



Quarterly report

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES MAY - JULY 2024

SPECIAL EVENT "A GLIMMER OF HOPE FOR CONGOLESE YOUTH"

For the benefit of the Children of Panzi and Elsewhere, an exceptional evening was organised on Monday 10 June at the Royal Museum for Central Africa in Tervuren, to meet the renowned Doctor Denis Mukwege, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize and fervent defender of human rights, interviewed by Kathryn Brahy, General Delegate in charge of Culture for Wallonie-Bruxelles International.

The evening debate, followed by a cocktail reception, brought together mental health professionals, humanitarian organisations and political figures to discuss a key topic: youth.

In conflict and post-conflict zones, young people are a driving force for lasting and significant change, to build a future of hope, peace and prosperity for all. Faced with global socio-economic, political and ecological challenges, young people represent an immense potential for the future.



CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL MUKWEGE CHAIR

In June, Children of Panzi and Elsewhere attended the 4th Congress of the International Mukwege Chair.

The members of the Scientific Committee of the Mukwege Chair, which includes our President, met to discuss future research in the field of gender-based sexual violence.



At this Congress organised by the University of Angers, we met up with our colleagues, partners and collaborators from the International Criminal Court, the Panzi Foundation, the Mukwege Foundation, the Global Survivors Fund, the VSEG, the University of Liège and many others.

We also presented our methodology and approach to child victims of sexual violence in Kavumu, following the historic trials that took place in the village in 2017.

CPE is already looking forward to presenting its new research and advances at the next International Mukwege Chair Congress in Montreal, in December 2024.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND BOARD MEETING

At the end of May, the General Meeting and the Board of Directors of CPE were held with almost all the members present.

After a warm gathering, the President of CPE gave an account of the association's various activities and achievements, and outlined the plans for 2024 and early 2025.



DONATIONS FROM SPF AE

Just before summer, the CPE children received and were already taking full advantage of the facilities donated with the financial support of the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SPF AE)! These moments of playing and sharing with friends strengthen the bonds forged over the last three years in the villages of Bunyakiri and Kavumu.

We are now coming to the end of our work funded by SPF AE and we can say that Phase 2 of our project has been a great success! In the future, we hope to benefit from additional donations from our partners and generous donors, so that we can offer other children the opportunity to receive holistic psychosocial care.





We warmly thank the SPF AE teams for their trust and close collaboration, as well as for the lasting and sustainable donations they have provided to the communities they support!



UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

One of CPE's missions is to pass on knowledge and raise awareness of the consequences of childhood psychotrauma. In order to do this, our association works closely with a number of Belgian and foreign universities to help build the capacity of mental health professionals.

Among these partnerships, CPE was invited to take part in a course organised in Bukavu (DRC) by the Geneva Centre for Humanitarian Studies, belonging to the University of Geneva. The theme of the course was 'Preventing and responding to sexual violence in conflict and emergency situations'.

We also continue to collaborate actively with our long-standing partners, such as the University of Liège. Together, we produced a research report, commissioned by the Centres for the Care of Sexual Violence (CPVS) and the Institute for the Equality of Women and Men, focusing on therapeutic support for child victims of sexual violence in Belgium.



MEMBER OF THE CNCD-11.11.11

We are delighted to announce that Children of Panzi and Elsewhere is now a member organisation of CNCD-11.11.11!

The CPE teams are delighted to be joining this incredible network, which will enable us to develop our advocacy and awareness-raising work and fund our psychosocial support programmes with our partners in the South.





The National Centre for Development Cooperation (CNCD-11.11.11) is a coalition of over 70 NGOs and a citizens' movement that has been active for over half a century in the field of international solidarity, promoting a fair and sustainable world.

We are counting on your support for the 2024 edition of Operation 11.11.11, which will take place from 7 to 17 November!

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BACK TO SCHOOL AT CPE

In September, the CPE training teams are back at work!

After the pilot module for the University of Geneva, we will be heading off to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to continue our training courses for field professionals from Médecins du Monde, BVES, Maison Dorcas, the Panzi Foundation and Hospital.

This final cycle of training will focus on the therapeutic management of traumatised children and their scientific foundations, vicarious trauma, transgenerational aspects and the child in legal proceedings.



We are also planning to set up community libraries for children and adults in South Kivu, thanks to a generous donation from our partner United Nations Women's Guild (UNWG).

This project responds to the need for innovative resources to stimulate creativity and the development of knowledge outside school. These libraries will therefore address the problem of access to literature, information and storytelling, by providing a structure where children can express themselves, show interest and forge social links with other members of their community.

**CHILDREN OF PANZI AND ELSEWHERE
WISH YOU A WONDERFUL SUMMER!**