



**ASSOCIATION POUR LA PRISE EN CHARGE DES ORPHELINS
ET L'ENSEIGNEMENT DES LANGUES, « APCOEL », EN SIGLE**

**Project Report: Empowering Displaced Women and Girls
in Mubimbi Commune**

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I. BRIEF PRESENTATION OF APCOEL

The **ASSOCIATION POUR LA PRISE EN CHARGE DES ORPHELINS ET L'ENSEIGNEMENT DES LANGUES** (APCOEL) was founded by committed citizens to take care of orphans and promote international languages in Burundi. The main initiator is Mr. HATUNGIMANA Elias, who is also the Legal Representative. The main goal is to contribute to the well-being of orphans and language promotion.

1) APCOEL's MISSION:

To raise awareness in the Burundian community to contribute to the promotion of international languages and the well-being of orphans.

2) APCOEL's VISION:

Increased knowledge of international languages to contribute to the well-being of orphans.

3) APCOEL's OBJECTIVES:

- General objectives:

- Take care of orphans;
- Humanitarian action;
- Health;
- Teach languages.

- Specific objectives:

- Create schools for orphans;
- Provide health, financial and educational assistance to vulnerable families, the destitute, orphans, widows, the disabled, divorced women and people affected by natural disasters;
- Establish development projects whose benefits go to orphans and vulnerable people;
- Restore the psychological adaptation of child victims of trafficking;
- Develop partnerships with government and private agencies;
- Help people living in poor and needy areas or villages by providing them with food, drinks, clothing and medicines;
- Building hospitals and planning health projects to improve health conditions in the provinces;
- Building schools and digging wells in needy villages;
- Providing urgent medical, psychological and social assistance to victims of disasters and calamities;
- Intervening in humanitarian emergencies;
- Providing food, drink, clothing and care, including personal organization and psychological and health follow-up;
- Providing safe housing and care for orphans and street children;
- Providing recreational, cultural and educational activities to orphans and children from poor families, and giving them the opportunity to actively participate in them, whether individually or collectively;
- Establishing development projects such as agriculture, handicrafts, vocational training, etc.;
- Pay tuition fees for students from poor families;
- Provide assistance to certain patients and facilitate the provision of assistance for their treatment;
- Creation of educational, cultural and professional centers for young people seeking employment;
- Promote job creation and self-employment of young people and women;

- Contribute to environmental protection and the fight against climate change;
- Contribute to peacebuilding, social cohesion and peaceful coexistence;
- Organize scientific courses and cultural seminars.

II. Project Report

Introduction

The project initiated by the ASSOCIATION POUR LA PRISE EN CHARGE DES ORPHELINS ET L'ENSEIGNEMENT DES LANGUES (APCOEL) aims to support the economic empowerment, employability, and entrepreneurship of 900 displaced women and girls in the Mubimbi site, affected by the waters of Lake Tanganyika. The specific objective is to strengthen their skills in various trades, enabling them to generate income and contribute to meeting family and community needs.

Progress Update:

After six months of project implementation, a total of 21 beneficiaries out of the 900 have received support. The core activity of organizing a 9-month vocational training session for the women and girls is ongoing, with gradual participation and progress observed.

Achievements:

- 21 beneficiaries have been supported with vocational training and start-up kits.
- Increased skills and knowledge among the initial beneficiaries.
- Positive feedback and enthusiasm from the participants towards their empowerment.

Challenges Faced:

- Limited financial resources leading to slow progress in beneficiary coverage.
- Difficulty in reaching out to all 900 displaced women and girls effectively.

Financial Update:

Out of the initial budget of \$5004 USD allocated for 900 beneficiaries, a remaining amount of \$4863 USD is yet to be mobilized to support the remaining participants. This deficit poses a challenge to achieving the project's full impact and reaching all targeted beneficiaries.

Next Steps:

- Continued implementation of vocational training sessions for the remaining beneficiaries.
- Intensified efforts towards fundraising and resource mobilization to bridge the financial gap.
- Monitoring and evaluation of project activities to track progress and impact on beneficiaries.

In conclusion, while progress has been made in supporting a portion of the displaced women and girls in Mubimbi, concerted efforts are required to secure additional funding and ensure the successful completion of the project for the remaining 879 beneficiaries.

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For APCOEL

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