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Burundi

Populaion 2022

12 million







Since the beginning of its experience, the Collective for a law on the elimination of poverty has insisted on the importance of working with people living in poverty. We discover as we progress to what extent these people hold a decisive power in changing mentalities and improving knowledge around the problem of poverty and the solutions to it. However, there is a but, and it is a big one. For this to happen, it is necessary to make possible direct contact between them and non-poor

people around a common objective. However, everything pulls in the other direction and that is the problem.

We have known this since the beginning of our work, having experienced it ourselves. We wrote in article 5.3° of our bill that "people living in poverty and the associations that represent them are associated with the design, implementation and evaluation of these measures", a fundamental principle for any action aimed at combating exclusion and poverty. But at the same time that we advocate it, we measure all the way to go in society, in government, and within our own network to apply this deep conviction.

Moreover, this is a dimension of our bill over which we have power right now. Fighting poverty without the poor inevitably leads to fighting against the poor. We will have to learn to fight poverty with poor people, in full equality, taking into account their perspectives and their point of view. Why? "There is nothing worse than someone who wants your best for you!" said a very poor woman from Rouyn, during an animation of the Collective on the budget in the winter of 2023.

This cry of truth is of great importance for those who have learned to rub shoulders with people living in poverty in equality and in the awareness of a common dignity. It remains out of the field of the conscience of those who claim to solve the problem of poverty and exclusion in a vacuum and who, consequently, deprive themselves of hearing these sentences which could upset them.

This squaring of the circle must be broken. You have to learn how to do it. And it has to be done at all kinds of levels and in all kinds of sectors of society. Until it became a habit and you couldn't imagine not doing it.

## Main objective

Develop in Burundi the habit of the third principle of the Collective's bill and experiment how to do it in a progressive approach. In other words: Allow people living in poverty to assert their knowledge, their experiences, their expertise, in order to transform mentalities, frames of reference and practices in the fight against poverty and exclusion, in particular by generating the will to think, decide and act Global giving

The project should also lead people living in poverty to experience and develop their civic power. They should also be able to develop solidarity that leads to concrete changes that have an impact on the living conditions of people experiencing forms of exclusion related to their situation of poverty.

## The project

Support and develop, through the global action of the Collective and its network, a set of civic actions and activities primarily involving people experiencing poverty and drawing on their experience and expertise of poverty in a joint research aimed at laying the foundations for a poverty-free Burundi. These actions and activities will aim to develop knowledge, practices and transformations of ways of seeing and acting that will take into account the perspectives brought by people living in poverty on a set of issues affecting their reality. A WITH to work TOGETHER.

Words about evils. One of the characteristics of the proposed approach is the impact of speech, words that come to explain the evils. They can provide the starting point for important theoretical work on the frames of reference that we have as a society, on the condition, however, that we hear them, see their potential and be able to think freely through them.

With 1 million dollars we have a lot to do since 2023

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| Construction of a training center for self-financing projects | 1    | 30 000\$ | 30000\$  |
| Construction of 30 houses for some poor families              | 50   | 10000\$  | 500000\$ |
| Construction of a small health center                         | 1    | 100000\$ | 100000\$ |
| First aid food donation                                       | 5000 | 10\$     | 50000\$  |
| Salimadi functions  | 1    | 120000\$ | 120000\$ |
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