Literacy as key to women's autonomy



Project information

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Sector	Education & Training
Funding	Donation
Country	DR Congo
Location	South-Kivu, DR Congo
NGO	Louvain Coopération
Project duration	4 years (2022-2026)

Why OVO believes in this project

Learning to read and write is **the bridge** to women's social and economic empowerment. It is simultaneously **a lever for greater equality for women** in entrepreneurship.

Context

In rural South Kivu, women actively participate in the economic and productive life of their communities. Unfortunately, they do not have equal access to resources such as land and credit and are often excluded from decision-making processes. Why, **84% of the population lives below the poverty line and many women have never been to school**. Supporting them in their process of social and economic emancipation therefore involves strengthening their skills in order to make them more autonomous. One of the solutions? **Literacy training**.

Purpose

To open and support 20 literacy centres, each with at least 20 learners who will follow the first levels of courses. These centres will serve, among other things, as a lever for greater equity for women in entrepreneurship while raising awareness of their rights and their environment.

Social impact

400 women will attend literacy courses at levels 2 and 3. As a result of the course, the number of women in key positions in community decision-making bodies is increasing, they are gaining self-esteem and are more enterprising.

Co-funding sought via OVO

2022	€ 4.237
2023	€ 7.754
2024	€ 7.754
2025	€ 7.734
2026	€ 7.734

Topic

- Literacy
- Women
- Empowerment
- Entrepreneurship

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