CADB-FIZI PROFILE AND PROJECT PRESENTATION AUTONOMIZATION OF WIDOW WOMEN SELLING FRESH FISH IN BARAKA, SUD-KIVU, DRCA PROPOS DE CADB

Our organization was established in May 2008 and registered under number: 5072/10 / w.9 / B.UR / AT / FZ / SK / 2008; by a group of 20 girls and young women concerned with changing the social and economic situation and respecting their rights for most of them; which was characterized by addiction and sometimes begging. We started from the idea that, "What you do for us without us, you do them somewhere against us."

We were encouraged by this sentence, and that is why we had set up this purely feminine structure, just to deal with the problems of women and girls as women living in the same community and who better understand the scale and the gravity of the consequences that girls and young women in our villages, cities and localities are experiencing because of:

1) to have contracted a marriage early due to parental influence;

2) to have been victims of rape whose effects have serious stigma in life, especially on the psycho-mental health that weakens and makes vulnerable the women victims of these cases;

3) to have a low level of education that does not allow them to have good paying jobs and occupied strategic positions in institutions where decisions are made about them.

For all these reasons and others, we are doing and working alongside these young women called "women leaders of families and young mothers" to have their lives mitigated by framing them in various ways or activities that would to change their social conditions by allowing them to value their gender in a society with sexist attitudes disavowing the development of women in all its forms.

 CADB objective

CADB aims to combat all forms of social and economic dependence of girls and women through the establishment of a community network of economically independent women and girls who, from nil, will succeed in carving out a path of empowerment and unique prosperity of its kind for their self-care guarantee of any family and community development and their best consideration.

• CADB Mission

1) to promote and defend the rights, social and economic, of the majority of economically and socially disadvantaged girls and young women in situations of vulnerability and poverty approved and increased by providing them with training and small funds to initiate or strengthen their models a very innovative, specific company able to reach the breakeven / break-even point in record time and with a good potential for scalability (scaling up); irrespective of their ethnic origin, sexual orientation and social status.

In other words, our organization's mission is to get girls and young women out of each other, as girls and mothers, respectively, because they are the most vulnerable because of their position as girls or as women. burdens or family burdens far exceeding their incomes which are less than 5USD PPP per day. In this way; we make them true micro entrepreneurs based simply on their courage and entrepreneurship. But at first we supervise them in the mutual aid technique known as MUSO, to do small income-generating activities such as selling donuts, onions, peanuts, frogs along the streets and trails and if they evolve in the groups of MUSO, we offer them a new business model that requires large means more consistent that is truly SMART (Specific, Measureable, Accessible, Realistic and Temporal); which allows them to make savings in terms of profits quite high.

**In a nutshell, we have the mission of transforming the void that girls and women have into a monument, which gives them a socially and economically comfortable position within their respective families and communities.**

**• UNDERSTANDING OUR WOMEN'S WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT PROJECT SELLING FISH**

**The town of Baraka in South Kivu is located along the bay of Ubwari Lake Tanganyika where the main activity of the population is fishing, which is made by men and whose sale is made women most often these women are widows and others are women whose husbands do not have jobs; all these women are called WOMEN CHILDREN OF FAMILIES; This is contrary to our customary practice that women contribute only a small proportion to family expenses such as cassava flour and that the leftovers are borne by the incomes of the person in charge: the father or father of the family, but today it's the opposite; these women do all.**

**Girls are called mother-daughters, girls who have had children before the legally required age of 18; but by coincidence it has become a habit that these girls end up breaking their common-law relationships, and return to live with their children from their families who are poor and can not take care of grandchildren whose parents are alive.**

**At the level of our organization, we make sure that these women and girls make a difference in the society that marginalizes them, by giving them small loans to sell fish in order to stop doing the sales commission with the fishermen who in exchange for having all-day fish for sale, each woman must give her sex to one or more other fishermen from different beaches; This system of selling fish is referred to by fishermen as "SEXUALLY TRANSMISSIBLE FISH". It is rape done to women and girls selling fish. This system is well kept secret and nobody dares to say it out loud.**

Per day of work the women and girls selling fish earn at least USD 5 PPP (Purchasing Power Parity) and yet the trade they make more rent, efficient and solvent. They work to enrich the fishermen.

We would like to do the opposite; with this project that we submit to you every woman will have her own capital as well as her insulated box to allow them to keep the fish cold; to allow them to not every night; before nightfall to pay off the remains of their fish at the risk of straying.

In concrete terms, this project aims to: 1) grant their own capital 2) fight rapes they suffer because of lack of capital 3) increase their income from less than $ 5 a day to $ 45 a day.

With this income, for every woman and girl; they will be able to repay their loans without problems and make big changes in their daily lives; such as taking charge of the schooling of their children, housing, health, food diversification and above all become in the long run; this is thanks to our supervision of the future owners of the first fisheries cooperatives managed by women and girls, which will be a greater innovation and benefit to these women and girls.

In Congo-DRC, all prices are indexed in USD, it looks like a second African USA. The price of a 5kg fish is an average of 10 USD, and a bunch of 2kg small fish sells for 3 USD times as much fish as every woman and girl can sell per day. In this way after deducting the charges (display taxes, communal taxes, sector taxes, family catering), each of the women and girls beneficiaries will stay with at least 45 USD, with which they can return 10 USD, on his own. to have every day, to repay the credit.

By quick calculation every day our agents who will hold the daily reimbursement cards will reap the following from these women and girls 460 USD; or 55200 USD during the 4 months of credit. In view of this calculation, if everything else remains equal, the project will be able to cover these costs and ensure its scalability by making new grants, so after 12 months this project will serve 138 women and girls from the small town of Baraka to get out of this quagmire of the infernal circle of poverty.

**Impacts of the project**

**Important note:**

« These impacts or the benefits mentioned below are not chimeras, it is pure reality, it is not only large industrialists who are made to achieve large cash flows, it is also; the privilege of small microenterprises / businesses often poorly known to the general public, this is why fishermen keep women in this dependency for their progress and development of their businesses (fishing teams) on the sweats of women. We would like to take advantage of the financial gap you offer to invest more in this sector to serve as a springboard for women to go further and allow us too to achieve great turnover and profits ».

* **Instant**

• 46 women and girls will have their own capital to carry out their fish businesses;

• 46 women and girls will have for the first time insulated boxes to keep their fish cold and sell them during the crisis period, which will allow them to do good business and achieve good speculation profit scores, because they will be the only suppliers of fish.

• The social life of every woman and girl will change dramatically as they will be able to provide more than 90% of the family needs they were not able to do before (child rearing, health care, housing, and food)

• A total of 138 other people will benefit from this change, as at least there are three dependents of each woman and girls.

* ** Impacts in a year**

**•** 138 women and girls will practice the use of insulated boxes and increase their daily income from US $ 5 to US $ 45, an increase of 89%;

• 414 dependents of these women and girls will be well taken care of both in their needs related to schooling, health care, food, ...

And by projection, this project will allow that in five years there will be:

1) 2070 dependent on these women and girls will be well taken care of both in their needs related to schooling, health care, diet, ...

2) 690 women and girls will practice the use of insulated boxes and increase their daily income from 5USD to 45 USD, an increase of 89%.