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WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION FOR THE  
PROMOTION AND ENDOGENOUS  
DEVELOPMENT



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## WHO ARE WE?

The Women's Association for the Promotion and Endogenous Development (AFPDE) is a women's organisation under Congolese law, whose aim is to have the rights of women and children recognised, to protect them and to support them in their rehabilitation.

It was created on 16 October 1999 and carries out its activities throughout the Province of South Kivu.

The head office of AFPDE is located at n°94 on Avenue Isiro, Q. Nyamianda, City of Uvira, Province of South Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo.

## OUR VISION

A society where the human rights of women, children and disadvantaged people in general are recognised, respected, protected and promoted.

## OUR MISSION

To encourage the autonomous efforts of women for the protection and promotion of human rights in general and for the improvement of their social, health and economic situation.

## OUR OBJECTIVES :

### Global:

AFPDE aims to contribute to the improvement of the living conditions of disadvantaged people in this case women, girls and children victims of wars and armed conflicts.

### Specific:

Through its interventions, AFPDE aims to:

- (i) Put an end to sexual violence against women, girls and children;
- (ii) Increase women's participation in society
- (iii) Enable women to have equal access to and control over economic resources, through vocational training.

## OUR VALUES AND PRINCIPLES:

Our values and principles can be summarised in four things:

- (i) Alignment (all aid obtained must be aligned with the needs of the target communities),
- (ii) Ownership (the grassroots must take ownership of the action as they are the initiators),
- (iii) Harmonisation and transparency,
- (iv) Results.

## OUR ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURES

- The General Assembly
- The Board of Directors
- The Supervisory Committee
- Coordination

## AREA OF INTERVENTION

- Human rights
- Health
- Wash
- Sustainable development
- Protection of the elderly (the destitute and people with disabilities)

## OUR ACTIVITIES

- Prevention of HIV/AIDS transmission, fight against malaria in Uvira, Walungu, Fizi, Kalehe and Kabare territories;
- Medical, psychosocial, legal, judicial and economic assistance to survivors of sexual violence in the territories of Fizi, Uvira and South Kivu Province.
- Construction/rehabilitation of medical structures and a zonal pharmacy in the health zones of Nundu and Fizi;
- Medical assistance to Burundian refugees, IDPs and members of vulnerable local communities in Uvira and Fizi Territories
- Holistic care for PLWHA in Uvira and Fizi Territories;
- Implementation of washing activities in Uvira, Fizi and Walungu Territories (water supply, awareness raising, distribution of hygiene kits to women and girls of childbearing age);
- Food security in Uvira Territory (Ruzizi plain);
- Nutritional assistance for children under the age of 5 in the Uvira and Fizi territories
- Construction of schools in the territories of Mwenga, Uvira, Kabare and Kalehe;
- School, health and nutritional care for Burundian refugee orphans, Luvungi, Uvira Territory.
- Nutritional and medical care for children under 5 in the Ruzizi and Lemera health zones;
- Literacy and vocational training for women in Uvira;
- Strengthening of women's economic power through the AVEC (village savings and credit associations) in Uvira and Kalehe
- Awareness raising on Covid-19 Uvira and Fizi.

## OUR INTERVENTION STRATEGIES

AFPDE favours participatory, institutional and lobbying approaches. The choice of activities to be implemented is decided in a participatory manner by the members of the women's groups that we support; groups made up of grassroots women members of AFPDE.

The latter are strengthened in capacity by our technical teams according to the needs of the intervention in order to enable them to be involved in all phases of the project, to ensure the implementation, sustainability and ownership of the actions carried out in their favour.

For the implementation of all the activities, AFPDE collaborates with other state sectoral institutions, support and advisory NGOs, the various networks created by women's organisations and the sub-regional structures involved in the promotion of women and children.

Finally, lobbying is used through the holding of forums with elected officials, decision-makers and donors on the basic problems faced by women, young girls and children. In addition to these approaches, AFPDE also relies on five pillars in carrying out its interventions: awareness-raising (considered as an attack strategy), mobilisation, empowerment, capitalisation of achievements and finally continuous support.

## OUR PARTNERS

