

Project Title: Mobility Assistance for 365 Disabled Children to Access Healthcare, Orthopaedic Support, and Education in the DRC

Project Locations: Goma, Kalemie, Kisangani, Kinshasa, Maniema, Beni, and Bunia

Project Duration: 12 Months

Total Budget: USD 912,500

1. Background

The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) faces critical challenges in providing inclusive access to healthcare, education, and mobility services for children with disabilities. Conflict, poverty, and inadequate infrastructure have left many disabled children without the necessary support to lead dignified and productive lives.

This project responds to the urgent need to empower 365 disabled children with **mobility devices, orthopaedic and physiotherapy services, and inclusive education support**. It will be implemented in **seven priority locations** that represent both urban and conflict-affected regions of the country.

2. Goal

To enhance the independence, health, and educational access of 365 children with disabilities across 7 regions in DRC through a comprehensive mobility and support assistance program.

3. Specific Objectives

1. **Provide customized mobility and orthopaedic devices** to 365 disabled children.
2. **Facilitate access to healthcare services**, including physiotherapy and follow-up rehabilitation.
3. **Support school reintegration** and educational inclusion of children with disabilities.
4. **Empower caregivers and local service providers** through training on disability care and rights.

4. Target Group

- **Direct Beneficiaries:** 365 children (approx. 52 per location)
- **Indirect Beneficiaries:** 1,460 caregivers, educators, and health workers

5. Project Activities

A. Identification and Medical Assessment

- Community sensitization and stakeholder mobilization
- Child identification in collaboration with local health and education authorities
- Functional and medical assessments by orthopaedic specialists

B. Provision of Mobility and Orthopaedic Support

- Procurement of mobility aids (wheelchairs, tricycles, walkers, crutches)
- Custom orthopaedic devices (prosthetics, orthoses)
- Fitting, customization, and delivery
- Physiotherapy and follow-up care in coordination with local clinics

C. Education Access and School Inclusion

- School needs assessments and advocacy with education stakeholders
- Provision of school materials and adapted furniture for children with physical disabilities
- Disability awareness training for teachers and students
- Referral and follow-up of children in formal or non-formal education

D. Training and Capacity Building

- Training of caregivers on home rehabilitation and care technics
- Disability inclusion workshops for school staff and local authorities
- Training community health workers to monitor children's health and mobility outcomes

E. Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting

- Baseline and endline data collection
- Midterm evaluation and learning
- Final reporting and stakeholder feedback sessions

6. Budget Summary (Total : \$912,500)

Category	Details	Amount (USD)
Personnel Costs		
Project Manager (1)	\$3,000/month x 12 months	\$36,000
Regional Coordinators (7)	\$1,000/month x 12 months x 7	\$84,000
Physiotherapists (7 part-time)	\$700/month x 12 months x 7	\$58,800
Admin/Finance Officer	\$2,000/month x 12 months	\$24,000
Subtotal Personnel		\$202,800
Assessments and Outreach		
Community mobilization and child screening	Travel, materials, medical equipment	\$25,000
Disability assessment and diagnostics	Orthopaedic evaluations	\$15,000
Subtotal Assessment		\$40,000
Mobility & Orthopaedic Devices		
Wheelchairs (150 x \$300)		\$45,000
Tricycles (60 x \$400)		\$24,000
Walkers/Crutches (80 x \$80)		\$6,400
Prosthetics and Orthoses	Custom devices for 75 children	\$60,000
Import, transport, and assembly		\$20,000
Subtotal Mobility & Devices		\$155,400
Education Support & School Inclusion		
School supplies (books, uniforms)	365 children x \$100	\$36,500
Inclusive classroom support (furniture, access)	7 schools x \$2,000	\$14,000
Teacher training workshops	7 sessions x \$1,500	\$10,500
Subtotal Education		\$61,000
Training and Capacity Building		
Caregiver training	7 sessions x \$2,000	\$14,000
Community health worker disability modules	7 sessions x \$2,000	\$14,000
Community/stakeholder inclusion workshops	7 locations @ \$2,000	\$14,000
Subtotal Training		\$42,000
Transportation, Logistics & Distribution		

Inter-city travel & aid delivery	Vehicle rental, fuel, per diems	\$60,000
Local event organization (7 distributions)	\$5,000/location	\$35,000
Subtotal Transport & Logistics		\$95,000
Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting		
M&E Officer (consultant)	\$1,500/month x 12	\$18,000
Data collection tools and software	Tablets, forms, printing	\$7,000
Midterm & Final Evaluations	External consultant, logistics	\$25,000
Subtotal M&E		\$50,000
Operational and Administrative Overheads (15%)	Covers rent, utilities, insurance, legal	
Subtotal Overheads		\$136,300
TOTAL		\$912,500

7. Expected Results

- 365 children receive tailored mobility and orthopaedic devices
- At least 80% of children demonstrate improved physical mobility and independence
- 300+ children reintegrated or newly enrolled in school
- Over 700 caregivers and professionals trained in disability care and rights
- Awareness of disability inclusion raised in at least 14 communities and schools

8. Sustainability Measures

- Capacity building for local physiotherapists and caregivers
- Establish partnerships with local clinics and school authorities for continued support
- Engage local authorities and ministries for long-term policy adoption and funding support

9. Monitoring and Evaluation

A comprehensive M&E plan will track:

- Baseline and endline mobility assessments
- School attendance and academic performance
- Caregiver knowledge levels (pre/post training)
- Qualitative feedback from children and community leaders