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I wish to support the work of the Quaker Congo Partnership and enclose a cheque for £

Date

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**Cambridgeshire Area Quaker Meeting
Congo Fund**

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Next steps for the partnership

So far funds have come from Local Quaker Meetings, Quaker Peace and Social Witness (QPSW), the Radley Trust and from generous individuals in the UK and abroad. We will continue to rely heavily on these regular and one-off donations until wider sources can be tapped.

Our specific aims are to:

- Help CEEACO raise its own funds from international NGOs aiming towards self-sufficiency
- Employ a new training and development worker to "grow" skills among Congolese supervisors/managers
- Further develop hospital services, staff skills and facilities
- Extend the outreach of trauma counselling and the women's loan scheme. New loans will go to small supportive groups of women
- Help create training and employment opportunities, especially for orphaned teenagers and women in the microfinance scheme.



**Young mother and child
in hospital labour ward**



**Supervisor
Andjelani**

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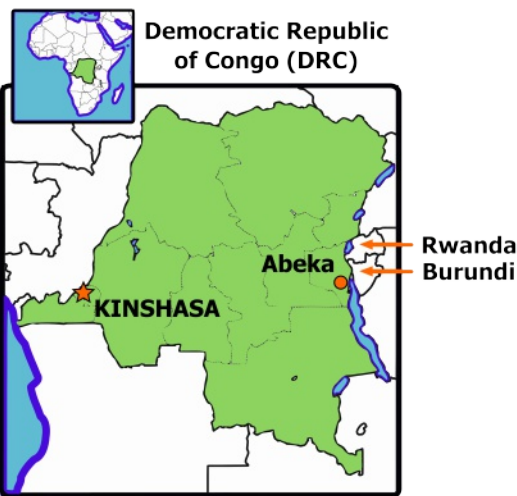
Quakers from the UK have partnered with Quakers in war-torn eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to help alleviate ill-health and poverty. Three years on, amid continuing violence and insecurity, the Quaker Congo Partnership (QCP) has developed local skills, services and facilities.

We're appealing for funds to build on these achievements over the next few years.

The situation in Eastern Congo

Since 1996, more than 6 million people have died due to war, famine, poverty and disease. Fighting between government and militia groups continues sporadically. Rape is used as a weapon of war. Alongside the devastation are huge deposits of wealth-creating diamonds, copper and coltan used in mobile phones – but wealth remains locked in the hands of the few.

- 1 in 5 children die before the age of five
- Maternal mortality is one of the highest in the world
- Most people have no access to clean water, electricity or health care
- Infrastructure, such as roads and railways, is dilapidated and underfunded.



How the Quaker Congo Partnership works

In 2008, Quakers from Area Meetings in Cambridgeshire and Manchester launched a partnership with Quakers from the Community of Evangelical Friends' Churches in Congo (CEEACO). Budgets and aims were agreed.

UK Quakers provide money and mentoring for trauma counselling - including support for orphans, for a community hospital, and for loans for women to set up small businesses. Congo Quakers provide regular reports coupled with suggestions for new ways forward.

All the projects, based in and around Abeka in South Kivu province, are open equally to those of any faith (or none) and from any tribal background.

UK Quakers visited in 2008, 2010 and 2012 - most recently taking medical equipment including a wind up foetal heart monitor, computers, digital cameras and solar chargers.

(For more detailed information, please see www.quakercongo.org.uk)

The projects

Community Hospital in Abeka

With neither secure electricity nor water supplies, the hospital has 34 beds, two doctors, several nurses, a midwife, a labour ward, pharmacy, area for surgery and a four-wheel drive ambulance.

The majority of cases are complex childbirth, anaemia (due to poor diet), minor surgery and paediatrics.

QCP provides staff security by paying half the salary bill.



Testing blood



Hospital consulting room

Women's Forum Loan Fund

As a result of the violence, many women are left alone to support themselves and their children. This includes raped women, often abandoned by their families. At least 60 women have been given \$US 50 to start new small businesses, such as fishing, farming and market stalls.

CEEACO also provide seminars on savings and credit which were described as an "awakening to the women involved".

In the future loans will go to small groups of women who will receive training and support each other.



Rape survivor



Orphans drumming

Trauma Clinic (TCPG)

Many local people have been traumatised by the continuing violence, rape and growing drug abuse. There are 12 inspiring local trauma counsellors, based in 3-4 villages in simple "listening rooms", trained to offer listening, healing and reconciliation. They also go into schools to raise awareness and to organise activities for children and young people.

QCP funded counsellor training by HROC and THARS, two trauma organisations with close links to Quakers. QCP funds also enabled the completion of a small Trauma Clinic (TCPG) that contains two bedrooms, consulting/interview rooms and an office. QCP pays for school fees, sports and creative activities for 27 children and teenagers orphaned by violence. With more funds we could support more children! We are ensuring that the voice of the traumatised child is expressed and heard.



Beneficiaries of the Loan Fund