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# HISTORY OF THE ORGANIZATION

Founded in 2006 in Goma, North Kivu, ASDICO ASBL (Salutary Action for the Integral Development of Congo) is a non-profit organization that came into being to respond to the urgent needs of vulnerable communities affected by armed conflicts, poverty, and forced displacement.

In the fourteen years of activities 2006-2020, ASDICO has established itself as a key actor in humanitarian assistance, community development, health and nutrition, education, agro-pastoral activities, and the promotion of women's and children's rights.

# NUTRITION

ASDICO implements activities to fight malnutrition by identifying malnourished children, their follow-up and care by a nurse, support with appropriate care and afterwards support at school and care of their education according to the progress of their normal recovery, additional food at their home to support parents lacking the means of subsistence to feed these children.

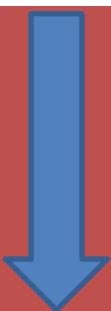
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photo - Follow-up and care of malnutrition



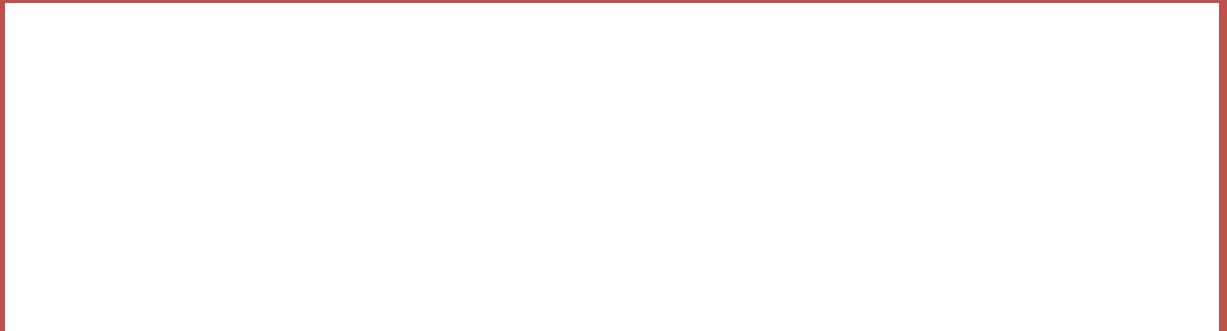


The child in a situation of malnutrition accompanied by his mother





The miserable situation of malnourished children



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The improvement of malnourished children and already at school.



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photo - Food support to the family of malnourished children to facilitate good food at home



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Preparation of porridge in 2020 was on stones and with firewood, here we were preparing and when the rain was falling it was a problem.



A modern kitchen for the year 2025 but a need for chairs for the malnourished children is really remarkable.



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# THANKS TO THE LORD AND TO OUR BENEFACATORS

In the five years from 2020 to 2025 the Lord gave us grace, the enlargement of the plot for a good development of pupils during recreation, the plot was 20M/25M but by the grace of God we found another plot and actually, the plot is 50M/20M.

photo - Education and care of vulnerable pupils in a very small, suffocating space



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photo - Education and care of vulnerable pupils in an enlarged and very airy space (2025)



Today we are very happy because the school already has the yard where the pupils can play and feel free for recreation, we praise the Eternal for that.

We already have two big buildings,

- one building for the primary school which includes the ground floor: a large hall for nutrition and a kitchen, the first level which has three classrooms, and the second level which has three classrooms.

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We present our thanks to all our friends who helped us. May God bless them.

Primary school building



- The other is the one that hosts the secondary school with a ground floor with three classrooms, first level with three classrooms, second level a large room for cutting and sewing and one office.

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Secondary school building



# CHILDHOOD AND PROTECTION

ASDICO has also set up initiatives for psychosocial and educational support of displaced and orphaned children.

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- Food health of children,
- Recreational and educational activities,
- Psychosocial health activity.

Difficulties encountered:

We need a lawyer to plead for the rights of children.

A concrete example is that of a parent who has ten children but wanted to sell the plot and expel the children outside without thinking about their future, and yet their mother is deceased and the children remain orphans. Also the case of a widow and her children whose deceased husband's family wanted to forcibly take the goods and the children's plot without even thinking of their current life.

# TRAINING AND SUPPORT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

ASDICO is committed to the support of vulnerable young girls by creating training centers in cutting and sewing.

Training of more than 100 young girls and women per year in two different centers for empowerment, reduction of exposure to exploitation and early marriages.

For a long time until 2020, one of our centers, we paid the rent but thanks to our sponsor ENTRUST we already had our large hall, we no longer pay the rent.



Photo of sewing workshop in our large hall



# Support of women and girls in small businesses



# CAPACITY BUILDING OF WOMEN – GENDER APPROACH

In a gender-based approach, ASDICO has supported women in local leadership, community management, and strengthening socio-economic capacities.

## Key activities:

- Training sessions on women's rights
- Workshops on women's leadership

## ● Support to IGAs (income-generating activities)

photo - Women in training workshop



## AGRO-PASTORAL

### Summary of ASDICO agro-pastoral activities

ASDICO works in the territories of Kabare and Kalehe through an agro-pastoral program aiming to improve food security, strengthen the local economy, and promote the empowerment of communities, especially neglected women and unemployed youth.

### Agriculture

- Development of market gardening (production of cabbage, vegetables, amaranths, and other short-cycle crops) to meet household nutritional needs and supply local markets.
- Revival of food crops (maize, beans, etc.) to stimulate the rural economy and strengthen household incomes, while promoting the integration of women into small businesses.



## Livestock

- Establishment of community livestock activities (goats, pigs, poultry, etc.) with a solidarity rotation system, enabling families to strengthen their livelihoods and improve their resilience.



Community impact  
These initiatives contribute to:

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- Improving household food security and nutrition;
- Increasing family income through the sale of agricultural and livestock products;
- Strengthening social cohesion through solidarity systems of sharing and rotation;
- Empowering women and youth by integrating them into production, processing, and marketing;
- Setting up fish farming activities to meet local subsistence needs.

## Future perspectives

### To strengthen its impact, ASDICO plans to develop:

- Agro-food processing (maize flour, vegetable preservation, etc.) to increase added value and reduce post-harvest losses.
- Community fish farming (fish breeding) to diversify sources of proteins and income.
- Establishment of agricultural cooperatives and structured marketing channels to facilitate the flow of local products.
- Integration of agroecological practices (composting, agroforestry, sustainable irrigation) to protect the environment and ensure sustainable production.
- Fish farming also.

# ASSESSMENT & FUTURE PERSPECTIVES OF ASDICO

From 2020 to 2025, ASDICO has built a relationship of trust with communities, establishing itself as a credible and committed field organization.

### Future perspectives of ASDICO

Created in 2006 in an extremely difficult context, the TUMAINI/Hope school of ASDICO was born with the mission to welcome and support

orphaned, poor, and vulnerable children. Despite very critical beginnings and limited means, our school has always carried a clear vision: to become, as the Bible says, “the stone rejected by the builders which has become the cornerstone” (Psalm 118:22). Driven by faith and commitment, we firmly believe that this vision is being realized. Our ambition is to transform the Tumaini/Hope school into an international bilingual school (French-English), capable of attracting not only vulnerable children but also children of parents willing to invest in quality education. Through this mix, we want to guarantee the sustainability of our educational mission and offer a better future to all the children entrusted to us.

Our major future perspectives:

1. Establish a bilingual school (French and English) for nursery, primary, and secondary levels, to align our education system with international standards.
2. Create a bilingual nursery school with an adapted program and the early introduction of English and computer science.
3. Strengthen the capacities of the teaching staff by gradually recruiting qualified teachers in English, computer science, and main school subjects.
4. Equip the school with modern material, including suitable furniture, textbooks, science laboratories, and teaching equipment.
5. Establish a modern computer laboratory to prepare our pupils for the challenges of the digital age.
6. Improve learning conditions by offering children a safe, motivating school environment conducive to intellectual and moral development.
7. Gradually raise the school level so that within 4 to 5 years, the school is recognized as a true international school in Goma.

Context and hope

The city of Goma, despite the recurring trials linked to insecurity and war, is a city in full expansion. It represents a crossroads of development, innovation, and opportunities. It is in this dynamic that the school wants to inscribe its future: to become a reference educational institution, which participates in the transformation of the community by offering children the tools to build a solid and prosperous future.

Our strength lies in our faith, our perseverance, and our social commitment. Even if we have long suffered from the lack of means

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and the inability to pay highly qualified teachers, we believe that step by step, thanks to determination and the support of partners and parents, we will reach this dream or our objectives.

The coming years look promising with ambitious projects in view, including:

- The opening of a bilingual nursery school
- The strengthening of the nutrition program
- The digitalization of training for the school

*photo of the future plan of the Tumaini/Hope school*





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# WORD OF THANKS FROM THE COORDINATOR OF ASDICO



Dear partners, dear sponsors, dear friends, dear collaborators, and staff members,

At this solemn moment, I would like to express my deep gratitude, on behalf of the entire ASDICO team, to all those who, near or far, have contributed to the rise of our organization and the success of the many activities we have carried out during 5 years.

To my dear beloved, my late husband bishop Désiré, who left very early, the initiator of this organization, **MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE.**

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Since its creation, ASDICO has given itself the mission to provide a sustainable response to community needs, working in several areas:

Education: we have supported the training of young generations, with a particular focus on child protection. This year marks a historic step with the opening of our bilingual nursery school, an educational structure that aims to become international within 4 to 5 years. We want to offer children a quality education, open to the world and adapted to their context.

Nutrition and community health: thanks to the strengthening of our nutrition program, we were able to support households and improve the health of children and mothers, while promoting good food practices for the improvement of their health.

Training and empowerment of women and girls: we continued our efforts to offer women and young girls practical training in different trades, notably sewing, small business, and entrepreneurship. Through these initiatives, we strengthened their capacities and autonomy, systematically integrating the gender approach into all our interventions.

Child protection: ASDICO has remained faithful to its commitment to support children in their development, guaranteeing them a safe, educational, and protective environment.

Agro-pastoralism: we continued to support agricultural and livestock activities, with women's groups in different villages, and young people, to contribute to food security and encourage them to practice agriculture for community self-sufficiency.

Digitalization and innovation: in a constantly evolving world, we engaged the process of digitalization of training in our school, a decisive step towards the modernization of our pedagogical methods and opening to new educational opportunities.

These achievements would never have been possible without the unwavering support of our partners and sponsors, whose financial, technical, and moral support allowed us to transform dreams into tangible realities.

I also wish to pay a heartfelt tribute to all ASDICO staff, who show

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dedication, professionalism, and exemplary commitment in the daily accomplishment of our activities.

Finally, our future perspectives are ambitious but realistic: consolidate our achievements, broaden our scope of action, strengthen the quality of our programs, and contribute even more to the well-being of communities.

To all of you, we say THANK YOU. Thank you for your trust, thank you for your commitment at our side, for all your financial and moral support, thank you for believing in the future that we are building together, we could not do anything without you.

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CAMBOURN CHURCH  
SEMULIKI TRUST  
SAINT PAUL CHURCH

SAINT PAUL CHURCH JERSEY: via Mrs. Kathy For the purchase of the plot where the secondary school building is located.

May God bless you, and may ASDICO continue to be a space of hope, education, protection, and opportunities for present and future generations.

Madame MUHINDO MUGARUKA Claudaline



Coordinator of ASDICO

