



Sustainable Development Application Form			
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Project Name: Educational Farm for Orphaned Children and Preparation for Adult Responsibilities Local Partner: Church of Christ in Congo Location: Kinshasa			
Person at DOM responsible for and accountable for this project: Reverend Marco Cable, Executive for Africa			
Partner's History/Relationship with the Project: <p>The Church of Christ in Congo (ECC) is the ecumenical Christian organization that brings under one umbrella more than sixty Congolese Protestant denominations. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States has been in partnership with the Church of Christ in Congo since its inception and was one of the founding members of the organization through the Disciples of Christ in the Congo.</p> <p>This Christian organization is even more relevant today than ever before. After a bloody war that counted more than four million deaths, countless rapes and traumatized survivors, the people of Congo look to the church for its leadership in national reconciliation and peace. Core values of the ECC are reconciliation, justice, peace, struggle against corruption, and respect for human life. It also encourages using power for serving others instead of a privilege reserved for self-interest.</p> <p>In relationship to the project, the Church of Christ in Congo (ECC) has been working with 15 different orphanages for many years to identify schools for children at the homes and to start small farming programs at the homes. The Protestant Service Department for Development and Diaconia of the ECC, the department who is managing these projects, also has organized Christmas celebrations for the children and has been instrumental in assisting children who are transitioning out of the orphanages.</p>			
Description of Project			
Name of Project (agricultural, health, water, micro-credit, education, community development, etc.): <p>This project of the ECC is an educational agricultural project to provide work experience, income-generating activities, and nutritional foods for children living in orphanages near Kinshasa. This proposal seeks support to expand an existing farm located at an orphanage from two acres to eight acres as an educational and nutritional farm. The ECC will work with children who are ages 16-19 and living in orphanages primarily to grow pineapples, manioc, and sweet potatoes. This will not only provide a work experience opportunity for children ages 16-19 years old, but the farm also provides much needed healthy food for the 15 orphanages. An important component of this next phase of the project is that the Protestant Service Department for Development and Diaconia of the ECC will offer training and capacity building to further develop the understandings and skills of youth participating in the project and for the staff of orphanages on agricultural best practices. Through workshops offered to all children ages 13 and up, participants will learn also how to define their personal life projects, manage a budget, and consider income-generating activities.</p>			

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

The target population for this project are orphans who are living in 15 homes supported by the Church of Christ in Congo, with direct participation for adolescent children ages 13-19 years old who will be leaving the orphanages soon.

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

The project will include participation from 25 youth (ages 16-19) who will work on the farm and will provide food for 450 orphaned children. Additionally, a total of 60 youth (ages 13-19) will benefit from a training workshop series.

Key Objectives:

The three major objectives of this project include:

1. Providing a productive activity for older children in the orphanages to work on a farm, which will help them develop a sense of responsibility and to gain skills in the process of agriculture production
2. Help bring much-needed healthy foods to 15 orphanages, which will feed 450 orphaned children, ranging in age from 6 months old to 19 years old
3. Prepare and train youth, ages 13-19 in the orphanages through workshops to help them identify their personal life projects and their professional projects. The workshops also will help participants understand how to manage a personal budget and how to create their own business or to find employment. These lessons and conversations will help prepare youth for a quality of life after leaving the orphanage.

Key Activities:

- Prepare and expand farming activity from two acres (current activity) to eight acres.
- Use farm as an education and training opportunity for older youth, who will each have responsibilities.
- Host a series of workshops on life and professional skills for children, ages 13-19.
- Distribute nutritious foods to 450 children, ages six months to 19 years old, who are living in ECC orphanages.

Additionally, the Church of Christ in Congo, with funding from ecumenical partners, runs programs for youth in orphanages and for other community members on the prevention of domestic violence, family planning, and environmental protection – including a program that turns plastic into economic opportunities.

Duration of Project:

For this new expansion of the farm and the new addition of the workshop series, the first phase will last three years.

Project Budget**Total Budget:**

For the specific activities related to farming and workshops, the total budget for the first year is \$14,000.

The Church of Christ in the Congo is working with the Vereinte Evangelische Mission (Germany) and the United Church of Christ in funding the additional sustainable development and training activities at the homes.

Amount Requested from Week of Compassion:

\$12,500

Is this a one-time request or an on-going request?

This is a one-time request to Week of Compassion.

Is the project financially supported by ecumenical or outside partners?

The Church of Christ in the Congo is in the process of seeking support from the Vereinte Evangelische Mission (Germany) to carry out the holistic, sustainable development activities at the 15 orphanages in Kinshasa.

Please list partners who are funding this project:

Pending funding from the Vereinte Evangelische Mission and the United Church of Christ.

Does this project/partner receive funding from UCC OGHS, if so how much?

This project is not receiving sustainable development funding from UCC OGHS/Global H.O.P.E.

What is the overall percentage of fund requested that will be used for administration/overhead?

3% of the overall budget is designated for administration of the project.

Please attached a detailed, itemized budget and cost breakdown for the requested funds.

An itemized budget and cost breakdown for this project is attached.

Dates and project names of previous proposal submissions:

This is the first proposal submitted to support the Church of Christ in the Congo-Kinshasa.

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.)*

The Church of Christ in the Congo will monitor and evaluate the project in an on-going basis. Additionally, a Global Ministries mission co-worker will be present throughout the entire year to document stories, photos, and assist in the preparation of a report on the project.

After one year of the project, Global Ministries will work with the ECC to prepare the requested narrative and financial report before the deadline.

If granted, is there a deadline by which to receive funding?

As soon as funds are available. Rainy season begins in October, which is a good time to begin the planting of new crops.