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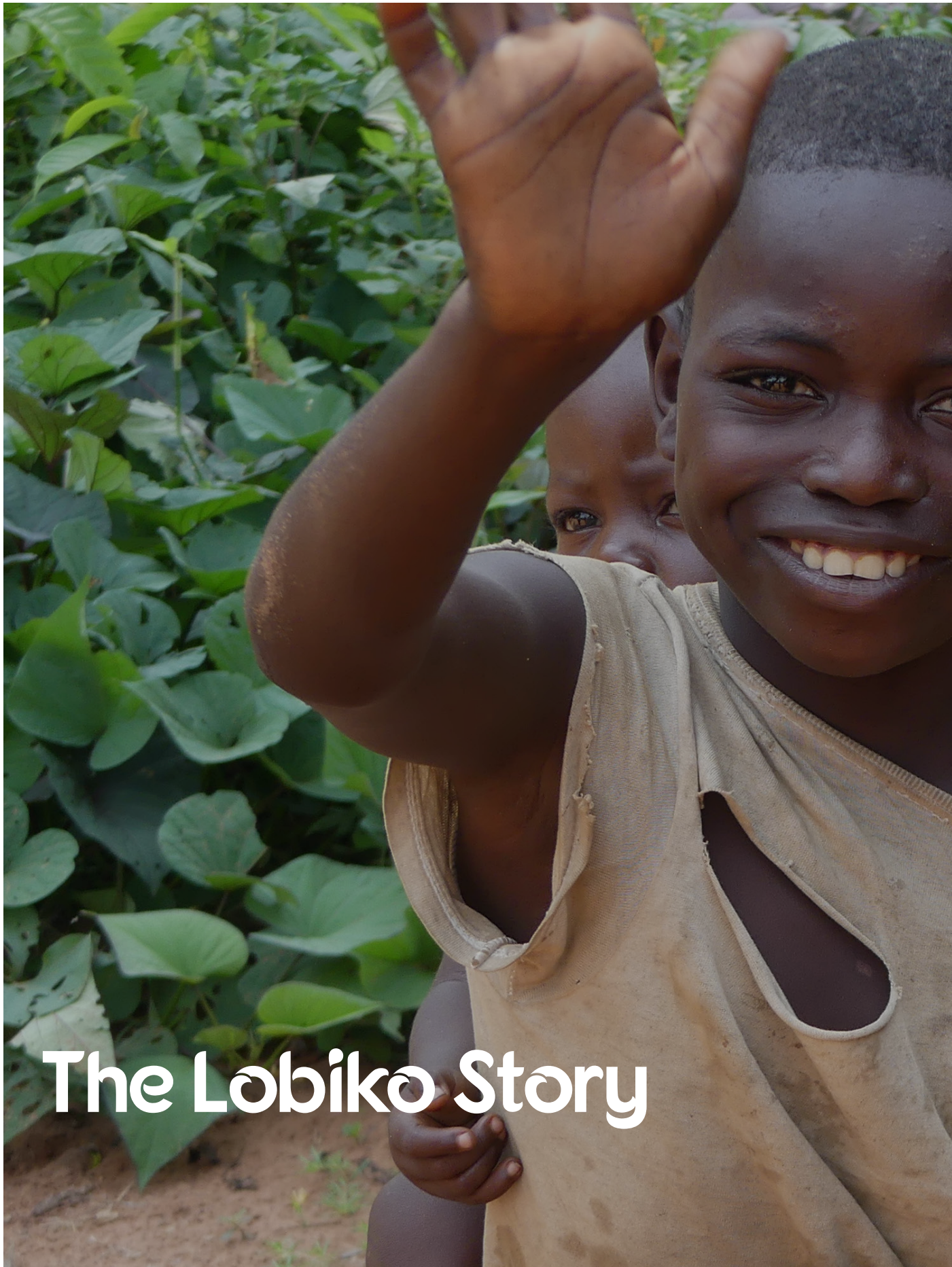
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The Lobiko Story



In the year 2007, Oliver entered a world steeped in sorrow, his first moments stained by the loss of his mother. Her life ebbed away shortly after bringing him into the world, leaving him utterly alone in a merciless realm. His uncle, burdened by his struggles, was tasked with the impossible duty of caring for this vulnerable soul. As Oliver's health withered like a fragile flower in a storm, his uncle, tormented by despair, reached the breaking point. After a month of unrelenting struggle, he culminated in an unthinkable act of abandonment. At a lonely gravesite, Oliver was left a tiny, defenseless figure forsaken by the one person he had left.

Abandoned and forsaken, Oliver's faint and fragile cries were heard by some children playing nearby. With hearts as pure as the dawn, they raced to the source of this tragic melody, discovering Oliver abandoned in the cold, lying on the frigid ground. These children, an embodiment of compassion, cradled him in their arms and delivered him to the warmth of a nearby hospital, where a group of nurturing women wholeheartedly embraced his care.

Sabuli, a mother who had faced her profound sorrow and difficulties — recognized the vulnerability in Oliver's eyes and was deeply moved by a mother's compassionate heart. She felt compelled to extend her support. Sabuli proceeded to adopt Oliver and dedicated her life to creating a secure haven for him and other disadvantaged children in need of care.

The world is home to hundreds of millions of children, each bearing a unique and heart-wrenching tale of deprivation, abandonment, and ill health. These children, through no fault of their own, endure the most severe hardships, deprived of the most necessities such as food, clean water, and shelter. Regrettably, these circumstances have left these children without access to quality education.

Oliver's story transcends the narrative of a child who lost his mother during childbirth. It's a story that encompasses the tragedy of his mother's death, a fate that might have been averted with access to quality healthcare. It extends to his uncle, who, trapped in the grip

of abject poverty, is unable to provide for his nephew. It's the tale of a society that lacks a safety net for the most vulnerable. Ultimately, it's the story of Sabuli, a compassionate soul willing to assist those in need but constrained by the limited resources available to her.

Narratives like these, though frequently aggregated within data, lie at the heart of Lobiko. Our mission is firmly rooted in our conviction that everyone deserves a rich and rewarding existence – the chance to live to their fullest potential. We believe that children should be raised in environments with the support and opportunities essential for their growth and prosperity as they navigate life's journey.



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Our primary focus is on recognizing communities facing adversity and the individuals' leading efforts toward positive and enduring progress within these communities.

We are dedicated to ensuring these changemakers have access to the necessary resources to realize their visions and attain their objectives.





Our Canvas

The World Bank reports that 700 million individuals live below the poverty line globally, surviving on roughly \$2 per day. In Africa, poverty affects 4 out of every ten people, with varying degrees of impact among different countries and communities. In the case of Congo, for instance, a staggering 7 out of every ten individuals grapple with poverty.

At Lobiko, our core mission revolves around alleviating the hardships experienced by the most vulnerable members of disadvantaged communities, starting with our dedicated efforts in Congo and extending across Africa and other regions worldwide where poverty and socio-economic injustices persist.

The Congo

Dynamic



Like the broader African experience, the history of poverty in Congo is intricate and firmly entrenched. Belgium's colonization of the country in the late 19th century is a significant chapter in this narrative, marked by the Belgian government's exploitation of Congo's resources and population for its gains. This exploitative colonial era resulted in the erosion of traditional economic and social structures, ultimately contributing to the pervasive poverty that persists in the region. Following its independence in 1960, Congo grappled with persistent political instability and violence, hindering economic development and poverty alleviation efforts. The 1990s witnessed a devastating civil war in Congo, lasting nearly a decade, resulting in widespread displacement, extensive destruction, and a deepening of the poverty crisis.

Poverty in Congo has numerous adverse repercussions on the nation's progress. It engenders hunger, malnutrition, and disease while constraining education and healthcare opportunities. Consequently, a significant portion of the Congolese population still needs to fulfill their full potential, with the World Bank reporting that over 70% of Congolese citizens live below the poverty threshold, subsisting on less than \$2 per day.

Child poverty presents a significant challenge in Congo, with more than 60% of Congolese children residing below the poverty threshold. This predicament results in their inability to secure fundamental necessities such as food, shelter, education, and healthcare, initiating a distressing cycle where these children, devoid of grooming and educational opportunities, transition into adulthood with unfulfilled potential.

In rural areas, poverty rates are even more pronounced, exceeding 80% of the population living in impoverished conditions. Picture a community where a mere 2 out of every ten individuals can access the fundamental essentials of life. This stark reality characterizes numerous Congolese communities.





Our Essence



Vision

Our vision is to empower every individual with the chance to embrace a life of well-being and to be an integral part of a vibrant, flourishing community.



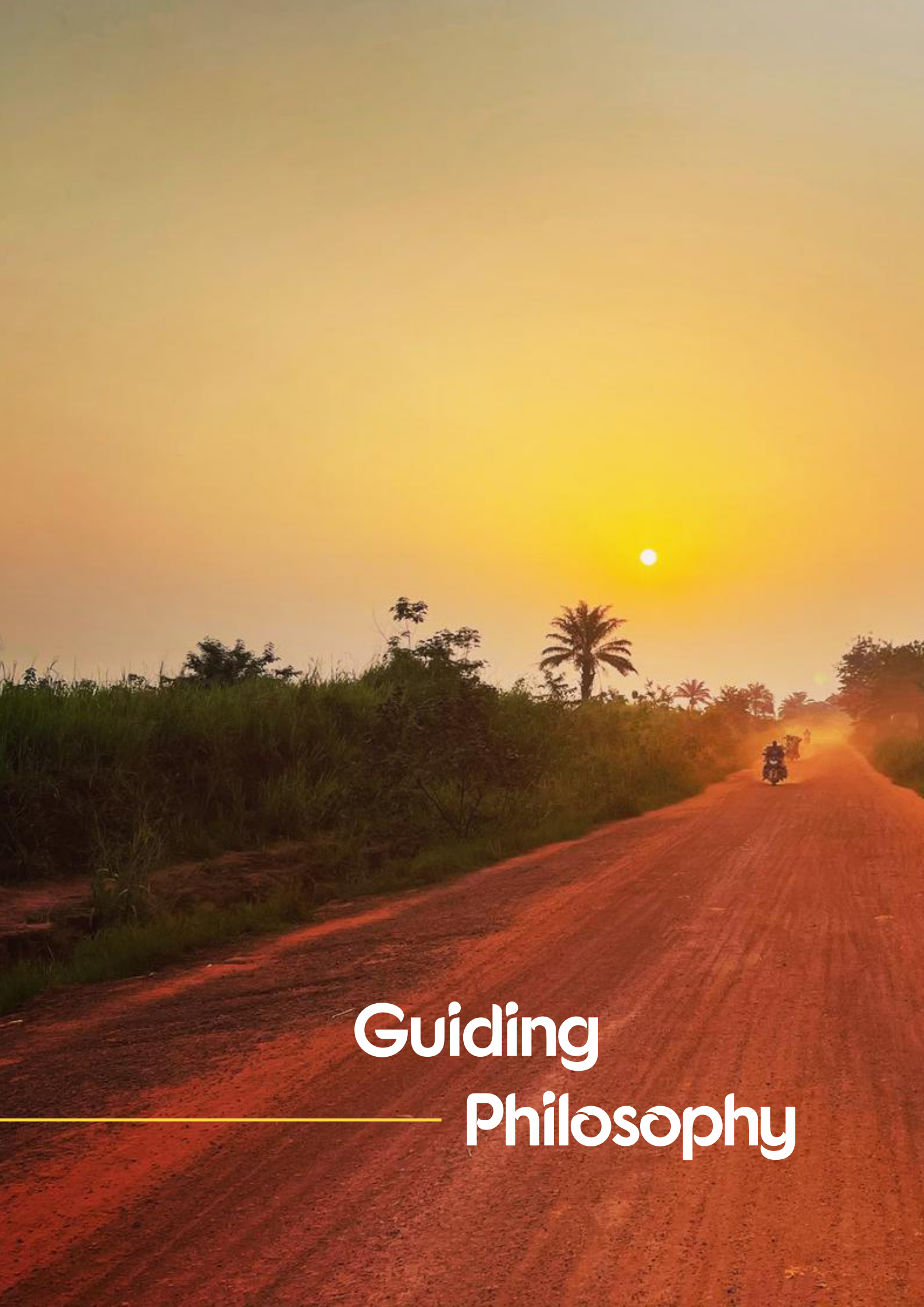
Mission

Our heartfelt mission is to champion the all-encompassing growth of children, nurturing their journey toward a life filled with purpose and well-being. We're dedicated to preparing a new generation of visionary leaders who will ignite transformative change, all while tirelessly advocating for the vital infrastructures underpinning lasting economic sustainability.



Commitment

Our unwavering commitment is to be a steadfast bridge connecting the present reality to a future filled with potential. We do this through collaborative partnerships with visionary grassroots leaders and organizations to co-create the essential infrastructure and opportunities that fuel economic sustainability. These foundations are the catalyst for communities not only to thrive but to flourish truly.



Guiding Philosophy



We firmly recognize that the well-being of children is an integral foundation for the overall prosperity of communities.

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approximately 4 million children left orphaned or homeless.”

At the core of our mission lies the belief that children are the future and the heart of vibrant and thriving communities. We understand that when children are provided with the nurturing and support they need to thrive, a chain reaction of positive change sets in motion. Children’s well-being contributes to their communities’ social, economic, and cultural fabric. As they grow, they become the architects of a better future, and their success is intricately interwoven with the progress of the places they call home.

We are committed to empowering children with the tools, education, and resources they require to reach their full potential. In doing so, we aim to catalyze a ripple effect of positive transformation within communities, fostering a cycle of prosperity where every child’s well-being is nurtured and serves as a cornerstone for their community’s collective success and growth.



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We firmly believe that the foundation for building thriving communities rests upon the nurturing and empowerment of our youth. Through skill development, holistic growth, and equipping them with the tools to enact positive change, we aim to lay the groundwork for a brighter future for all.

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Our conviction is rooted in the understanding that children and young people are not merely passive participants but active agents of transformation. By nurturing their potential, we unlock a powerful force for positive change within communities. We recognize that every child possesses unique talents, perspectives, and abilities that, when honed and developed, can drive innovation, progress, and inspire others.

Skill development is a cornerstone of our approach, as it empowers youth with the tools they need to succeed and provides them with the means to shape their destinies. We view education and personal growth as essential elements in this journey, fostering well-rounded individuals who are academically proficient, socially responsible, and emotionally resilient.

Furthermore, our commitment to equipping young people with the tools to enact positive change underscores the importance of leadership and community engagement. We encourage them to take initiative, make a difference, and be catalysts for progress.

By investing in their potential, we are sowing the seeds of more potent, resilient, and thriving communities where the youth are at the forefront of creating a better future for all.



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We firmly believe that in a thriving community, individuals should have access to vital resources and unwavering support, ensuring equitable access to meaningful work, secure housing, reliable transportation, nutritious food, clean water, comprehensive healthcare, and quality education.

“In a flourishing community, the potential of every individual is unlocked, granting them access to the resources and assistance required to lead a healthy and fulfilling life. Engaging in meaningful work instills a sense of purpose and dignity and contributes to the community’s economic prosperity. Furthermore, it opens doors to additional resources, including housing, transportation, access to nutritious food, and more.”

At the heart of our mission is a dedication to creating communities where every member could lead a life of dignity and fulfillment. We recognize that thriving communities are defined not just by economic success but by the well-being of each resident.

Access to meaningful work is central to this vision. We strive to empower individuals to find employment that sustains them and allows them to contribute meaningfully to their community. We understand that secure housing is fundamental to a stable and prosperous life, and we work tirelessly to empower economic development so families can have access to homes and other necessities to thrive.

Furthermore, we advocate for accessible transportation



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options, as they are the lifelines that connect individuals to opportunities, services, and each other. Ensuring a community's access to healthy food and clean water is paramount, as it directly influences its residents' overall health and vitality.

Comprehensive healthcare should not be a privilege – we provide communities with access to healthcare services that support their well-being. Quality education is equally critical, as it empowers individuals with the knowledge and skills they need to lead fulfilling lives and contribute to their community's growth.

By addressing these fundamental needs and fostering equitable access to resources and support, we can create thriving communities where every member can flourish and contribute to collective well-being in Congo and throughout Africa.



Our Work

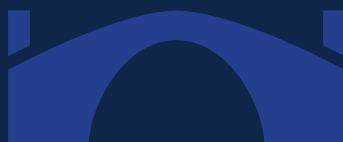
The Challenge



Over 700 million people worldwide endure the harsh reality of extreme poverty. Among them are children robbed of their childhoods, grappling with malnutrition, hunger, and disease. Simultaneously, adults face an uphill challenge of securing necessities such as food, clean water, and shelter, compounded by the difficulty of finding gainful employment to meet these essential needs.

In and around communities burdened by extreme poverty, individuals are brimming with innovative solutions to address their community's challenges. However, they need access to the necessary resources and support to transform these ideas into action

Our Approach



We firmly believe that enduring and significant change is most effectively enacted when those intimately familiar with the pressing challenges lead the way. At the Lobiko Initiative, our dedication centers on partnering with individuals and organizations deeply embedded in underserved regions and communities confronted by substantial barriers, including limited infrastructure and global inequalities. We seek out and support these local leaders and grassroots organizations, empowering them to craft solutions and implement sustainable projects to enhance people's lives within their communities.

Lobiko is a vital link through this collaborative approach, bridging partners with local and external resources and breathing life into their transformative visions.



How It Works

Our strategy revolves around empowering those with an intimate understanding of the challenges. We foster collaboration with **community leaders, local experts, and advocates for change**, combining essential resources and knowledge to create an environment conducive to facilitating transformative change. This mission is driven by ensuring that every person can enjoy a life of well-being and actively contribute to the vitality of a thriving community.



Community Leaders

Individuals or groups firmly embedded within their communities, wholeheartedly dedicated to improving them, propelled by creative ideas and strategies for revolutionary change.



Change Agents

Individuals or groups who share our vision and fervently dedicate their resources to pave the path for the well-being and improvement of others. We collaborate with these leaders by sharing crucial resources and groundbreaking insights to establish the fundamental framework for transformative change.

Our commitment extends to forging alliances with groups and individuals who embrace our values and vision, actively promoting sustainable solutions for transformative change within their communities.



Local Experts

Individuals or groups with specialized expertise who profoundly understand the local circumstances.





Who We Serve

In a world where more than 700 million people live in poverty, Lobiko is unwavering in its commitment to collaborating with individuals and organizations dedicated to addressing this issue. We firmly believe that every person deserves an opportunity to lead a fulfilling life, and we aspire to contribute to this vision by offering support to individuals and groups within the specified categories.

Vulnerable children

A distressing number of children are left orphaned or abandoned due to the relentless grip of poverty, with more than 4 million children in Congo facing this dire situation. Our dedication lies in supporting community leaders and grassroots organizations striving to supply fundamental necessities like shelter, sustenance, clean water, healthcare, and education to the children who are the farthest from accessing opportunities.



Underserved youths.

An outcome of poverty is the scarcity of opportunities for young individuals. In Africa, youth constitute 60% of the unemployed population, while in Congo, 70% of young people are self-employed or engaged in family work. Fostering conditions for communities to prosper necessitates an investment in young people, nurturing the growth of their talents and equipping them with the essential skills to drive positive transformation within their communities.

We are steadfast in our commitment to aiding community leaders and grassroots organizations dedicated to fostering the comprehensive growth of young people through educational initiatives and programs that bolster their intellectual, psychological, emotional, physical, and spiritual well-being.



Adults living in extreme poverty.

Countless individuals worldwide are trapped in the grip of extreme poverty, with an alarming 71% of Congolese residents enduring this harsh reality. Our conviction rests on the idea that in a thriving community, individuals should enjoy access to resources and assistance that render essential elements like purposeful employment, secure housing, reliable transportation, nutritious sustenance, clean water, comprehensive healthcare, and quality education within reach. Our commitment lies in bolstering community leaders and grassroots organizations, actively championing the creation and enhancement of conditions conducive to economic sustainability, and creating opportunities for individuals to engage in meaningful economic pursuits.



Partnerships

We uphold the importance of establishing genuine partnerships rooted in trust, shared values, and a dedication to transformative progress. We seek partners who:

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- Embrace our vision and mission as we aim to collaborate with organizations that resonate with our objectives and values.

2

- Showcase unwavering commitment to their local communities. We are enthusiastic about partnering with individuals and organizations deeply committed to enhancing the quality of life and ushering in fresh opportunities for the people they serve.

3

- Possess a clear and ambitious vision for community transformation. We are keen to collaborate with organizations that harbor ambitious ideas and a concrete strategy for translating these visions into reality.



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A Blueprint for Transformation

Current Region of Focus

Our current endeavors are centered in Gemena, a city in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, serving as the capital of Sud-Ubangi Province in the same nation.



Why Gemena?

Gemena is a prominent urban center within the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Like the nation, Gemena has grappled with persistent conflict and instability, culminating in poverty.

Several factors have converged to fuel the prevalence of extreme poverty in Gemena, and one key element is the absence of critical infrastructure. Notably, the city needs paved roads, and its residents contend with restricted access to clean water and inadequate sanitation systems. These challenging conditions present formidable obstacles to accessing necessities and achieving a quality life.

Additionally, there needs to be more economic prospects in Gemena. Given its remote location, the city has limited employment opportunities, compelling a significant portion of its population to exist at a fundamental, day-to-day survival level.

Despite their daunting challenges, the people of Gemena exhibit remarkable resilience and possess the potential to establish a flourishing community when equipped with the necessary support to secure access to fundamental requirements and economic prospects. At the Lobiko Initiative, our primary focus is to bolster those dedicated to tackling these hurdles and enhancing the local population's well-being.



What We Are Working on

We've pinpointed individuals driving positive change and advocating for enhanced well-being and socio-economic progress in Gemena. Our active commitment involves providing them with the essential resources to turn their vision of an improved quality of life and a prospering community into reality.

One of our valued partners is The Sangamu Foundation (TSF). Our partnership, initiated in 2020, has enabled us to collaborate on various projects. Through these endeavors, we have reached and positively impacted the lives of more than 15,000 families and individuals in Gemena.



Some of the projects we've supported TSF on

Sabuli's Children Center (SCC)

>150

CHILDREN CARED FOR

>15

ACCOMMODATED
YOUNG ADULTS

The center offers a secure and affectionate home to orphans and vulnerable children, primarily focusing on their comprehensive growth. Under the center's care, the children receive nourishing meals, access to educational enrichment, and immersive experiences designed to equip them for a future filled with abundant opportunities.

SCC offers sanctuary to orphaned and vulnerable children between the ages of 0 to 18, providing a secure haven for approximately 80 young boys and girls. The center also oversees a transitional residence known as Bas Ya Safu (BYS), purposefully designed to empower SCC children aged 18 and older as they embark on their journey toward independence. This facility accommodates a community of approximately 12 to 15 young adults who assume responsibility for various aspects of their lives during their stay at BYS, including chores, culinary duties, job hunting, or even running small enterprises. Under the guidance of a committed full-time caregiver, they acquire crucial life skills like budgeting, school management, and meal preparation and engage in enriching activities.

SCC has provided care and support to over 150 children, with 50 of them having transitioned out of the center

due to age. Among these young adults are five university graduates, six currently pursuing higher education at universities in Kinshasa (the capital of Congo), while 20 have secured stable, life-sustaining employment. Additionally, ten have taken the initiative to establish and manage their businesses, and nine are diligently working toward achieving their high school diplomas.



A Testament

Meet Beni, a dedicated 22-year-old assistant teacher in the GCC sewing program. Her early years were marked by the loss of her parents and a multitude of hardships. However, she discovered a haven at SCC, where she received an education and an opportunity for a brighter tomorrow. Beni is currently on the brink of completing her sewing studies, with a dream of becoming a designer. She diligently saves her earnings to further her education and construct a hopeful future. Beni's journey stands as a powerful testament to the life-changing impact of support and the indomitable resilience of the human spirit.



Judy Medical Clinic (JMC)

8000
LIVES SAVED

300+
MEDICAL OPERATIONS

200+
NEWBORN DELIVERED

Judy Medical Clinic is an accredited, comprehensive medical facility fully equipped to address various healthcare requirements. In an area where accessing high-quality healthcare can be challenging, JMC provides heavily subsidized, top-quality medical services to Sabuli's Children Center's children and extends its compassionate support to the broader community.

The clinic provides a fully equipped pharmacy, consultation services, echography, laboratory testing, private rooms for individualized care, and surgical procedures. The JMC team goes beyond healthcare; they bring hope and the assurance of a healthier and brighter future to those under their supervision.

To date, JMC has preserved the lives of over 8,000 individuals, performed 300 medical operations, and safely welcomed more than 200 newborns into the world.

A Testament

A teenager who had been orphaned and lacked family support was burdened by the pain of two hernias. Despite previous attempts at treatment that worsened his condition, he found his way to the Judy Medical Clinic, where he received the assistance he so desperately needed. The JMC team successfully treated the boy's hernias and offered him the chance to participate in community events and various educational programs.



The Gemena Community Centre (GCC)

>300
LIVES IMPACTED

>50
JOB OPPORTUNITIES

GCC represents a pioneering innovation hub, providing a diverse range of versatile spaces meticulously crafted to cultivate innovation and enhance the well-being of community members. These spaces are dedicated to vocational training, community gatherings, and educational programs.

GCC vocational training programs alone have significantly impacted the lives of over 300 community members. These programs have empowered them with the skills to launch their businesses or secure meaningful employment. Consequently, these individuals have been able to provide for their families and actively contribute to the betterment of the community. In addition, the center has generated more than 50 permanent job opportunities.

A Testament

Maman Suka stands as a testament to the life-changing impact of GCC. As a single mother of two living with a disability, she faced financial insecurity with no source of income. However, her life turned positive after finding the GCC sewing training program. Completing the program transformed her into a skilled seamstress, enabling her to provide for her family and send her sons to school.



Our Three-Year Strategy

Empowering Transformation

Our approach is multifaceted and laser-focused. We commit to nurturing and empowering children who were once abandoned or orphaned, providing them with the care, education, and opportunities needed to flourish as the leaders of tomorrow. This includes building and expanding safe homes, educational programs, and mentorship initiatives to give them the strong foundation they deserve.

Furthermore, we pledge to address the pervasive issue of abject poverty head-on. We will implement vocational training programs and economic opportunities that empower individuals and families to break the cycle of poverty. This will encompass skill development, job creation, and support for small business ventures, all aimed at enabling self-sufficiency and financial independence.

For the broader community, we are unwavering in our commitment to creating an environment where prosperity is not a distant dream but a tangible reality. This means investing in critical infrastructure, including clean water sources, healthcare facilities, and transportation networks. We will promote economic development by fostering local entrepreneurship and enabling market access, bringing resources and economic vitality to a neglected region.

As we execute this three-year strategy, our intent is to bring about lasting and positive change in the Gemena region, ultimately transforming it from a place of hardship and neglect to one of promise and prosperity. We are driven by the urgency of our mission and the shared vision of a thriving, vibrant, and self-reliant community. Together with our partners, we will work tirelessly towards realizing these ambitious goals, touching the lives of 50,000 individuals and families by the end of 2026.

How you can support

Donations

Your generous financial contributions empower us to achieve our mission. We allocate 85% of all funds raised directly to support our programs, while the remaining 15% is channeled into administrative and development support that empowers our program partners to thrive. Donating to Lobiko makes a direct and impactful difference in the following ways.



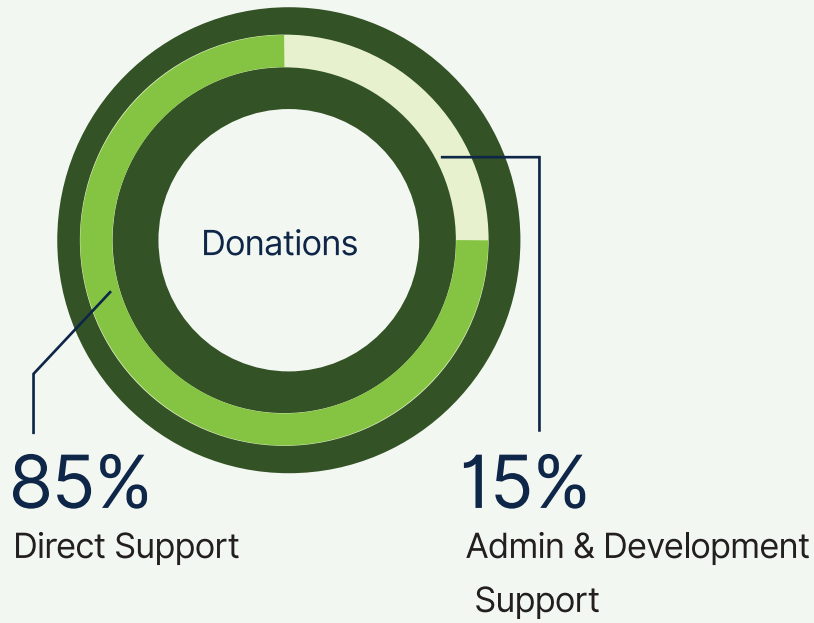
Program Partner Support: Support us in discovering, funding, and collaborating with community leaders and organizations. Collectively, we will craft innovative solutions that uplift individuals who are most distant from opportunity.



Administration and Operations: Guarantee the ongoing viability of Lobiko's initiatives. Your assistance aids us in upholding a robust presence in underserved communities, persisting in creating a lasting difference.



Development and Fundraising: Magnify our mission and vision by providing the resources required for Lobiko and its program partners to attain our mutual objectives. Your donation invigorates our collective path toward fostering positive change.



Volunteering

Your time has the power to ignite change. By volunteering your expertise and skills, you can make a difference in the following areas:

- **Enhance Organizational Capacity**
Collaborate with us to create efficient approaches for identifying, evaluating, and partnering with Program Partners. Your valuable insights will enhance our strategy and drive impactful results.
- **Impactful Narratives**
Assist us in sharing meaningful stories. Your creative abilities can shed light on the experiences of the communities we assist, nurturing understanding and empathy among a broader audience.

Content Expertise

Your knowledge and proficiency in vital domains can propel transformation where it's most crucial. With your assistance, we can instigate substantial change in realms like:

- **Education:** Empower individuals through excellent education, laying the cornerstone for a more promising future.
- **Youth Development**
Equip young individuals with the tools, mentorship, and prospects that chart a path toward lifelong achievement.
- **Healthcare**
Guarantee access to vital healthcare services, disrupting the cycle of health inequalities and enhancing overall wellness.
- **Economic Development**
Nurture pathways to sustainable livelihoods, unlocking the potential of communities to prosper.

