

IDAY PROJECT BANK

Project 76 - Strengthening mechanisms to combat early and forced marriages in schools in the Uvira territory of South Kivu

Country: Democratic Republic of Congo

Beneficiaries: 20,000 students

Duration: 12 months

Total budget: EUR 32,319

External financing sought: EUR 22,461

Cost per beneficiary per year: EUR 1.62

Project promoter: Rapid Disaster Relief (ARVC)

Context - Project

Our project will aim to raise awareness among 20,000 children in 20 schools and 15,000 community members benefiting from the project in the Kalungwe and Makobola I groups in Uvira territory, for prevention and behaviour change in the fight against early and forced marriages in schools on the one hand and in the community on the other.

From a socio-economic, political and cultural point of view, most of the responsibilities of families in the Uvira territory are carried by women who struggle day and night to provide for the basic needs of their families: food, clothing, schooling, health care... the girls are now prey to the despicable acts of sexual violence in all its forms and languish under early and forced marriage given their status, which places them second in society by considering them inferior to men, girls cannot decide which form of marriage they are called upon to contract; this exposes them to rape, domestic violence of all kinds, physical and psychological violence in everyday life.

Objectives of the project

General

Contribute to the fight against child marriages, early marriages and forced marriages in the Kalungwe and Makobola I groups in the territory of Uvira

Expected results

- > 20,000 students from 20 schools targeted by the project, local authorities and the community, parents, religious leaders, traditional chiefs acquire knowledge on the fight against early and forced marriage and become key actors in prevention.
- > Community members have the capacity to prevent early and forced marriages and to respond to the needs of victims
- > ARVC staff assigned to this project to combat early and forced marriages provide a holistic service to beneficiaries and they integrate into their communities and regain their rights.
- > Victims of early and forced marriages know about care structures, their rights and how to access them.