

<b>Total population</b>	74,8 millions of inhabitants
<b>Poverty index</b>	74% (multidimensional)
<b>Malnutrition</b>	28,2 % of children
<b>Without drinking water</b>	60% of population
<b>HDI</b>	0,43%
<b>Position according to HDI</b>	176/188

## SOCIAL INDICATORS

The Democratic Republic of Congo has 73.5 million inhabitants, of which more than 80% live on less than 1 euro per day. 46.5% suffer extreme poverty. Life expectancy is 48.4 years.

Only 45% of the population has access to drinking water, and only 30% have access to sanitation services.

It is currently the country with the lowest Human Development Index in the world.

## EDUCATION

At present education is not compulsory or free. There are 10 million children out of school with only one in four finishing primary education, these are usually girls. Girls' access to secondary education is practically non-existent.

75% of schools are in poor condition and do not have water or a sewer. The teaching staff do not have enough training and do not have the necessary teaching material.

## THE SITUATION OF WOMEN

As in the vast majority of countries in the African continent, women support the family.

However, they do not have their own possessions, nor a right to decide matters at home; as they are considered inferior to men.

As a result of this inequality, the Congolese women also suffer the highest degree of violence in the world.

In fact, the Democratic Republic of Congo is today the worst place on earth to be a woman.

## HEALTHCARE

70% of the population suffers from severe malnutrition. Poor nutrition and a weak immune system, a lack of knowledge regarding basic hygiene and a lack of health care, contribute to the prevalence of diseases and an increase in infant mortality.

Medical assistance is not free of charge for a population with an average income of €209 per year.

# LTPK

## PROJECT DR OF CONGO

### AFRICA



The programme promotes the professional training of young girls from the Municipality of Mont-Ngafula, who are in extreme poverty and face the threat of exclusion. It allows them food security, literacy, and access to the formal labour market in the services sector and specialisation in the hotel sector, for which there is a strong demand in Kinshasa (Lycée Technique et Professionnel Kimbondo), in conditions of fairness and guaranteeing rights.

It also plans to install various cafeteria services in schools and hospitals, as an outlet for the crop production and the hospitality school, opening an

emerging market in the country (so far, hospitals and schools do not have a dining room service).

Each year, 220 young women between the ages of 16 and 24 will receive education to combat illiteracy, as well as IT, cooking and sewing classes; 100 mothers aged 24 and above will be trained in agricultural exploitation and commercialisation; 60 young girls will receive specific training in hospitality and services in the LTPK and among them, 20 girls will receive education in management studies, hotel management and catering.



## ABOUT US

The Montblanc Foundation for the promotion of women is a private foundation, of a cultural and assistance nature, established in 1998 by a group of Catalan professionals united by the desire to promote human development.

It carries out projects focused on three areas: education, health and women; through a collaboration with non-profit associations that have children and young people as direct beneficiaries.

It carries out its activity mainly in Catalonia, Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America and Asia.

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