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Community aid fund for victims of conflict in DRC

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PROJECT TECHNICAL PROPOSALS

I. Project Summary

1. Title of the project: **Community aid fund for victims of conflict in DRC**

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3. Organization Mission Statement

Our Mission

"Our mission is to restore dignity, hope, and self-reliance to conflict-affected communities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Through sustainable partnerships with local first responders, grassroots organizations, and civil society, we provide transparent, immediate humanitarian relief and empower local populations to rebuild resilient livelihoods, foster community-led peace, and drive their own long-term socio-economic development."

Key Pillars Reflecting This Mission

- **Localization First:** Empowering Congolese leadership to drive the response.
- **From Relief to Resilience:** Bridging the gap between emergency aid and long-term financial independence.

- **Uncompromising Integrity:** Maintaining total transparency and accountability to both donors and local communities.

Project Beneficiaries

The project will target a total of **25,000 direct beneficiaries** and approximately **75,000 indirect beneficiaries** across conflict-affected communities in the eastern region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

1. Direct Beneficiaries

Direct beneficiaries refer to the individuals, households, and local institutions that will receive direct financial, material, or capacity-building assistance from the project.

- **Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs):** 1,200 highly vulnerable displaced households (approx. 7,200 individuals) fleeing recent violence who will receive multi-purpose emergency cash transfers.
- **Vulnerable Host Community Members:** 400 families (approx. 2,400 individuals) hosting displaced populations who will receive livelihood micro-grants to reduce the economic strain on local resources.
- **Women and Girls Surviving Conflict-Related Violence:** 500 individual survivors of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) who will receive specialized medical, psychological, and legal aid kits.
- **Smallholder Farmers and Youth Entrepreneurs:** 10 local agricultural cooperatives and youth platforms (approx. 500 members) who will receive direct funding for seeds, tools, and processing equipment.
- **Local Civil Society Actors:** 5 national Congolese NGOs and 10 community peace committees whose staff and members will receive professional training in financial compliance, protection, and project management.

2. Indirect Beneficiaries

Indirect beneficiaries represent the wider population who will benefit from the ripple effects of the project's interventions.

- **The Local Economy:** Approximately 60,000 community members living in target operational areas who will benefit from restored local markets, increased food availability, and boosted cash circulation generated by micro-grants and cash-for-work programs.
- **The Wider Community:** An estimated 15,000 people who will benefit from enhanced community protection, reduced social tensions, and localized conflict resolution led by the newly supported community peace committees.

3. Selection Criteria (Vulnerability Matrix)

To ensure aid reaches those who need it most, beneficiaries will be selected transparently based on the following specific criteria:

- Households headed by women, widows, or children.
- Families caring for elderly, disabled individuals, or unaccompanied minors.
- Displaced individuals with no alternative source of income or community safety net.
- Local organizations with demonstrated geographic access but limited financial capacity.

Total cost of the project: US \$ 500,000

- **Bank account: Dynamique des Jeunes Leaders pour la Paix et le Respect des Droits Humains, DYJEPREDHU asbl**

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Context and Justification of the Project

Project Context

The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), particularly its eastern region including North Kivu, South Kivu, and Ituri, faces one of the world's longest-running and most severe humanitarian crises. Decades of armed conflict involving multiple militia groups have created an environment of chronic insecurity.

This ongoing violence has triggered unprecedented levels of internal displacement, forcing millions of people to flee their homes with minimal assets. The mass movement of populations puts immense pressure on host communities, crippling local economies, disrupting agricultural cycles, and collapsing basic social services like healthcare, clean water, and education. Furthermore, conflict-affected populations endure widespread human rights violations, severe trauma, and extreme poverty, leaving local structures unable to cope without targeted intervention.

Project Justification

A dedicated Community Aid Fund is urgently needed for several critical reasons:

- **Empowering Local First Responders:** Traditional international aid often suffers from slow bureaucratic delays. This fund directly prioritizes national NGOs and community-led organizations, which possess the local trust, language skills, and geographical access required to deploy life-saving assistance immediately.
- **Fostering Long-Term Resilience:** Relying solely on short-term emergency distributions creates dependency. A community-managed fund bridges the gap between emergency relief and development by investing in local cooperatives, small businesses, and livelihood rehabilitation.
- **Cost-Effective and Targeted Aid:** Localized funding structures significantly reduce administrative overhead costs compared to international agencies. This ensures that a

maximum percentage of resources reaches the victims and addresses self-identified community priorities.

- **Promoting Social Cohesion:** By actively involving community committees in fund distribution, the project builds local leadership, strengthens social ties, and prevents resource-driven conflicts between displaced populations and host communities.

Main Objective (General Objective)

The primary objective of the project is to alleviate the suffering of conflict-affected populations in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) by providing immediate humanitarian relief, restoring sustainable livelihoods, and reinforcing community resilience through direct financial support to local initiatives.

Specific Objectives

- **Provide Immediate Emergency Relief:** Deliver rapid financial and material assistance to newly displaced households to secure essential needs, including emergency healthcare, clean water access, and nutritional support.
- **Restore Local Livelihoods:** Finance community-led agricultural cooperatives, small business grants, and cash-for-work initiatives to rebuild income streams and boost local food security.
- **Empower Local Civil Society:** Allocate at least 60% of funding directly to national NGOs and grassroots community associations to strengthen local leadership and reduce dependence on international aid.
- **Support Psychosocial and Legal Rehabilitation:** Fund specialized local centers to provide medical, legal, and psychological support to victims of conflict-related violence, with a specific focus on women and children.

- **Enhance Social Cohesion:** Establish inclusive community management committees to oversee fund distribution, ensuring fair resource allocation and mitigating tensions between displaced people and host communities.

Project Mission Statement

The mission of the Community Aid Fund is to empower conflict-affected communities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) by providing direct, flexible, and localized financial support. We strive to rescue lives in times of crisis, restore dignity through sustainable economic recovery, and build lasting peace by strengthening grassroots organizations and local leadership.

Core Project Values

- **Localization (Local Empowerment):** We believe that Congolese communities and national NGOs are the best-equipped first responders. We prioritize direct funding to local actors to foster long-term self-reliance.
- **Dignity and Respect:** We treat all survivors and affected populations with utmost respect, ensuring that aid delivery upholds their dignity, self-determination, and fundamental human rights.
- **Transparency and Accountability:** We maintain strict standards of financial integrity and reporting to ensure that resources are traced accurately and benefit the intended victims directly.
- **Inclusivity and Equity:** We provide aid strictly based on need, without discrimination regarding ethnicity, religion, or gender. We actively ensure that marginalized groups, particularly women, children, and minorities, have a voice in fund allocation.
- **Resilience and Sustainability:** We shift from short-term dependency toward long-term development. We invest in projects that rebuild local production, markets, and social cohesion.

Project Activity Calendar

Phase & Activity	Q1 (M1- M3)	Q2 (M4- M6)	Q3 (M7- M9)	Q4 (M10- M12)
Phase 1: Project Launch & Governance				
Recruit project staff and establish local committees	X			
Conduct baseline assessments in target conflict zones	X			
Sign Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with local authorities	X			
Phase 2: Capacity Building & Call for Proposals				
Train local NGOs on financial management and compliance	X	X		
Launch the call for community project proposals		X		
Review applications and select local sub-grantees		X		
Phase 3: Fund Disbursement & Implementation				
Disburse emergency and livelihood grants to selected partners		X	X	

Monitor distribution of emergency aid and cash transfers		X	X	X
Support community-led agricultural and small business projects			X	X
Phase 4: Monitoring, Evaluation & Reporting				
Conduct monthly site field monitoring visits	X	X	X	X
Organize mid-term project evaluation			X	
Perform final financial audits and endline impact assessment				X
Compile and submit the final narrative and financial reports				X

Project Budget Breakdown

Budget Category & Line Items	Unit	Unit Cost (\$)	Quantity	Total Cost (\$)	% of Budget
1. Direct Humanitarian Assistance (60%)				\$300,000	60.0%
1.1 Emergency Multi-Purpose Cash Transfers (MPCA)	Household	\$100	1,200	\$120,000	24.0%
1.2 Livelihood & Small Business Micro-Grants	Grant	\$250	400	\$100,000	20.0%
1.3 Sub-grants to National NGOs (Rapid Response)	Sub-grant	\$10,000	5	\$50,000	10.0%
1.4 Medical & Psychosocial Support Kits (SGBV)	Kit	\$60	500	\$30,000	6.0%
2. Capacity Building & Social Cohesion (12%)				\$60,000	12.0%
2.1 Training workshops for Local NGOs (Financial Management)	Session	\$2,500	6	\$15,000	3.0%
2.2 Community Peace Committee Dialogues & Setup	Event	\$1,500	10	\$15,000	3.0%
2.3 Agricultural Cooperative Equipment & Seeds	Unit	\$3,000	10	\$30,000	6.0%
3. Personnel & Staff Costs (15%)				\$75,000	15.0%
3.1 Project Manager (12 months)	Month	\$2,500	12	\$30,000	6.0%

3.2 Finance & Administration Officer (12 months)	Month	\$1,500	12	\$18,000	3.6%
3.3 Field Monitoring Officers (2 staff x 12 months)	Month	\$750	24	\$18,000	3.6%
3.4 Community Mobilizers (3 staff x 12 months)	Month	\$250	36	\$9,000	1.8%
4. Operational & Logistics Costs (8%)				\$40,000	8.0%
4.1 Vehicle Rental & Fuel for Field Travels	Month	\$1,500	12	\$18,000	3.6%
4.2 Office Rent, Utilities, and Internet (Goma/Bukavu)	Month	\$1,000	12	\$12,000	2.4%
4.3 Communications, Visibility, and IT Equipment	Lump Sum	\$10,000	1	\$10,000	2.0%
5. Monitoring, Evaluation & Indirect Costs (5%)				\$25,000	5.0%
5.1 Baseline & Endline Evaluation Survey	Lump Sum	\$7,000	1	\$7,000	1.4%
5.2 External Financial Audit	Report	\$5,000	1	\$5,000	1.0%
5.3 Indirect Program Support Costs (7% Cap on Overheads)	Lump Sum	\$13,000	1	\$13,000	2.6%
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET				\$500,000	100%

Budget Highlights

- **Direct Impact:** 60% of the entire budget (\$300,000) goes directly into the hands of victims and local civil society actors through cash, grants, and medical support.
- **Localization:** \$50,000 is explicitly set aside to fund national Congolese NGOs directly, empowering local response.
- **Sustainability:** 20% is allocated to livelihoods and small businesses to ensure communities recover economically rather than relying permanently on emergency handouts.

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