

Lord God,

We hold up to you the communities involved in the Mothers' Union Literacy and Agriculture project in the DRC. We pray for your guidance and wisdom to be upon each person involved in this project. We ask for your protection over them and their families as they navigate through any challenges or obstacles.

We pray that, through this project, they may gain knowledge and skills that will bring about positive change in their lives. May they experience your abundant blessings in the form of improved literacy, better health, and increased self-sufficiency.

Through your guidance and wisdom, may this project it grow and flourish, bringing hope and transformation to the communities it serves. Amen.



'We can grow food and quickly harvest it to eat. Now my main business is selling my crops. This is becoming a good business.'

Project participant, Bugando Literacy Circle, Democratic Republic of Congo

Your support can give hope for the future to thousands more people who need it. You can make a donation to this year's Summer of Hope appeal using the form enclosed.

Thank you! May the Lord grant you a summer full of hope and happiness.



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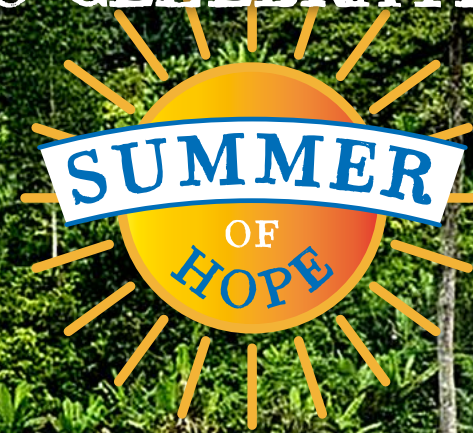
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Celebrate and give families hope for a brighter future this summer

From individual donations to bake sales, jumble sales and sponsored physical challenges, this summer let us come together to give the gift of hope for a brighter future.

Literacy and numeracy are vital life-skills for all of us. In the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), your amazing support is already empowering women to release themselves from the cycle of poverty. Now we urgently need to reach more women, families and communities, and share these crucial skills more widely.

I can't be left out of this programme!

Petronile, mother of three, Kamango Diocese, Democratic Republic of Congo

£42 could provide the agricultural training for one person that will enable them to grow a new crop or improve cultivation techniques of an existing crops

I didn't know how to count. So if I went to market, they would steal my money because I couldn't count and know the weights. I joined the programme. Now I can spend my money wisely because of what we have learned.'

Grace, Mampopi Literacy Circle, Democratic Republic of Congo

£86 could support a literacy training session for a village like Grace's

Building on hope and success

So far in the DRC, Mothers' Union is running Literacy Circles in four dioceses. In the past two years, 2,635 participants have joined the programme.

Over the next two years, we plan to:

- Continue delivering Literacy Circle support in these four dioceses, reaching a further 4,800 direct participants there
- Start new Literacy Circles in four more dioceses – Boga, Kisangani, Bukavi and Goma, reaching 4,800 more participants.



Life-changing Literacy Circles – who's who



Mothers' Union DRC manages the overall programme budget and communication to bring the Circles to life.



Volunteer Literacy Facilitators receive training to run groups, support participants in learning new skills and report back.



Literacy Circle Participants attend each week, share stories, learn literacy, numeracy and business skills and develop self-help savings groups.



Clergy and Community Leaders promote participation in the Circles and support the activities.



Agricultural Extension Officers provide training on production practices and technologies, appropriate to the region and community needs.