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NUOVI ORIZZONTI PER VIVERE L'ADOZIONE
organizzazione di volontariato



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Come on, guys! Emancipation and autonomy for disadvantaged minors in the DRC

The project proposes a close collaboration with some local subjects, reception institutions (Fondation Viviane, Colk, AFDECO, Aurore), and educational and assistance institutions (PFDU, AECOM) for the integral protection of the rights of abandoned children or those who, still in the family, are at risk of abandonment. The actions start from the fundamental right to health, which is a continuous emergency in the RDC, especially in the most vulnerable sections of the population. The project will ensure adequate medical care, both generic and specialised, and supplies of medications and protein foods to 780 children hosted in the centers. It will also concern an intervention in a very delicate area, addressed to 150 handicapped children, to whom the Viviane Foundation will offer free treatments (medical and physiotherapy) and prostheses made with "poor" materials. The ambition is to protect those minors who live in a condition of extreme disadvantage due to a pathology that imposes unsustainable costs for the treatment of their handicap, which in the DRC is still considered in many contexts as an index of "witchcraft" and is the cause of social exclusion if not torture or killing. Constant support will be guaranteed to families to prevent the abandonment and reception of such minors if, in spite of every effort, they are abandoned.

To operate an integral protection of people, the project cannot be limited to the health sector, but must consider that an inalienable human right is to be recognized as a subject of rights, and that therefore without the personal registration no one can fully find a place in the world. The problem is identified by local authorities as being of primary importance, and however repeated awareness campaigns have found both economic and social obstacles. For this reason, the project will deal with the realization of social surveys on the origins of minors, an indispensable prerequisite for their subsequent registration, as well as the training of staff of the institutes and municipalities where the institutes are located.

Finally, the project does not forget that every minor is the bearer of the right to emancipation, that is to say the possibility of finding an adequate position in society through the research of their skills and education, which constitute a flywheel of exceptional importance so that subjects already decidedly unfortunate can, at least, accept the challenge of building a future independence. Given that access to the school in the RDC is paid, the project does not just guarantee the payment of school expenses for all minors hosted by partner centers (minimum but not decisive purpose), but also for those who, living in destitute families, will they be able to complete the school cycle only thanks to financial support or need literacy to be able to access ordinary studies, and finally of blind or deaf and dumb children.

The general result is that of improving the condition of childhood's care, and promoting rights of the emancipation for RDC children.

The results upon which the objectives of the project will be considered fully achieved are:

- 1) 150 handicapped minors will receive medical and rehabilitation care,
- 2) 15 handicapped and abandoned minors will be hosted by the Viviane Foundation,
- 3) 60 minors (40\year) will receive orthopedic implants,
- 4) 150 families will receive assistance and support and will not abandon their handicapped children,
- 5) 720 minors (480\year) will receive health care, hospitalizations and care,
- 6) 750 minors will attend school every year,
- 7) 50 minors will be subject to social investigations,
- 8) 40 minors they will be registered at the registry office,
- 9) 5 training sessions will be held for staff of the institutes, schools and municipalities,
- 10) the project will help to promote the protection of the rights of handicapped and abandoned minors