



Ugeafi

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pour le développement de Fizi-Itombwe



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Who we are

UGEAFI (Union of Groups of Studies and Actions for the Development of Fizi-Itombwe) is a non-governmental organization of development intervening in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South-Sudan. It exists in its current form since 2002 and it's recognized by the competent authorities of both countries. It has its headquarters in Minembwe, in the Highlands of Fizi territory (it's native area) and its administrative office in Uvira/South-Kivu province.



Our vision

Promote a resilient environment for the communities of Kivu in DR Congo and for those of South Sudan.

Our Mission

To accompany communities towards their well-being through sustainable agriculture, education, health and peace building.

Our values

- Dignity
- Empathy
- Neutrality
- Collaboration
- Complementarity
- Do no harm
- Transparency in management

Our activities

1. Food security and livelihood,
2. Education,
3. Health,
4. WASH,
5. Environment
6. Humanitarian Aid
7. Peace building

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Food security and livelihood

UGEAFI provides improved seeds of food crops like beans maize and irish potatoes and vegetable crops. This in order to improve food and horticultural crops to households from Minembwe, Idjwi, Bibokoboko and in the refugee camps of Lusenda. Farmers have been accompanied to adopt best agricultural practices in order to increase their yields. these seeds helped to diversify their diet and increase their income.

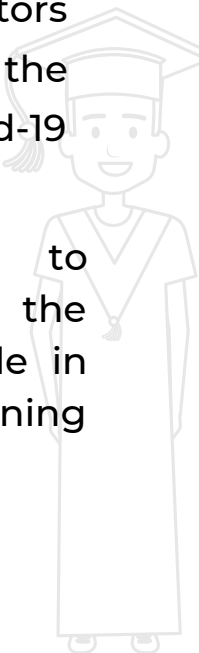


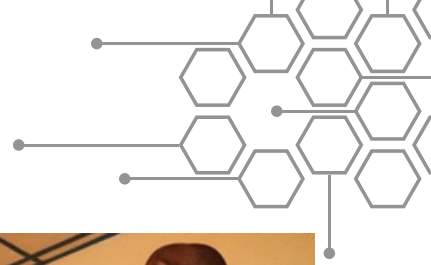


UGEAFI has created Isoko Complex School of Minembwe, a pilot school with five following departments: agriculture, veterinary, mathematics and physics, nursing, business and management sciences. Since its beginning in 2005, Isoko Complex School has produced more than 2000 laureates with 40% of girls. Before its beginning in the region of Minembwe (a remote and locked area with cyclical armed conflicts), no child could succeed to the state secondary examinations. But now, this has been a history. Some of the laureates from this school are doctors and others are engineers in different fields. Note that some of the finalists in nursing sciences, fought against Ebola and Covid-19 pandemic that hit the world.



This school has helped to reduce the rural exodus, the enrolment of young people in armed groups, strengthening social cohesion between communities.





Within its two health centers CMAM (Minembwe) and CMAB(Bibokoboko), UGEAFI offers health cares to communities of both areas. in various following activities: vaccination, curative and preventive cares, sensitization on family planning, antenatal consultation, preschool consultations, deliveries and maternal cares, voluntary HIV testing and mobile clinics.



Nowadays, the communities of those stipulated areas are freed from the misery of travelling long distances full of fatal risks (kidnappings, sexual violences) searching for appropriate cares in eighboring regions like Baraka and Uvira.

Health - Fighting against Gender-Based Violence



UGEAFI identified 33 cases of sexual abuse and 88 cases of gender-based violence in Bibokoboko ares, with 12 women declared psychologically stable and 4 HIV/AIDS carriers treated with ARVs and opportunistic infections.

Not only medical assistance, UGEAFI organizes different sensitization sessions for fighting against violence towards women and girls in DRC and South Soudan





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In all its intervention areas, UGEAFI offers clean water to the communities through the construction of fountains and water supply chains in DRC and South soudan.

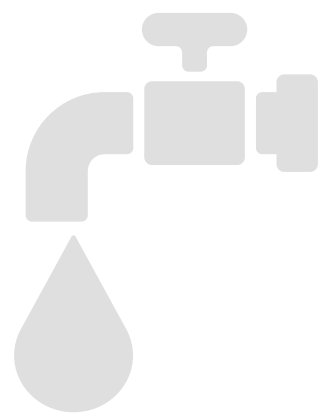
In addition of this, UGEAFI builds latrines, provides to women and girls hygienic kits and performs regular sensitization sessions on good hygienic conditions.

Water supply:



11837 people from the refugee camp Lusenda and Idjwi, have access to drinking water from standpipes and tank built by UGEAFI organization. These people are spared from contracting water-borne diseases and are relieved of the burden of travelling long distances in search of drinking water.





Liquid chlorine production and distribution:

UGEAFI also produce and distribute chlorine in schools and hospitals within the framework of the prevention and control of the infections of the COVID-19 in North Kivu.

9,340 liters of liquid chlorine were produced and distributed to 21 health facilities in the city of Goma, including 5 public and 16 private facilities in the Karisimbi health zone.

This allowed 151200 people to prevent infections by washing their hands with liquid chlorine.



Hygiene kits:

6,000 refugees, including 3,419 women and 2,581 girls of childbearing age, were provided with 2,055 hygiene kits consisting of reusable towels, underwear and soap. This has contributed significantly to the improvement of the hygienic conditions of women and girls in the refugee camps.

The testimonies collected revealed that there has been a significant decrease in genital infections, previously caused by lack of sanitary pads.





To alleviate the dire situation (of lacking clean water and sanitary pads) faced by the flood-affected people in South Soudan, UGEAFI has rehabilitated boreholes and provide sanitary pads to women and girls of child of bearing age.

This rehabilitation of boreholes has Facilitate 3000 flood-affected IDPs (gathered in 500 households) in Mundri West County accessing to clean water.

The prevalence of waterborne diseases is reduced. women and girls have improved their dignity through the availability of sanitary pads and soaps.



UGEAFI provides trees to communities and teaches them how to produce them. 260,000 plants of Calliandra, Cypress, Grevellea, Mimosa, Cedrela, Acacia, Leucena, Eucalyptus were produced and distributed to 3,000 beneficiaries, 5 churches and 10 schools in Minembwe and Bibokoboko.



Humanitarian Aid

641 households from Rurambo and Bibokoboko have been assisted by UGEAFI. People from Bibokoboko have received AME/NFI kits consisting of 432 pots, 480 plates, and 552 cups. The region has witnessed atrocities resulting in significant material damage.



Peace building

UGEAFI is active in conflict-affected areas, where it works towards peace-building by training individuals on non-violent conflict resolution, facilitating mediation between communities, establishing local civil structures for peace-building, and enhancing community cohesion via Villages Savings and Loans Associations. They have held six training sessions and inter-community meetings in Minembwe and Bibokoboko, educating 1600 individuals on peaceful conflict management.



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