



GLOBALGIVING PROJECT PROPOSAL

Supporting the Inclusion and Empowerment of Indigenous Peoples in South Kivu

South Kivu, Democratic Republic of the Congo

1. Project Title

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2. Project Summary

This project will strengthen the social and economic empowerment of Indigenous Peoples in South Kivu through training, income-generating activities, and community support. It will help beneficiary households improve their income, social participation, and sustainable access to local opportunities.

3. Theme

Primary theme: Economic Development / Poverty Reduction

Secondary themes: Human Rights and Social Inclusion; Education and Vocational Training

4. Location

South Kivu, Democratic Republic of the Congo

5. Proposed Duration

12 months

6. Proposed Beneficiaries

The project is designed to directly support 200 Indigenous beneficiaries, with priority given to Indigenous women, youth, vulnerable household heads, and people with limited access to economic activities and

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sustainable livelihoods. Families and surrounding communities will also benefit indirectly through improved household income, community dialogue, and stronger social cohesion.

7. Funding Requested

50,000 Congolese Francs (FC/CDF)

8. Donation Options

- **USD 10:** Contributes to training materials for one beneficiary.
- **USD 25:** Helps one Indigenous participant attend a practical training session.
- **USD 50:** Contributes to a basic start-up kit for an income-generating activity.
- **USD 100:** Supports training and economic coaching for one beneficiary over several weeks.
- **USD 250:** Helps a small community group develop a collective economic activity.
- **USD 500:** Supports training, equipment, and follow-up for a group of beneficiaries.
- **USD 1,000:** Supports several Indigenous households on their pathway toward social and economic empowerment.

9. What Is the Problem?

In South Kivu, many Indigenous Peoples continue to face social exclusion, poverty, limited access to livelihoods, and low participation in local economic life. Women and young people are especially vulnerable. The project will target Indigenous households to strengthen their autonomy, dignity, and inclusion within the wider community.

10. How Will This Project Solve the Problem?

The project will provide practical training, develop income-generating activities, support small savings groups, and strengthen the skills of women and youth. Community-based support will also promote social participation, self-confidence, and stronger links with local actors, helping beneficiaries build more sustainable livelihoods.

11. Potential Long-Term Impact

Over the long term, the project will help reduce economic dependency and social exclusion among Indigenous Peoples in South Kivu. Beneficiaries will gain stronger skills, income opportunities, and mutual-support mechanisms. Women and youth will participate more actively in economic and community life, while households progressively improve their living conditions and resilience.

12. Overall Objective

To contribute to the social inclusion and sustainable economic empowerment of Indigenous Peoples in South Kivu by strengthening their capacities, livelihoods, and participation in community life.

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13. Specific Objectives

1. Strengthen the vocational, entrepreneurial, and financial skills of 200 Indigenous people.
2. Facilitate the creation and development of income-generating activities suited to the local context.
3. Strengthen the economic autonomy of Indigenous women and youth.
4. Develop community-based savings, mutual-aid, and economic solidarity mechanisms.
5. Promote inclusion, participation, and dialogue between Indigenous Peoples and other members of local communities.

14. Main Activities

Identification and mobilization of beneficiaries

- Participatory identification of vulnerable households.
- Meetings with community leaders.
- Transparent selection of beneficiaries.
- Information and awareness sessions.

Vocational and entrepreneurial training

- Basic entrepreneurship.
- Management of small economic activities.
- Financial literacy and savings.
- Pricing and record-keeping.
- Marketing and locally relevant livelihood skills.

Support for income-generating activities

- Agriculture.
- Small livestock keeping.
- Petty trade.
- Handicrafts.
- Processing of agricultural products.
- Other activities selected with communities according to local opportunities.

Start-up kits and basic productive support

- Small equipment.
- Tools.
- Inputs.
- Basic productive materials.
- Initial support adapted to the chosen activity.

Savings and solidarity groups

- Regular savings.
- Access to small internal loans.

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- Development of collective activities.
- Strengthening solidarity among households.

Social inclusion and community dialogue

- Actions against discrimination.
- Promotion of dignity and mutual respect.
- Participation of Indigenous Peoples in local initiatives.
- Improved social cohesion.

Monitoring and mentoring

- Business management follow-up.
- Use of income.
- Problem-solving.
- Marketing.
- Savings.
- Sustainability planning.

15. Expected Results

- 200 Indigenous people receive training and structured support.
- Beneficiaries improve their knowledge of entrepreneurship and financial management.
- Income-generating activities are created or strengthened.
- Community savings groups become operational.
- Women and youth gain better economic opportunities.
- Beneficiary households improve their capacity to meet essential needs.
- Relations between Indigenous Peoples and surrounding communities are strengthened.
- Beneficiaries become less dependent on external assistance.

16. Project Approach

The project will use a participatory approach. Indigenous Peoples will not be treated merely as recipients of assistance, but as actors in their own development. Community representatives will participate in identifying priorities, selecting activities, monitoring implementation, assessing results, and addressing challenges. Particular attention will be given to the meaningful participation of women and youth.

17. Sustainability

Economic empowerment: Supported activities will progressively generate income that can help beneficiaries continue beyond the project period.

Community savings: Savings groups will create locally managed financial resources that can continue after project funding ends.

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Skills transfer: Trained beneficiaries will be encouraged to share practical knowledge with other community members.

Community ownership: Communities will participate in decision-making from the outset so that activities respond to their priorities and can be maintained locally.

18. Indicative Budget

Budget Item	Amount (USD)
Beneficiary mobilization and identification	3 000
Vocational and entrepreneurial training	8 000
Start-up kits and support to income-generating activities	18 000
Savings groups and economic mentoring	4 000
Awareness-raising and community dialogue	4 000
Monitoring, field visits and evaluation	5 000
Project coordination and management	5 000
Communication and documentation	2 000
Administrative costs and contingencies	1 000
TOTAL	50 000

19. Message to Donors

Your contribution will help Indigenous women, youth, and families in South Kivu build their own livelihoods. Rather than providing only short-term assistance, this project invests in skills, local economic initiatives, savings, and community participation so that beneficiaries can progressively strengthen their autonomy and improve their families' living conditions.

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