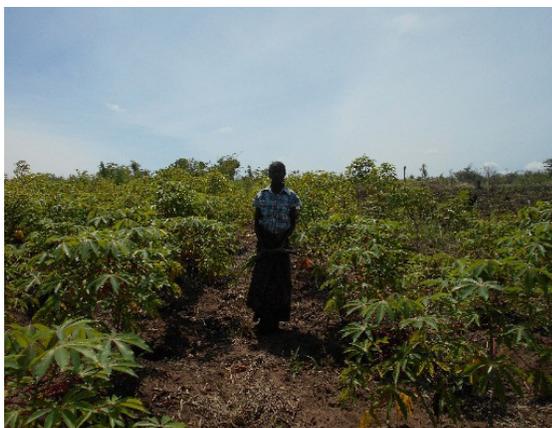


IMPACT ASSESSMENT



DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

COMMUNITIES LEARN SUSTAINABLE FARMING TECHNIQUES TO BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT



Kabila Ngoy was one of more than 2,800 people who learned new farming techniques that Kabila put to use a his on his cassava farm in Kalemie.

COMPLETED PROJECT

Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is ranked as one of the hungriest countries in the world. Despite its vast agricultural potential, chronic malnutrition and food insecurity are widespread. Agriculture supports two thirds of the population. Among the factors causing food insecurity are recurring conflicts, internal displacement of people, lack of improved agricultural techniques, pervasive crop and livestock diseases, and poor physical infrastructure.

After many years of war, food insecurity, malnutrition, gender-based violence, conflict, and poverty are interrelated. People need agricultural resources, skills, and transportation. There are 197 million acres of arable land in the DRC, but only 10 percent of it is being used due to conflict and insecurity. The idle land in Kalemie, DRC, and nearby districts results in people not meeting their basic nutritional needs. Few families store more than two bags of cereal per year and are often unable to save seeds for the following year.

This project, supported by the Anglican Relief and Development Fund, sought to improve food security, as well as nutrition and economic wellbeing of vulnerable households by giving them farming opportunities that increased food production and promoted better farming practices. The Diocese of Katanga for the Kalemie area, which managed the project, worked through local pastors to aid families in more effectively producing corn and cassava. Increased crop yields provided more nutrition for each family, as well as increased some households' income when the crops were sold at market.

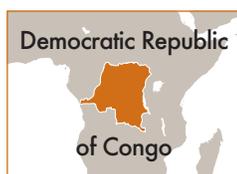
This project exceeded its goal of teaching 35 women to read and it achieved its expectations to train pastors in sustainable agriculture who, in turn, educated local residents. Altogether it was expected to impact 2,894 people and actually impacted 2,961, earning it an overall rating of "Achieved."

PROJECT PROFILE

ID: Diocese of Katanga

Lead Ministry

DIOCESE OF KATANGA-KALEMIE AREA



Requested amount	\$48,584 ARDF
Amount spent	\$47,431
Expected cost per beneficiary	\$16.79
Actual cost per beneficiary	\$16.02
Location	DRC
Sector	Sustainable agriculture
Evaluation date	October 2017
Researcher	Frederick Barasa

PROJECT PERFORMANCE

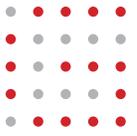
BELOW

ACHIEVED

EXCEEDED

DEFINITION OF RESULTS

Exceeded	Implementer exceeded goal by more than 20%
Achieved	Implementer solidly achieved the goal +/- 20%
Below	Implementer partially achieved the goal
Not achieved	Goal was 100% not achieved



ASSESSMENT & RECOMMENDATION

The DRC has a vast unrealized agricultural potential with more than half the country's land arable and suitable for farming. This initiative by the Anglican Diocese of Katanga was designed to increase agricultural output. It improved food security, nutrition, and economic wellbeing in vulnerable households by giving them farming opportunities that promoted better farming practices and increased food production.

The diocese addressed food insecurity in a holistic way by combining agriculture and the Gospel, which offered a long-term solution to people's problems and increased people's dependence on God. The project was well-received and also led to increased church attendance in parishes whose pastors were the agricultural trainers.

A total of 14 area pastors were first taught new farming skills and then went on to train the farmers in their congregations. The diocese developed criteria for selecting the pastors that would be trained. Those chosen demonstrated a passion for agriculture. Another key to the success of the project was the formation of 15 agricultural associations from Kalemie, Nyunzu, and Manono that taught new agriculture skills to 1,847 women and 1,058 men. Also, 42 women learned to read and write through afternoon literacy courses provided by program facilitators.

This project is a good example of an initiative that promotes evangelism, church growth, and economic development. It led to vibrant churches and stable and peaceful communities that foster development. This project proves that training pastors in agriculture can also be a tool for evangelism.

While the risks surrounding the project's concept, leadership, and financial control remain low, there are other risks that should be considered before future funding:

Program design. Although this project succeeded in producing enough food for the families — with some left over to sell — it lacked a marketing strategy to sell the food at market. As a result, most of the produce ended up being sold below market price, preventing the beneficiaries from realizing the income they anticipated. The diocese should explore partnerships with agencies like World Food Program to purchase surplus food for distribution to other parts of the country.

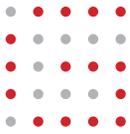
External. According to Human Rights Watch 2017 report, political violence and government repression intensified in DRC in the last two years as the country's leader clung to power beyond his constitutionally mandated two-term limit that ended on Dec. 19, 2016. Plans to organize an election have stalled and government officials and security forces have systematically sought to silence, repress, and intimidate the voices calling for timely elections. However, international pressure with targeted sanctions against senior government officials has not yielded any tangible results.

RECOMMENDATION

Those reached by this project are vulnerable people who have endured years of hardship and need to be reminded of God's love and compassion through his Word. The project was effective in beginning to rebuild people's lives and reduce dependence on relief food. With this success, coupled with the opportunities for agricultural growth in this region, The GRID recommends this project for further funding.



ANTICIPATED	ACTUAL	EXPECTATIONS/COMMENTS
<p>35 WOMEN will grow in their faith through afternoon literacy courses provided by program facilitators.</p>	<p>42</p>	<p>[++] EXCEEDED A total of 42 women learned to read and write, allowing some to read the Bible for the first time. Prayer and cell groups were started at the parish level as part of this project, which also boosted church membership.</p>
<p>12 LOCAL PASTORS will receive training and teach congregants and farmers to grow more sustainable crops, increase their harvests, and better provide for their family's nutritional and educational needs.</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>[+] ACHIEVED A total of 14 pastors were trained to grow more sustainable crops. They then taught this to members of their congregation. This resulted in people giving and committing more to the church. Because of pastors working together and supporting one another, the Anglican church is seen as an agent of transformation in the community. Although this aspect of the project was not formally measured, anecdotal information from ministry partners confirm that the reach was much greater than expected and more opportunities are now available for children and youth to deepen their understanding of the Scriptures.</p>
<p>1,750 WOMEN AND 1,097 MEN from Kalemie, Nyunzu, and Manono will learn new agriculture skills that will alter their farming methods, improve their yield, and save more seeds.</p>	<p>1,847 WOMEN, 1,058 MEN</p>	<p>[+] ACHIEVED A total of 1,847 women and 1,058 men learned new agricultural skills that included Christian discipleship principles. The program resulted in improved food production for families and surplus food for sale. The project worked with an agronomist who was in charge of the training, and people were eager to learn new food production techniques. This led to greater cooperation between the church and local government authorities.</p>



FINANCE REPORT

BUDGET ITEM	BUDGETED FUNDS	BUDGETED FUNDS SPENT
Grinding mill and fuel	\$16,797	\$15,283
Truck and fuel	\$11,000	\$11,352
Seeds	\$8,200	\$8,027
Research and evaluation	\$6,337	\$6,337
Training materials, transportation	\$2,450	\$2,617
Monitoring	\$2,000	\$1,955
Storage	\$1,800	\$1,860
TOTAL	\$48,584	\$47,431

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

"I am a father of six school-going children and a member of the Anglican Church. I was lucky to be one of those who benefited from the agriculture project. Through this project, I became a member of Katanika association. Through the association, I was able to attend technical training on better farming and cultivation methods. After using the new skills, we harvested more than double, compared to the past. And because of this, I can pay school fees and buy uniforms for my children. This project came at the right time because we were facing a difficult time and I was asking myself what to do for the school fees for my children. But God is good because, through this project, my family is happy and blessed. I have received both spiritual and physical healing through this project."

— Darius Banze, member, Katanika Association, Kalemie

"I thank you God and the church for this agriculture project. I am a father of eight children and, as a family, we suffered a lot because of tribal insecurity in Manono. During the conflict, we were not able to go to our farms and our crops were destroyed by the rebels. But [with] this agriculture project, we restarted our lives because we are able to once again cultivate cassava. And with the grinding mill, our cassava is now transformed into flour that we sell – thus earning income. This project has changed my life and encourages me to love Jesus and follow him."

"I thank God for the Anglican Church, Diocese of Katanda, for this project that has changed my life for the first time. As a community, our mindset has changed because we now believe that our lives can improve ... here in Manono."

— Kabila Ngoy, member, Manono association, Kalemie, Katanga

HOW TO FUND THIS PROJECT

PROJECT RECAP

ID - Katanga-0316
 Timeline - 12 months
 Requested - \$48,584
 Modified - 061918

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