education, protection and well-being of children. The most marginalised children - who are most at risk of dropping out of education - pay the heaviest price for school closures.

Deprived of daily exchanges with their peers and opportunities to exercise, they see their physical and mental condition deteriorate. Deprived of the safety net often provided by school, they are more vulnerable to abuse, as well as to marriage and child labour.

Foyer Ek'Abana has never closed and has kept welcoming children in need, offering the opportunity to study together and to receive food and protection in a healthy environment.

Fortunately, schools reopened on 22nd February. Foyer Ek'Abana will never stop supporting children and being at their side. Also thanks for your help!

Continue to stay by their side! Thank you so much.



