

Each of us has the resources to live a fulfilling life and participate in building a more humane world.

Our History

- 2002: Our president's first trip to DRC. He has worked in the humanitarian field for over 30 years and also as an official for the French Ministry of Social Affairs.
- 2004-2005 Creation of the association: helped 24 families
- 2006 and 2007: Helped 60 families
- 2008 and 2009: Helped 120 families, 138 children reunited
- 2010 and 2011: Helped 60 families
- 2012: 50 new families 60 new children
- 2013: 93 children rescued from the street
- 2014: Helped 38 children

Presence in the Media

In DRC

- Three articles in the newspaper Le Potentiel (Kinshasa) in 2009, 2010 and 2011
- A report by RTNC Television during the visit of the Minister of Social Affairs, Pr Martin BITIJULA MAHIMBA to our Kinkolé site in 2007
- Several films on YouTube by Brazza TV
- Our site WWW. Karibu-asso.fr

Working Methods

- \$70 microcredit over 9 months with a 6% interest rate
- Loans without collateral
- Weekly visits to each family
- Monthly training sessions for heads of household
- Yearly audits in the field by the president
- Supervision by specialists: microfinance professionals, legal experts, social workers, doctors, psychologists
- Annual performance evaluations of employees
- Training at every level using case studies
- Calling regularly into question our working methods

Fighting poverty is a sacred duty and a law of humanity



Two photos of Tatiana taken five years apart. She lived in the street from ages 6 to 8 and is now 13. Five years after Karibu got involved, she still lives at home and is first in her class. Her mother is still in business.



Kinshasa

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Mothers attending their children's drawing class.
Sign of the strong bond with the reunited child



Street Child

Over the last ten years, Karibu has assisted 500 street children and their families, 91 of them in 2013.

Children who have benefitted from our work



Drizil, 9 years old, 4 months in the street, returned home August 20, 2013



Two photos of Hénoch taken a year apart. He was lifeless when taken from the street but today is radiant.



Kaira, 7 years old, 8 months in the street, reunited

The Situation of Street Children in Kinshasa

- 20 000 children sleep in the street every night
- 7 000 children receive ambulatory treatment
- 4 000 children pass through institutions
- 3 000 children are reunited with their families
- Main causes for a child moving to the streets: lack of supervision, physical abuse, undernourishment, influence of friends
- 1/3 of street children are under 10 years of age
- One finds new-born infants whose mothers are just 12 years old.

Institutional Authorizations

- Social Affairs ministerial order n° MI.AS.SONA/CAB.MIN/0111/ 2007 dated 8 Oct. 2007 recognizing the right to function as an assistance and social promotion organization, signed by Pr Martin BITIJULA MAHIMB
- Registration Certificate n° 068/ 2007 in the category of NGO having a social assistance function, dated 6 Sept. 2007
- Notarized statutes registered on 31 Dec, 2004 n°152 451 folio 110 122 volume DCC XIV, Notary Public Jean A. BIFUNU M'FIMI deposited to governorate in 2004. Modified and registered in 2009
- Karibu belongs to the federation of associations dealing with street children (REEJER).

Levers for Action

- Supporting for 9 months the economic activity of mothers by microcredit
- Marketing and management training for mothers. This improves their economic effectiveness.
- Reintegrating street children into their families--either from an institution thus freeing up a slot and helping two children simultaneously, or directly from the street as in 2013 with the help of local leaders
- Sending the children to school to protect them from bad company while preparing their future
- Instruction on growing and using the Moringa tree which contains powerful nutritional elements
- Distributing medicine bought in Spain and dispensed under medical supervision
- Psychological counseling for the traumatized



20 000 street children live in Kinshasa
3 000 more each year
Photo AJRD

Means of Action

- Depending on the period, 6 to 13 employees including a supervisor, management accountant, a lawyer, an accountant and local leaders to meet with the children
- Financial support for health and schooling
- Training in marketing, management, preventative health, economic planning, children and women's rights
- Microcredit
- Organization of fundraising events offered free of charge by our French partner

If we are united in one heart around one goal, no obstacle can stop us.



2014 Survey Results

3 to 6 years after reunification, a return to the street is rare (4%), family nutrition has been maintained ((92% success), health and school attendance are satisfactory but encounter difficulties (72% and 68% rates of success), economic capital has often been diminished (43% success)

Our Values are the glue that hold us together and keep us going.

- Determination: Fighting poverty is a sacred duty and a law of humanity..
- Financial accuracy: Each dollar saved is available for a family who is suffering..
- Team cohesion: If we are united in one heart, no obstacle can stop us.
- Local skills are highly valued and promoted.
- An open heart: We put our joy into the healing children who are suffering.

Safeguarding our Work

- Each bank withdrawal is validated by the president.
- Accounting and budget documents are controlled.
- A cost-performance accounting system is used.
- Management control by an accountant and invoice clerk
- Field supervision
- Our lawyers: Maître G. KATOTA from the Bar in Kinshasa. Maître Mizou BILONGO, Professional Lawyer's Certificate Paris (France) and LL.M California (USA)



A mother who has benefitted from our work can feed, care for and send her children to school.

Our Costs

- Long-lasting reunification of a child costs \$600
- Elementary school attendance for a child costs \$150
- Operating costs 2012: \$33 415
- Operating costs 2013: \$54 022
- Budget estimate 2014: \$32 000