



FOCUS

EDUCATIONAL,
SOCIAL & SPIRITUAL

LOCATION

KOLWEZI, D R CONGO

LEADER

EDDY MUKASA

OUR MINIMUM ANNUAL TARGET

£8250

This school in Kolwezi was built in 1987 by the Greek Orthodox Church but has been financed and run since its inception by the Garenganze (Brethren Church).

The leader of the school project is also the Head Teacher and there are nine fully qualified primary school teachers who have taken additional training to equip them to teach deaf children. The school, which is inspected regularly, is overseen by a board composed of five members and is registered with the government as a primary school for special needs children. Although registered with the government it receives little government finance.

There are 65 children in the school who are taught on the government curriculum up to primary six. Secondary school education continues on a relevant programme and in addition, the school embraces a sewing training programme for the girls. The teacher herself works from a wheelchair and is an inspiration to the children.

The school has developed a vegetable garden which has the dual benefit of producing food which is used at the school and teaching the children basic horticultural skills.

There are few opportunities for disabled young people to secure employment in D R Congo and to have a sewing skill opens up possibilities for generating income.

This is an excellently run school by experienced and committed staff and is largely dependent on charitable funding. There is a link, between this school and the deaf school Shared Hope supports in Lubumbashi, with the Head Teacher from Lubumbashi, who has been there for over 30 years, having a supervisory input.

