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PROFILE OF THE ORGANIZATION

History

PIFEVA (Pillar for Vulnerable Women Active in DR Congo) is a local NGO to support women, children and local communities against poverty and injustice, created on 4 June 2004 in Bukavu, in a context characterized by widespread poverty, Torture, sexual violence against women, exploitation and use of women and children in mining quarries, armed forces and groups, the spread of HIV / AIDS and the mass displacement of populations as a result of Multiple repetitive wars in the eastern part of the DRC in particular and in the DRC in general.

Everything started from the most common example in the Kivu: "a banana tree loaded with its production, its leaves but unfortunately threatened by enormous storms (violent wind, soil infertility, erosion ...)".

Under such circumstances, only one tree pillar is used to support the banana tree, protect it and prevent it from falling.

Situating the women and children of South Kivu faced with violence and socio-economic precariousness that these two categories of vulnerable people remain victims; PIFEVA will emerge to play the role of a humanitarian and development pillar for women, children and local communities in South Kivu in particular and the Democratic Republic of Congo in general.

PIFEVA has officially functioned since 2004, but in view of the recent amendments to its statutes in 2010, its operation is confirmed by the certificate no. JUST.112 / SKV / 3081/2010 of the Provincial Division of Justice and Keeper of the Seals, With the authorization to operate No. 01/244 / CAB / GOUPRO-SK / 2011 of His Excellency the Governor of South Kivu Province.

Vision

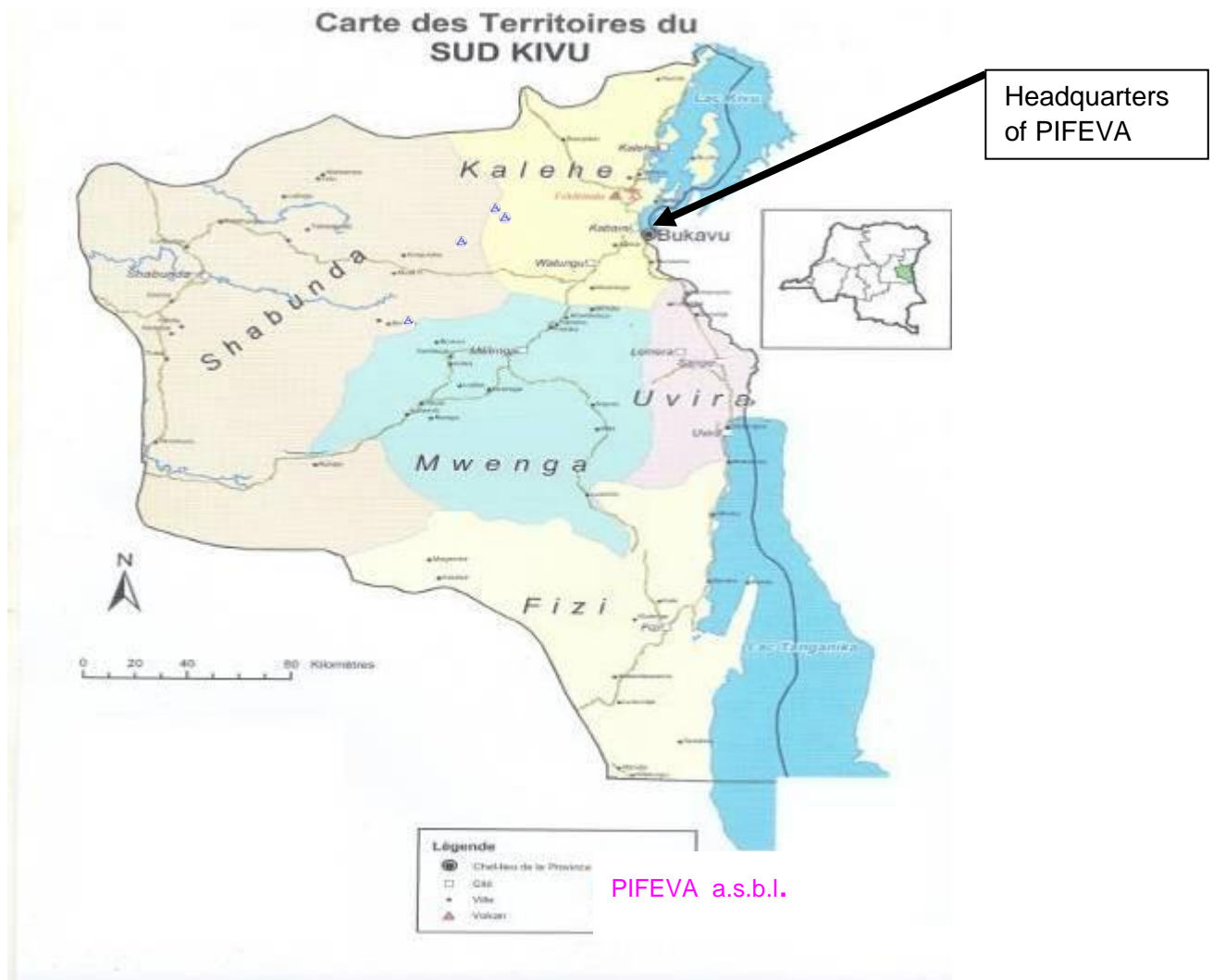
PIFEVA's vision is to see the woman, the child, the girl and the local community accompanied to become competitive and artisans of peace and their own social, economic, legal, cultural and political advancement in the DR.Congo.

Mission

PIFEVA's mission is to support women, children, girl and local communities in the fight against poverty and injustice in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Range of action

South Kivu constitutes the current operational area of PIFEVA asbl



Intervention strategies

- Sensitization and empowerment of target populations on the principle of self-care at the local level;
- Skills development (training of beneficiaries in our fields of intervention);
- Action research at the grassroots level;
- Development of the spirit of innovation in the peaceful transformation of conflicts;
- Involvement and active participation of beneficiaries in the fight against all forms of violence against women and children.

Areas of intervention with actions in progress

- 1) Protection and fight against sexual and gender-based violence
- 2) Gender and conflict transformation;
- 3) Formal and informal education;
- 4) Sexual and Reproductive Health for Women and Youth & Adolescents;
- 5) Food and economic security of vulnerable households;
- 6) Advocacy for the advancement of women's and children's rights.

PRESENTATION OF PROGRAMS / PROJECTS, ACTIVITIES ACHIEVED AND RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2016-2017

1. As part of its **project to protect street children and victims of sexual violence in the city of Bukavu**, funded by ICCO-COOPERATION, PIFEVA has set up a socio-occupational protection and reintegration center for children at risk , Through which 547 street children and child victims of sexual violence received special protection, medical, psychological, legal and family reintegration, as well as reintegration School and vocational education in the city of Bukavu.



Photos of beneficiary children at the PIFEVA center in Bukavu

2. Project of the reintegration, professional and economic girls victims of sexual violence in Bukavu: with the VGIF grant, PIFEVA contributed to the social, professional and economic protection and reintegration of 117 girls who were victims of sexual violence in the city of Bukavu in South Kivu, in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.



3. Project to support the political participation of women in decision-making bodies in Shabunda territory in South Kivu:

- 25 women leaders reinforced in capacity through a training workshop organized from 02 to 04 March 2016 in Shabunda center on elections, citizenship, gender and good governance;
- Sensitization of the populations through the organization of 6 radio broadcasts produced from 20 to 30/03/2016 on the radio Mutanga FM on the support of female candidates in the upcoming provincial and local elections in the territory of Shabunda;
- Sensitization of 43 customary chiefs and local authorities through the organization of 4 information / awareness sessions held on 07 and 08/03/2016 in Shabunda center and Tuntungulu and on 15 and 17/04/2016 in Usukula and Mabala On the support of women candidates in the upcoming provincial and local elections in Shabunda territory.



4. Organization of a Participatory Analysis Session on Vulnerability of Survivors of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence in Bukavu:

In May 2016, PIFEVA organized a session of participatory analysis of the vulnerability of survivors of sexual and gender-based violence in the city of Bukavu, following which the following causes of vulnerability emerged: And the application of Act No. 06/018 of 20 July 2006 on sexual violence and Act No. 09/001 of 10 January 2009 on the protection of children in the different social strata, The lack of awareness and psycho-social support for SGBV survivors at the community level, the poor access of SGBV survivors to justice, the poverty of

survivors of VSBG Reducing access to basic human needs and repeated wars using rape as a weapon of war.

5. Organization of a survey on sexual and gender-based violence in the primary and secondary schools of the City of Bukavu:

In addition, the results of the Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Survey conducted by PIFEVA in April 2016 in Bukavu in primary and secondary schools reveal that sexual, psychological and physical violence Specific forms and intervene in and around schools both on the part of male students and teachers. They have a direct influence on the schooling of girls, often causing them to withdraw from school and are therefore a major obstacle to girls' education, in clear violation of Law No. 06/018 of 20 July 2006 on Sexual violence and Act No. 09/001 of 10 January 2009 on the protection of children in the DRC.

6. Organizing a VPA (Participatory Vulnerability Analysis) for women on the right to inheritance and land ownership in the Kalehe and Idjwi territories of South Kivu:

Indeed, the results of a Participatory Vulnerability Analysis (VPA) of women on land disputes in the Kalehe and Idjwi Territory, organized in February 2016, demonstrated that in all Kalehe and Idjwi communities, women beyond Being often the first victim of land disputes.



This motivates its exclusion from local dispute resolution mechanisms. Indeed, women in these two territories have long been excluded from large circles of decision-making and from the management of public affairs for the benefit of man. The traditional customs and customs of these two territories have contributed greatly. The wife of Kalehe and Idjwi carries the burden of survival of her family, education and care of children.

Over-exploited by the husband in the work generating income, it ends up not being associated with the management of the accumulated goods that the man alone enjoys. In succession, it must be effaced, as custom does not recognize it as inheriting power or property left by its husband, still less by its parents. Custom also places it in the perpetual inability to own and exploit the land, which makes it unnecessary to resort to women when they sit to deal with problems related to land or valuable property.

This discrimination of women is more caused by insufficient information about the existence of laws that protect women's rights to inheritance, land ownership and customary practices contrary to the law in force.

Thus, implementation by PIFEVA is aimed at promoting women's rights to inheritance and land ownership in a process of dialogue between women, men, young people and Chiefs In the Kalehe and Idjwi territories of South Kivu.

7. Sensitization of women and girls on sexual and gender-based violence in the city of Bukavu:

Faced with the seriousness of sexual and gender-based violence in the city of Bukavu, PIFEVA is organizing a series of awareness-raising activities for women and young people through this project funded by DAI in its external rehabilitation component SSAPR Girls in the schools and grassroots women's organizations of the communes of IBANDA, KADUTU and BAGIRA in order to accompany and make known to women and girls the guiding principles of the law n ° 06/018 of 20 July 2006 on violence Sexual exploitation and the law n ° 09/001 of 10 January 2009 on the protection of the child in the DRC, the process of access to the services of the Special Police for the Protection of Women and Children (PSPFE), the Services for the care of the victims (medical, psychological and social care) as well as a change in attitudes towards risky behaviors and environments in the city of Bukavu.

the project's objectives

Global Goal

Contribute to the reduction of sexual and gender-based violence through awareness-raising among women and girls from grassroots women's organizations (solidarity mutuals) and primary and secondary schools in the city of Bukavu

Specific objectives

1. To popularize the Guiding Principles of Law No. 06/018 of 20 July 2006 on Sexual Violence and Law No. 09/001 of 10 January 2009 on the Protection of Children in the DRC for Women and Girls From the grassroots women's organizations (solidarity mutuals) and the primary and secondary schools of the city of Bukavu;

2. Accompany women and girls from grassroots women's organizations (solidarity mutuels) and primary and secondary schools to master the process of access to the services of the Special Police for the Protection of Women and Children (PSPFE), including police emergency numbers, to know the characteristics of police and legal services, codes of conduct and penalties for perpetrators of sexual violence, (Medical, psychological and social care) as well as knowledge of the environment and risky behaviors for a change of mentality in the city of Bukavu.

Project Beneficiaries (Targets)

The direct beneficiaries are women from grassroots women's organizations (local associations: women's solidarity mutuels) and girls from primary and secondary schools in the city of Bukavu, namely:

Indirect beneficiaries: the population of the city of Bukavu.

Project results:

6 sensitizers trained on the principles of the law n ° 06/018 of 20 July 2006 on sexual violence and the law n ° 09/001 of 10 January 2009 on the protection of the child in the DRC, Access to police services Special for the protection of women and children (PSPFE), services for the care of the victims (medical, psychological and social care) as well as a change in attitude towards behavior and Risk environments in the city of Bukavu;

1240 girls and 866 women sensitized in schools and mutual solidarity of women created and accompanied by PIFEVA in the communes of KADUTU, IBANDA and BAGIRA through information / awareness meetings on the guiding principles of Law n ° 06 / 018 of 20 July 2006 on sexual violence and Law No. 09/001 of 10 January 2009 on the protection of children in the DRC, the process of access to the services of the Special Police for the Protection of Women and (PSPFE), Victim care services (medical, psychological and social care), as well as changes in attitudes towards unsafe behavior and environments in the city of Bukavu.

8. Training of Trainers in Functional and Sensitizing Youth Literacy in South Kivu:

9 (nine) Youth Trainers (Literacy Teachers) are trained and familiar with the basics and different techniques of functional and conscientious literacy.

Methodology

For this workshop, the methodology was participatory.



Work has been carried out at the crossroads to identify the basics of literacy, literacy, literacy methods / techniques (reading, writing and numeracy), administration and organization of A literacy circle, followed by plenary presentations followed by improvements by the facilitator. The facilitator facilitated constructive discussion, reflection and innovation.

YOUTH LITERACY ACTIVITIES

A) Distribution and management of teaching kits granted by Cordaid to literacy centers

In order to facilitate the training of young people in functional and conscientious literacy, partner Cordaid distributed additional teaching kits to the centers of Mudaka, Kavumu center, Karanda, Walungu, Mugogo, Birava, Idjwi north and Idjwi south. It should be noted that these educational tools were distributed and used by the 9 centers.

(B) Organization of educational meetings for the finalization of project activities

Several technical meetings were held on the definition of strategies to accelerate project activities. During these meetings with literacy teachers, there was also talk of reminding them to multiply the training sessions in order to complete the literacy program.

C) Organization of the training of young people in functional and conscientious literacy on SRH (continuation of the second quarter)

A total of 225 young people, including 160 girls and 65 boys, with 25 youth per center, receive functional literacy and awareness training for a 6-month period with an overall success rate of 65.7% The supervision of PIFEVA.

(D) Organization of follow-up / supervision missions for literacy activities

Three follow-up missions to all 9 literacy centers for one mission per center per month were organized in October, November and December 2016 in Mudaka, Kavumu-center, Karanda, Walungu, Mugogo, Birava, Idjwi-north and Idjwi-south.

E) Organizing the evaluation test of literacy activities

An evaluation test of literacy activities took place in all 9 centers: Mudaka, Kavumu-center, Karanda, Walungu, Mugogo, Birava, Idjwi-north and Idjwi-south.

The evaluation form was adapted to the specificities of each center and focused on learning to read, write, calculate and use the telephone and the calculator.



Young people in full literacy session in Walungu

Project to support the capacity building of women and girls for the use and access to new information and communication technologies in the province of South Kivu:

Creation of a "Basic Computer School" (EIB-BUKAVU), which trained 476 beneficiaries free of charge, including 401 women and girls and 75 boys on the Windows, Word and Excel programs in 2016-2017.



Photo of girls and women learning computer science in Bukavu

Promotion and structuring of solidarity mutuels (MUSO) and capacity building on income-generating activities in the province of South Kivu:

Creation and support of 215 MUSO (women's solidarity mutuels) in the city of Bukavu and its peripheries, bringing together 2173 low-income women and reinforced in capacities on income-generating activities to provide for schooling, health and nutrition Of their children in the city of Bukavu.



A solidarity mutual "MUSO" is a group of about 15 to 30 women who know each other and live in the same environment (village, avenue, neighborhood) made up of women who decide and agree to make contributions to cover part of their Needs. This dynamic offers two types of services, including a local financial service (local savings and microcredits between members: a green credit union) and a social service in the form of a microinsurance scheme (red cash) for its members. Sickness, death, marriage, childbirth ... while relying on the principle of self-care at the base.

Women's Food Security Program:

Reinforcement of agricultural production capacities and follow-up of 21 rural farmers' fields (CEPs) of women in the territories of Kalehe, Kabare, Walungu, Mwenga and Idjwi in favor of 610 peasant households.



Photos of the fields of demonstration of agricultural activities

ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANISATION

PIFEVA is an organization which is made up of the following statutory and functional bodies: the General Assembly, the Board of Directors, the Supervisory Board and the Coordination, which is its executive body. Its operation is governed by statutory instruments (statutes, internal regulations, manual of administrative and logistical procedures ...).

The implementation of the PIFEVA actions is facilitated by the permanent existence of a full-time joint and dynamic team:

1. A coordinator;
2. a Program Officer;
3. An Administration and Finance Officer (Accountant);
4. Two Social Mobilizers;

5. 40 paralegals;
6. A Sentinel
7. A driver

FINANCIAL ORGANIZATION

PIFEVA has computerized accounting, bank accounts as well as accounting tools in force within performing NGOs. Its management is based on the manual of administrative, financial and logistical procedures. At the end of each project and each financial year, a financial audit is carried out as required.

CONCLUSION

PIFEVA thanks all the partners and actors who contributed to the implementation of the activities, projects and programs in the course of this year 2016.

It is in this context that we make a pathetic appeal to other partners and donors at the local, national and international levels to help us by funding our actions in favor of women, children and local communities in South Kivu.

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