



Sustainable Development Application Form			
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<p>Project Name: Social Integration and Prevention of Recidivism for Adolescents Local Partner: Service Protestant of Development and Diakonia (SEPRODDIA) with the Church of Christ in Congo (ECC) Location: Kinshasa</p>			
Person at DOM responsible for and accountable for this project: Dr. Kahala Cannon			
<p>Project context – Background for the proposed project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political situation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The political situation is apparently calm even though tensions can be felt from a dreary economy and the anticipation of elections in 2023. • Economic situation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Despite vast natural resources, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is one of the poorest countries in the world. It has one of the lowest GPD (gross domestic product) per capita in the world. ○ A recent study by the World Bank listed DR Congo in the top five countries with the most poverty. 69.7% of the population live on less than \$1.90 a day. ○ The World Food Program (WFP) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) have warned of the food crisis affecting a quarter of the DRC's population - nearly 27 million people. ○ In the DRC, one in four children is considered OVC (orphans and vulnerable children), according to UNICEF. ○ The number of street children in Kinshasa is increasing and estimated at more than 30,000. • Sociocultural situation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Many street children have joined gangs, the “Kuluna,” who are linked with violence and aggressions. ○ Recently, the police blocked off two communes close to the center of Kinshasa and arrested 450 “Kuluna.” ○ The economic situation and the rising number of street children has made the situation very tense in certain parts of Kinshasa. ○ The increasing number of street children can partly be explained by three phenomena: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The suffering economy and lack of employment, especially for those who have not attended school. 			

2. The massive migration towards the capital of Kinshasa by youth trying to change their situation from the very poor villages. Some were perhaps with family for a certain time and end up in the streets.
3. The number of “child sorcerers” - children that are scandalously accused of sorcery and are driven from their families.

- **Environmental situation**

- There is a very high level of pollution, especially in Kinshasa.
- A huge problem with the treatment of public waste, especially plastic waste, that is either thrown into the sewer system, which is frequently blocked, or burned, which could increase the risk of cancer.
- A vast majority of families (more than 90%) cook with charcoal, which contributes to deforestation (20% of the tropical rain forest lost in 30 years).

Partner’s History/Relationship with the Project:

Last year, with support from Week of Compassion, SEPRODDIA of ECC was able to develop an educational farm for orphans and organize workshops that helped orphans and street children. Through the project, they recognized it became increasingly important to take into consideration the work in prisons.

Many of the street children spend some time in prison for various crimes and misdemeanors. The short time period following a release from prison is a critical moment when new choices and orientations are possible. The key to the project is to work with the street children on the inside and the outside of prison.

SEPRODDIA/ECC has visited the prison of Kinshasa in the Makala community many times. The official name is Kinshasa Prison for Re-education (Centre pénitentiaire de rééducation de Kinshasa).

Makala means “charcoal” in Lingala and in the collective conscience of the population, the prison of Makala represents the “antechamber of hell” being extremely overcrowded with unfit living conditions. Built during the colonial period of the 1950’s, the Makala prison was originally intended for 1,500 inmates. The recent arrest of more than 800 homeless in street gangs in the communities of Lingwala, Kinshasa, and Limete has put the prison population at more than 11,000 inmates.

SEPRODDIA recently met with the director of the juvenile prison for the under-aged (from 8 years old to 17 years old) where there are more than 470 children in a space originally meant for 100.

Even though many of the inmates in the prison of Makala have not yet been tried, it is a certainty that one day they will be leaving the prison and for most of them, returning to life on the streets.

SEPRODDIA/ECC would like to propose a project for the prevention of recidivism. Programs of rehabilitation and reinsertion are virtually nonexistent, and the Director of the prison is very favorable of the project.

The central idea is to start the accompaniment during the incarceration and continue after the liberation.

Inside the prison: individual counseling and orientation and collective workshops for literacy

In the Makala prison, the authorities will allow the team to use an office for psychological and spiritual counseling and to help prepare the youth for life outside of prison. Of the 450 inmates in the juvenile sector of the prison Makala, the goal is to accompany 100 youth.

Workshops to help with literacy are also an important part of the project. Some of the street children have never learned to read and write and are unable to write their own names.

Outside the prison: continued counseling and social integration projects

ECC/SEPRODDIA is planning to rent a small office next to the Victoire Plaza where many street children are found. On a voluntary basis with the youth, counseling on an individual basis will be provided to street children so that they will be able to imagine and elaborate a "life project" and identify activities that could generate revenues to achieve stability.

ECC/SEPRODDIA will organize job training activities to teach house painting and offer a work experience and social integration initiatives for the youth after prison.

Description of Project

Name of Project (agricultural, health, water, micro-credit, education, community development, etc.):

This project seeks to provide rehabilitation, education, and job training for adolescent children experiencing homelessness, both during periods of incarceration as well as following their imprisonment. The ultimate objectives are to identify and work toward meaningful social integration and prevention of recidivism for adolescents, many of whom are internally displaced persons.

For individuals inside the prisons, SEPPRODIA will provide literacy training and individual counseling sessions. For individuals who have completed their imprisonment, SEPPRODIA will provide continued counseling and family mediation when possible. Additionally, a job training program for becoming painters and work projects will be organized. The project is being organized through a leadership team, including the following roles and responsibilities:

Person responsible for planning: The Deputy Director of the Service Protestant of Development and Diaconia

Person responsible for implementation: The Project Director who is a Minister, Chaplain, and a Social Worker

Person responsible for monitoring: The Director of the Service Protestant of Development and Diaconia

Person responsible for evaluation: Director of the Service for vulnerable persons at SEPRODDIA and Bishop of Kinshasa

Additional resource persons for the project:

- The Director of the Prison Makala
- The Director of the Prison Chaplains service of ECC
- Director of the Service for vulnerable persons at SEPRODDIA and Bishop of Kinshasa
- Two counsellors in prison and two outside of prison
- One teacher for literacy classes in prison
- One instructor to teach house painting and to supervise the work project

Target Population (children, women, farmers, urban poor, etc.):

Adolescent street children incarcerated in the prison, or recently released from prison in Makala in Kinshasa.

How many persons are/will be served? (please give as specific a figure as possible)?

The goal of the project, depending on funding, is to reach 100 individuals, including 80 young men and 20 women through individual counseling sessions. Of the 100 individuals, there is an estimated 40 individuals who are interested in receiving literacy training while in prison. Additionally, for young adults recently released from prison, there is capacity to include up to 40 individuals to participate in vocational training of interior home and office painting.

Inside the prison:

- Counseling and orientation: 100 homeless youth (80 young men and 20 women), three times a week for individual meetings
- Literacy workshops: 40 street children: Literacy courses of one hour, four times a week

Outside the prison:

- Counseling and orientation which includes mediation with the families: 100 street children after their liberation in a small office rented next to Victoire Plaza, three times a week.
- Job training to become a house painter: With a job trainer in house painting, classes for 40 youth to initiate the skills of house painting, including a work project currently established. Job contracts will allow a first experience of working with the goal of social integration. The work project will be beneficial for the youth to learn the context of a work environment. For many youths who have been forced to survive on their own, it is also important to learn not only a trade, but also aspects such as punctuality and following instructions. SEPRODDIA has the opportunity of working with a Minister who is also a social worker and can help the instructor to oversee the work being done. Not only is the work experience helpful to find employment, but the results also help self-esteem.

Key Objectives:

Three major objectives:

1. Prepare the youth in prison by individual counseling and workshops that will help them build their life projects, professional projects, and personal projects. The workshops will also include literacy classes.
2. Continue the accompaniment after the liberation from prison for six months for those who accept. This period will be concentrated on finding economic activities that permit self-sufficiency and autonomy with individual counseling. To better achieve social integration, job training and initiation of house painting will be offered to 40 adolescents. A work project with a job contract will be offered allowing a first-time work experience.
3. Social reintegration and, when possible, reconciliation with the estranged families.

Key Activities:

The key activities for this project include counseling, workshops, and job training. These will be organized both inside of the prison of Makala during incarceration and outside the prison after liberation for the accompaniment to help realize economic activities in house painting.

The Church of Christ in Congo and SEPRODDIA have many activities directed to the most vulnerable of the Congolese population. Among the other directions, there is a job training activity that has experience in teaching management skills and providing workshops for the unemployed. Other activities include prevention of domestic violence, promotion of family planning, environmental work with the transformation of plastic into sellable items, and work with refugees.

Duration of Project:

One year with the possibility of continuing after evaluation.

Project Budget
Total Budget: \$41,068
Amount Requested from Week of Compassion: \$12,000
Is this a one-time request or an on-going request? This is intended to be a one-time request.
<p>Is the project financially supported by ecumenical or outside partners? If so, what percentage does it cover for this project?</p> <p>71% of the financial support for this project has been requested from United Evangelical Mission in Germany and the United Church of Canada. Depending on the funds received, the project is able to be scaled up or down to fit within the budget available.</p>
<p>Please list partners who are funding this project:</p> <p>United Church of Canada</p> <p>United Evangelical Mission</p>
Does this project/partner receive funding from UCC OGHS, if so how much? No
What is the overall percentage of funds requested that will be used for administration/overhead? 3%
<p>Please attached a detailed, itemized budget and cost breakdown for the requested funds.</p> <p>A budget and cost breakdown of funds request is attached.</p>
<p>Dates and project names of previous proposal submissions:</p> <p>Educational farm for orphans and preparation for adult responsibilities, Fall 2021.</p>
<p>How do you plan to monitor, evaluate, and report back to Week of Compassion? (Please note that future funding is contingent upon reporting. In addition to reporting, please provide stories of transformation and photos.)</p> <p>A fact sheet has been conceived by SEPRODDIA to collect information on the people that have been counselled in prison and to follow the evolution of personal development. The fact sheet will be coupled with a self-evaluation that will be used after each counselling session. It is important to measure the situation at the beginning of the counseling, the moment of liberation from prison, and monthly intervals after leaving prison. The baseline data found on the fact sheets will be very useful in measuring personal evolution as well as the effectiveness of the project and areas for improvement. There will also be a system of self-evaluation to help objectively realize the evolutions. All these documents will be confidential to ensure the respect of privacy of each youth.</p> <p>Additionally, Global Ministries has appointed a mission co-worker to work with the Church of Christ in the Congo, Reverend Bryan Parrish. Through his presence, he will accompany and offer monitoring of the project. Through his presence, he will be available to document stories, take photos, and prepare reports on the project.</p>
<p>If granted, is there a deadline by which to receive funding?</p> <p>As soon as funds are available.</p>

