

Project: Restoring Life to Women in Eastern DR Congo

1. Project Overview

Project Implementers: ODDPH and SODEPA

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Duration: 12 months (1 year)

Location: City of Goma and other areas of North Kivu Province, DRC

Donor: To be identified

Total Budget: USD 42,893

Number of Training Cohorts: 4 (3 months each)

Capacity per Cohort: 30 trainees per cohort (120 beneficiaries in total)

Beneficiary Profile: Vulnerable youth, women heads of households, internally displaced persons (IDPs), returnees, and repatriates

2. Background and Justification

North Kivu Province, in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, has experienced chronic instability for several decades, characterized by armed conflict, massive population displacement, and a persistent socio-economic crisis. Local communities face:

- Destruction of the local economic fabric (closure of workshops, loss of livelihoods).
- High unemployment and underemployment rates among youth (over 60% according to some local surveys).
- Increased vulnerability of women, often heads of households, without stable income sources.
- An influx of internally displaced persons, returnees, and repatriates who return to their communities without support for reintegration.

In this context, many young people and women lack professional skills. The absence of economic opportunities increases the risks of:

- Dependence on humanitarian aid,
- Economic and sexual exploitation,
- Recruitment by armed groups.

ODDPH, in collaboration with SODEPA (Solidarity for Development and Peace), a local organization working for socio-economic integration and social cohesion, is initiating a **Vocational Training Center in Tailoring and Dressmaking**.

Tailoring and dressmaking represent an accessible and viable trade adapted to the local context:

- Strong demand for clothing and textile products in urban and rural markets.
- Relatively low initial investment required to start a tailoring workshop.
- Opportunities for artisan cooperatives and rapid income-generating activities.

Through this project, ODDPH aims to provide young people and women—especially IDPs, returnees, and repatriates—with the means to achieve self-reliance and actively participate in the social and economic reconstruction of North Kivu.

Project Objectives

Overall Objective

To contribute to the socio-economic empowerment of vulnerable youth and women, particularly returnees and repatriates in North Kivu, through vocational training in tailoring and dressmaking.

Specific Objectives

1. Train 120 youth and women in tailoring and dressmaking within 12 months.
2. Provide high-quality technical supervision through three permanent trainers.
3. Establish a secure, equipped, and sustainable training center.
4. Support beneficiaries toward self-employment and microenterprise creation.

3. Expected Results

- Four cohorts trained over one year (120 beneficiaries).
- 80% of beneficiaries engaged in income-generating activities after training.
- A fully equipped and operational center by the third month.
- Creation of small artisan units (tailoring workshops) by beneficiaries.

4. Project Beneficiaries

A. Direct Beneficiaries

These are individuals who will directly and immediately benefit from project activities:

- 120 trainees (youth and women) trained in tailoring and dressmaking across four cohorts of 30 trainees each.
- A significant proportion will be returnees, repatriates, and internally displaced persons to promote reintegration.
- Project staff: three trainers, two security guards, and one Center Manager/Project Coordinator, who will benefit from stable employment and regular income during the project period.
- Certified beneficiaries who, after training, will be able to create or join tailoring workshops and generate income.

→ **Estimated number:** approximately 126 direct beneficiaries (120 trainees + 6 permanent staff).

B. Indirect Beneficiaries

These include individuals or groups benefiting from the project's indirect effects:

- Families of trainees: assuming an average household size of five, approximately 600 people will see improved living conditions through income generated by trained family members.
- Local communities in North Kivu: increased access to locally produced tailoring services (clothing, school uniforms, repairs, handicrafts), reducing dependence on imports and stimulating the local market.

- Other vulnerable youth and women inspired and motivated to pursue similar training.
- Local institutions (schools, associations, NGOs, markets) that may collaborate with trained beneficiaries to produce uniforms, garments, or other textile items.
- The local economy: through the creation of microenterprises and cooperatives, the project contributes to economic recovery and poverty reduction in the region.

→ **Estimated number:** 2,000 to 3,000 indirect beneficiaries.

5. Main Activities

1. Establishment and setup of the training center (rental, rehabilitation, equipment).
2. Recruitment of personnel (three trainers, two security guards, one volunteer project coordinator).
3. Procurement of equipment (sewing machines, computers, furniture, teaching materials).
4. Implementation of training sessions (theoretical courses and practical workshop sessions).
5. Provision of consumables (fabrics, threads, accessories) for four cohorts.
6. Monitoring and evaluation of training cohorts with certificate issuance.
7. Post-training support (cooperatives, assistance in establishing workshops).
8. Community awareness and mobilization around the project (inclusion of returnees and IDPs).

7. Project Timeline (12 Months)

| Period | Main Activities |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Months 1–2 | Center setup, equipment purchase, staff recruitment |
| Months 3–12 | Training sessions (four cohorts of 30 beneficiaries) |
| Every 3 months | Evaluation and certification |
| Every 6 months | Semi-annual evaluation and adjustments |
| Month 12 | Project closure, final report, beneficiary integration support, and projection for the following year |

8. Logical Framework

| Level | Indicators | Sources of Verification | Assumptions |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Overall Objective | ≥70% professional integration | Monitoring reports, surveys | Political and economic stability |
| SO1: 120 beneficiaries trained | 120 certified | Attendance lists, certificates | Beneficiary motivation |
| SO2: Quality supervision | 1 trainer per 10 trainees | Training reports | Retention of trainers |
| SO3: Functional center | Center equipped by Month 3 | Inventory, site visits | Availability of equipment |

9. Risks and Assumptions

| Risks | Assumptions |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Trainee dropout | Beneficiaries remain motivated |
| Equipment breakdown | Equipment remains functional |
| Delays in rent and salary payments | Center operates normally |
| Insecurity in the area | Security situation in North Kivu remains stable |
| Lack of post-project funding | Funding available on time |
| | Local market absorbs products |
| | Community contributions remain consistent |

10. Detailed Budget (USD)

Total Project Budget: USD 42,893

| Category | Description | Quantity / Duration | Unit | Unit Cost (USD) | Total Amount (USD) |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1. Personnel | | | | | |
| | Center Manager / Project Coordinator | 1 12 months | | 250 | 3,000 |
| | Trainers' salaries | 3 12 months | 200 | 7,200 | |
| | Security guards' salaries | 2 12 months | 200 | | 4,800 |
| | Personnel Subtotal | | | | 12,000 |
| 2. Rental Costs | | | | | |
| | Training center rent | 1 12 months | | 300 | 3,600 |
| 3. Utilities | | | | | |
| | Water and electricity | 1 12 months | | 100 | 1,200 |
| 4. Equipment & Initial Investments | | | | | |
| Computers | | | | | |
| | Computers | 2 — units | | 250 | 500 |
| 4.1 Sewing Machines | | | | | |
| | Electric sewing machine | 6 — units | | 300 | 1,800 |
| | Manual sewing machine | 21 — units | | 150 | 3,150 |
| | Button press machine | 1 — unit | | 50 | 50 |
| | Overlock machine | 1 — unit | | 90 | 90 |
| | Embroidery machine | 1 — unit | | 500 | 500 |
| | Sewing Machines Subtotal | | | | 5,590 |
| 4.2 Furniture | | | | | |
| | Work tables | 12 — units | | 80 | 960 |
| | Office desks | 5 — units | | 50 | 250 |
| | Woven chairs | 40 — units | | 25 | 1,000 |
| | Cabinets | 5 — units | | 100 | 500 |
| | Furniture Subtotal | | | | 2,710 |
| 4.3 Training Materials | | | | | |

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| Electric irons 5 — units | 30 | 150 |
| Mannequins 10 — units | 50 | 1,000 |
| Scissors 33 — units | 7 | 231 |
| Measuring tapes 33 — units | 5 | 165 |
| Chalkboards 3 — units | 50 | 150 |
| Record notebooks 12 — units | 35 | 70 |
| Draft notebooks 36 — units | 10 | 120 |
| Pens and pencils 20 — boxes | 5 | 100 |
| Training Materials Subtotal 1,986 | | |
| Equipment Subtotal 10,286 | | |
| 5. Training Consumables | | |
| *Blue fabric 6 rolls × 4 cohorts rolls | 35 | 840 |
| Thread 10 boxes × 4 cohorts boxes | 13 | 520 |
| Lining fabric 6 rolls × 4 cohorts rolls | 40 | 960 |
| Pattern paper (Vaseline paper) 6 rolls × 4 cohorts rolls | 17 | 408 |
| Fusible interfacing paper 6 rolls × 4 cohorts rolls | 75 | 1,800 |
| Wax fabrics (pagne) 33 pieces × 4 cohorts pieces | 15 | 1,980 |
| Skirt zippers 33 pieces × 4 cohorts pieces | 7 | 924 |
| Blouse zippers 33 pieces × 4 cohorts pieces | 12 | 1,584 |
| Elastic bands (1 cm) 33 pieces × 4 cohorts pieces | 4 | 528 |
| Elastic bands (3 cm) 33 pieces × 4 cohorts pieces | 5 | 660 |
| Elastic bands (5 cm) 33 pieces × 4 cohorts pieces | 8 | 1,056 |
| Hand needles & fasteners 33 pieces × 4 cohorts pieces | 4 | 528 |
| Snap buttons 15 boxes × 4 cohorts boxes | 25 | 1,500 |
| Training Consumables Subtotal 13,288 | | |
| 6. Miscellaneous & Contingencies (5%) | | |
| Contingency costs — — — — | 2,019 | |
| GRAND TOTAL: | | USD 42,893 |

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For ODDPH,

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