

BRINGING CLEAN WATER TO THE AREA

QCP funding in 2015 brought clean running water to the hospital and village of Abeka. There are taps for use by the community. This has significantly improved health. The village water committee want to extend the water supply to neighbouring villages.

There is enough water and the capacity; we need to raise at least £20,000.



PROVIDING HEALTH CARE

The community hospital at Abeka provides health care for a population of about 50,000. QCP funding contributes to the salaries of two doctors, nurses, midwives, pharmacist and technician - all are committed, hardworking professionals.

It provides maternity care, including caesarian sections. Staff treat children and adults; malaria is common and often associated with anaemia. Typhoid and diarrhoea are reduced thanks to the clean water. With the staff we are developing more public health services and awareness.

The hospital needs better equipment, the laboratory needs more diagnostic tools, the staff want more training. Our trusty ambulance which, though second hand, has served for nearly 8 years, seems to be at the end of its useful life. Your donations will have an immediate impact on health.

ABOUT US

Quaker Congo Partnership (QCP) UK is a registered charity with 10 trustees plus associates who help with particular projects.

Contact between UK and DRC Quakers was first made in 2007. We made a formal agreement with CEEACO, a local Quaker church, in 2009 and we became a registered charity in 2014. Trustees visit the area every two years and are in regular email communication with committee and staff members in DRC.

As well as money, we welcome new trustees and associates with time, enthusiasm and experience in eg social media, crowd funding, French, international development, micro-credit, health, peace ...



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Working with people in eastern DRC (Congo) on hospital care and health, peace building and education, counselling, women's microcredit, vocational training and clean water



WORKING FOR PEACE AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT - CEPAP

There is no peace in Eastern DRC. There are incursions by unofficial militia, long-term divisions and conflict and unrest from political uncertainty. It is a culture where rape and sexual violence is prevalent and property is destroyed. Our project, the Centre for Peace, Education and Psychosocial Assistance (CEPAP), has an enthusiastic and skilled staff team. Workers are based in villages; they listen, they resolve conflict and reduce tension. Some visit schools regularly raising awareness and reducing sexual violence and encouraging respect for women.

They have plans to do more. Peace workshops using principles based on Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) and Turning the Tide (TTT) have started and participants are cascading skills in their communities.

A week's course with 20 people costs £1000.

IMPROVING LIVES

Women and children are the most vulnerable members of the community. QCP UK is working with our partner to give them new chances and new hope.

IMPROVING THE LIVES OF WOMEN

Traditionally, most women were denied a place at school and were likely to bear children at a young age. Raped women are still often abandoned by their families. In addition, when men are killed, their wives are left to support themselves and their children.

QCP UK is offering help in two ways: literacy training and a microcredit loan scheme.

The loan scheme gives women a chance to start a small business and provide an income for themselves and their children. Recently the women have asked for training in embroidery, wickerwork, making water filters, agriculture and raising small livestock. They are already embroidering sheets. We wholeheartedly support them in exploring these ideas.

HELP US raise £5,000 to fund the training and necessary materials.

One beneficiary of the literacy training said: "I do not know how to express the joy that floods my heart when I read and write... I was afraid to participate in meetings because I couldn't read and write, now I feel proud....God bless this project."



IMPROVING THE LIVES OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Twenty young people are now doing vocational training courses in IT, mechanics and dressmaking. They also want to do courses in carpentry, installing solar power and farming. After the training they could set up businesses based on microcredit loans.

£100 pays for one student for a 3 month course which can transform a life.



WORKING WITH CHILDREN

Many children are vulnerable; most are poor. There are many single parent families and some orphans. QCP UK pays school fees for 40 children and the CEPAP team gives them support and organises activities including sport, drama and music. They have events bringing children together from different communities.

We have started an exchange of letters and emails in French between children there and schools in UK. Would you like to join in?