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## ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR 2021

### Content:

- ✓ Awareness program on environmental education
- ✓ Awareness project on environmental education and vegan lifestyle education
- ✓ National Animal Rights Day NARD11
- ✓ World Earth, Water and Environment Days
- ✓ Supervision of orphaned and vulnerable children
- ✓ Setting up a community nursery

### With the support of:



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## Chapter I: Presentation of FADPE asbl

It is created on June 8, 2018 in the city of Goma, capital of the province of North Kivu, in the Democratic Republic of Congo, a non-profit and non-governmental association in accordance with Law N°. 004/2001 of July 20, 2001 laying down general provisions applicable to non-profit and public utility associations in the DRC, under the name **Forum des Amis de Développement et la Protection de l'Environnement FADPE asbl** in acronym and under N° JUST/SG/20/273/ 2020-F.92/36996 and the registration certificate N° 08/DIVAS/AS/023/2020 giving the status of the charitable and charitable organization

### General objectives

FADPE asbl pursues a series of objectives, in particular:

1. Participate in the protection of the environment including the management of natural resources;
2. Contribute to the fight against global warming and the protection of natural biodiversity;
3. Promote the agroforestry system;
4. Participate in increasing agricultural production;
5. Assist vulnerable people (victims of war conflicts and internally displaced persons, armed conflicts);
6. Participate in the promotion of education and supervision of young people in arts and crafts;
7. Contribute to pacification and conflict resolution;
8. Participate in the rehabilitation of agricultural service roads;
9. Support local development initiatives;
10. Mobilize organizations working in the environmental field;
11. Participate in the fight against HIV/AIDS and STDs in the community;
12. Participate in socio-economic reintegration and support for income-generating activities for the disadvantaged through the ticket of a center for learning international languages and trades (**CALIM**)

### Specific objectives

FADPE asbl pursues a range of objectives:

1. Raise awareness about the vegan lifestyle
2. Get the community to switch to plant-based products
3. Participate in positive community change
4. Educate the community to become an animal rights defender
5. Make food and vegetable seeds accessible to the community
6. Contribute to the education of orphans and vulnerable children
7. Get students to feel optimistic
8. Contribute to the fight against climate change through reforestation
9. Advocate for the rescue of primates and other big signs
10. Sensitize the community on the urgency of the fight against waterborne diseases;
11. Contribute to the fight against malnutrition and support the oppressed;
12. Participate in making known and protecting natural biodiversity;
13. Participate in making water available to the most vulnerable

## **Thanks**

FADPE asbl would like to thank all the partner organizations and associations that have enabled this work to be carried out and ask them to continue to support our projects and projects in order to achieve our objectives.

Our thanks also go to our physical partners who, throughout the year, have supported us in one way or another; May they find our gratitude.

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We ask you to continue to support our projects and programs with the aim of raising the voice loud and clear for the voiceless, making our environment healthy, contributing to changing the mentality and behavior of the community, making products accessible and available of plant origin and achieve a better future, hope and optimism for orphaned and vulnerable children.

## Chapter II: Achievement of FADPE asbl during the year 2021

### Flow of activities

FADPE asbl has carried out numerous programs, projects and world days during the year 2021, in particular:

1. Awareness program on environmental education;
2. Awareness project on environmental education and vegan lifestyle education;
3. National Animal Rights Day;
4. Support program for orphans and vulnerable children
5. World Earth Day;
6. World Water Day;
7. World Environment Day;
8. Establishment of a community nursery at.

### I. Awareness program on environmental education

This project took place in schools and villages located in the city of Goma and in the territory of Nyiragongo, both entities surrounding the Virunga National Park.

This project was launched on the 1st of March 2021 and took a break in July 2021.

This program aims to sensitize the community on the fight against the threats made to domestic, aquatic and wild animals and any other sensible activity depriving them of their rights such as poaching, the destruction of their natural habitat but also the breeding which deprives animals freedom while the latter is an essential right for all living beings and earthlings in general.

Whether domestic, wild or aquatic animals all have the right to consideration, to be defended and to be secure, especially since life is sacred. Since Virunga National Park is currently a place of refuge for armed groups, whether militias or loyalist forces, the armed group **Democratic Force for the Liberation of Rwanda FDLR** being the group that reinforces terror in this protected area, environmental threats including are much observed as the poaching accentuates primates such as monkeys, chimpanzees, baboons and other small than great apes, not to mention other mammals that die daily at the mercy of these assailants.

Apart from the threats made to animals, the natural habitat does not save as much as carbonization causes unprecedented deforestation.

Currently, most of the community carries out their activities in the Virunga National Park, including more than 3,000 people registered only in the Kibumba group, without mentioning other environments who enter it from the groups of Rusayo, Mudja, Kibati and certain villages who are born there like Nyakagina etc. All these human activities which are often due to the search for daily bread threaten the survival of arboreal and other biocenoses which live there.

Community awareness allows the community to know the rights of these living beings, respect for their natural environment and calls them to denounce all people who indulge in these kinds of crimes and those who keep primates at home such as monkeys, chimpanzees, baboons and others to bring them to primate rehabilitation sanctuaries like Senkwekwe and Lwiro.



Life being a fundamental right of all living beings which no one is spared, awareness is essential in order to give future generations the chance to live alongside this fauna which is the pride of the planet and where everything the world would feel easy to know them and to live with them.

This program and project aims to change the social behavior of the community by bringing them to the observance of laws and texts governing conservation but to take ownership of the animal cause.

The community living around the Virunga National Park promises to cease the anthropogenic activities that it carries out in this protected area and requests accessibility to development projects that will be able to supervise them and facilitate them to find daily bread and will allow them to forget the park and the daily difficulties they make.

This program has affected many schools, in particular:

### 1. Nuru Primary School as of March 01, 2021



The facilitator talks about the threat that living animals in the *Virunga* National Park are subject to due to poaching, carbonization and pastoral activities that are observed in the Park, but also the causes and consequences of climate change, but also to get involved. in reforestation. He urges students and teachers to educate their parents and denounce those who engage in these kinds of activities.





After the presentation made by the animator, the students talk about what they have understood, ask questions and promise to become speaking out loud for the animals and will denounce those who indulge others that they *live* with them and know some .



After the activity, taking a family photo with some students and teachers and the children are happy to hold the images of the animals and are committed to defending them.

**Comment:** 420 students and 9 teachers from the Nuru Primary School located in the Nyiragongo Territory who understood the reason for giving themselves to the protection of natural biodiversity and the urgency of being defenders of animal rights and also of discourage those who indulge in threats and in environmental degradation



## 2. Carrefour School Complex dated March 04, 2021



*As the images show, the host dwells on animal rights, the usefulness of animals alongside human beings and the need to restore their long-ignored rights, but also calls on these children to strive to make a difference when they have the strength to take decisions soon in order to repair the damage committed by the current decision-makers*



*The facilitator shows the consequences of human activities on the environment. Accelerated deforestation and deforestation are the basis of seasonal change, desertification and causes non-profitability in the context of rural activities; this is an opportunity to call on your parents, friends and acquaintances to get more and more involved. in reforestation as much as our life depends on it*





After the activity, a family photo is taken in order to consolidate the friendship and with the children and teachers, we have made a resolution not to give up on this noble cause.

**Comment:** With 52 students and 2 teachers, FADPE asbl pushes this layer of the community to raise awareness and lead them to seek solutions in order to fight against environmental and animal threats

### 3. At the Merci Dieu School Complex on March 16, 2021



The host talks about the usefulness of the tree in everyday life as it serves as food, shade, construction wood, firewood, for coffins and it makes life easier for all beings but also talks about the importance of protected areas and the habitats that live there



**Comment:** *With 420 students and 9 teachers who understood the seriousness of human activities on ecosystems and the need to make the environment healthy and attractive in order to facilitate future generations*

#### 4. At the Mumatelo School Complex on March 25, 2021



*Large signs, large mammals to rodents all suffer from difficulties related to anthropogenic activities. These activities endanger their lives and reduce the chance for future generations to see them and force this generation to learn about them through history while sympathy would allow them to live with them daily.*

**Comment:** *420 students and 9 teachers learn about the biodiversity of the Virunga National Park, domestic and aquatic animals and the urgency of putting ourselves in order to save these lives in full threat. Animals deserve better like my humans.*



5. At the Nyota School Complex (Millennium School) on July 13, 2021



*With the students, the animator educates on the protection of ecosystems, the desire to safeguard life on the planet, thus life being sacred; all earthlings have the right to protection and survival*



6. At the Vision de l'Orient School Complex on July 16, 2021



*The host talks about poaching and also the destruction of the natural habitat endangering the lives of animals but also the carbonization which continues to degrade the environment*




## **II. Awareness project on environmental education and vegan lifestyle education**

The threats that animals face daily are deplored. The Democratic Republic of Congo does not have the notion of veganism, especially since it focuses only on the defense of the rights of wild animals, forgetting the traumas that domestic and aquatic animals undergo.

FADPE asbl being an organization for the defense of animal rights and the environment, in the context of giving back these neglected earthlings their right, launched the awareness project on environmental education and mobilization for a vegan lifestyle having as **financial partner VEGFUND**.

This project, which is the continuation of the awareness program on environmental education and education on the vegan lifestyle which aims to give a sigh of relief, was launched on October 08, 2021 in schools and villages in the city of Goma and Nyiragongo, around the Virunga National Park. This project registers success in its execution since in schools and villages our message passes without difficulty.

Since the launch of this project, FADPE asbl has been spreading this message to the layers of the community which is made up of primary school students, secondary school students and the adult community made up of men, women and young people girls and boys:

-  The defense of animal rights and the urgency of getting involved in their fight,
-  The trauma that caged animals undergo,
-  How to put an end to these threats and bring our voice to the voiceless.

### **The defense of animal rights and the urgency of getting involved**

Pets being earthlings like humans, they too have a right to life, consideration and protection. In the same way that when a human falls ill, feels starvation, sleeps and when dying, is buried with dignity; the animal also has the right to be fed, cared for in the event of illness, to be housed and in the event of death, to benefit from a dignified burial and not to transform human bodies into a cemetery for other living beings. The right to life is applicable to everyone, whether human or non-human.

The consumption of products of origin has a negative impact on human life such as the reduction in the duration of human life, the existence of many diseases which are observed in our region such as the Ebola virus disease, etc. the involvement of all in the consumption of products of plant origin will make it possible to avoid these deadly and dangerous scourges which affect a large part of the earth's population.

- **The trauma that caged animals undergo**

Cage animals and all those considered pets are under unprecedented threat. Since the arrival of so-called modern or extensive breeding, hens, roosters; ducks, goats, etc. suffer a lot of trauma, especially since they no longer have the freedom to walk around, to live in company with their fellow human beings. We observe the disappearance of old



varieties of roosters and hens which are not currently introduced and future generations risk learning from history that this son-in-law of gallinaceous existed, while time belongs to us all and again in order to immortalize all varieties and species of existing animals.

Together, we can reduce the harm done to animals since they too are living beings as living like us and having feeling, love and affection like human beings. It is possible to put an end to the trauma that we inflict on animals and the involvement of all is essential.

- **How to put an end to these threats and bring our voice to the voiceless**

It is possible to put an end to this problem and threat that animals that are earthly like humans suffer daily.

Sympathy will allow us to put ourselves in the place of these voiceless people and will push us to speak for them and to be their defenders. Since the change is gradual and choosing a new way of life is difficult, doing weekly and monthly trials will allow you to check if it will be possible to opt for this magnificent life. Drop and you will see that this life is magnificent and more wonderful than ever.

This awareness-raising project on environmental education and the mobilization of a vegan lifestyle has affected several schools and villages, in particular:

#### **1. Emmanuel Nadema school complex dated October 08, 2021**



*The host talks about the threats that pets make on a daily basis and the habit of choosing to put an end to these threats*



*The host cites enormous traumas that animals suffer and the primordial right of animals such as the right to food, primary health care, housing and a dignified burial in the event of death*



*After the sensitization, the Director of the school gives an overview of what the animator has said and talks about his feelings through the threats that are undergoing, promises to get involved by doing a test that will allow him to see if he will opt for a lifelong vegan lifestyle or not and invites teachers and students to give it a try too*





*The teacher who reads their college's statement requesting to include vegan lifestyle education in extracurricular activities where children will have the opportunity to learn about veganism on a weekly basis wholeheartedly welcomes the message received.*

**Comment :** The launch of the awareness project on environmental education and vegan lifestyle education with 520 students and 12 teachers from the Emmanuel School Complex where students and teachers understood solutions to consider in order to give the right to pets like This Rooster, Goat, Cows and reassure them the fundamental right such as food, primary health care, housing and a dignified and safe burial

**2. At the KALANGALA Institute located in the Kibumba Group on October 12, 2021**



The school being a few meters from the Virunga National Park, the facilitator talks about the human activities that take place in the park and their harmful consequences on the lives of these animals, the traumas suffered by pets. Insisting on the usefulness and the urgency of living only thanks to products of vegetable origin, the pupils and teachers spoke that they live on products of animal origin following the lack of country products but if they manage to be accompanied by market gardening and food seeds, they will abandon their old way of life and will opt for the consumption of products of vegetable origin as long as they will have food permanently





*The student who talks about his point of view and his position in relation to the theme and has just expressed the idea of wanting to try the vegan lifestyle for a few days but insists on the accompaniment in seeds in order to 'get the daily bread*

**Comment** : With 250 students and 16 teachers from the Kalangala Institute, we talked about the threats that domestic animals called pets face and the urgency of getting involved in their defense. Students and teachers have expressed the idea of being accompanied in seeds that can facilitate their access to products of plant origin in order to completely abandon the consumption of products of animal origin.

### 3. With the community living in the Hehu locality on October 15, 2021



*As reported by the students and teachers of the Kalangala Institute, the community living on the Hehu hill enthusiastically welcomed the message and promised to try it, but they insist on the need to make the products available. plant origin through the channel of vegetable and food seeds and also to make modern vegan food available*

**Comment:** *With the community living in the Hehu locality being in the South of Mount Mikeno, therefore 60 people, the community understood the difficulties that the animals undergo and 6 of them promised to live only thanks to the products of vegetable origin and requested an accompaniment in seeds that can facilitate their access to food and market gardening products, 15 people said that they will observe the first batch of these people and then will try in turn while others have not promised anything.*



#### 4. At the Mayuwako School Complex on October 28, 2021



*With these students and teachers, the facilitator talks about the difficulties that goats, roosters, ducks, turkeys, cows and others face on a daily basis and reminds the participants that these animals, being earthbound like humans, have feelings, a taste for life and are entitled to a dignified end. Thus, in order to achieve this, the involvement of all in the choice of the way of life to opt for is essential. Opting for a vegan lifestyle with the help of awareness and coming to live on plant-based products will make it happen and everyone can put in their minds the idea of not allowing so that his body can be a cemetery for other living beings*

**Comment: With 310 students and 11 teachers, we talked about the difficulties that domestic animals are experiencing caused by the introduction of factory farming. Knowing the evils suffered by these animals, the students promised to become defenders of animal rights and promised to raise their voice for the animal cause.**



## 5. La Colombe School Complex on November 05, 2021



*The host talks about the horror that man continues to inflict on animals and the urgency of awareness in order to put an end to actions of animal abuse. The only way to get involved is to give up their consumption and opt for a lifestyle that consists of living only on plant-based products.*



6. At Primary School 2 Les Héros, dated November 17, 2021



*The host talks about the lack of freedom that breeding gives animals, the resulting trauma and the lack of support for these living beings that are supposed to be protected. He also reminds students and teachers that as these animals are our friends and that it is inconceivable that a friend could miss his friend, it will also be madness if we start consuming the planet's roommates like us and the sympathy is essential at this level*



## 7. At Uamsho Primary School on December 10, 2021



*With these students and teachers, the facilitator talks about the difficulties that goats, roosters, ducks, turkeys, cows and others face on a daily basis and reminds the participants that these animals, being earthbound like humans, have feelings, a taste for life and are entitled to a dignified end. Thus, in order to achieve this, the involvement of all in the choice of the way of life to opt for is essential. Opting for a vegan lifestyle with the help of awareness and coming to live on plant-based products will make it happen and everyone can put in mind the idea of not allowing so that his body can be a cemetery for other living beings*





*Children appreciate the images and are committed to advocating for the animal cause*



8. At the Neema School Complex, dated December 15, 2021



*The host talks about the lack of freedom that breeding gives animals, the resulting trauma and the lack of support for these living beings that are supposed to be protected. He also reminds students and teachers that as these animals are our friends and that it is inconceivable that a friend could miss his friend, it will also be madness if we start consuming the planet's roommates like us and the sympathy is essential at this level*



9. At the Jordan School Complex, dated December 17, 2021



*The host talks about the horror that man continues to inflict on animals and the urgency of awareness in order to put an end to actions of animal abuse. The only way to get involved is to give up their consumption and opt for a lifestyle that consists of living only on plant-based products.*

10. At Jordan School Complex, dated December 22, 2021



*The host talks about the lack of freedom that breeding gives animals, the resulting trauma and the lack of support for these living beings that are supposed to be protected. He also reminds students and teachers that as these animals are our friends and that it is inconceivable that a friend could miss his friend, it will also be madness if we start consuming the planet's roommates like us and the sympathy is essential at this level*



11. At the Isuli School Complex, dated December 24, 2021







*With these students and teachers, the facilitator talks about the difficulties that goats, roosters, ducks, turkeys, cows and others experience on a daily basis and reminds the participants that these animals, being earthbound like humans, have feelings, a taste for life and are entitled to a dignified end. Thus, in order to achieve this, the involvement of all in the choice of the way of life to opt for is essential. Opting for a vegan lifestyle with the help of awareness and coming to live on plant-based products will make it happen and everyone can put in mind the idea of not allowing so that his body can be a cemetery for other living beings. The host recalled that since man began to consume animal products, human life has declined and here is the high number of epidemics and pandemics*



### III. National Animal Rights Day of June 06, 2021

FADPE asbl had the joy, the honor to participate in the 11th edition of the National Animal Rights Day NARD11 which was celebrated for the first time in the Democratic Republic of Congo on the first Sunday of June, June 06, 2021.

This activity, which consists of showing the threats that animals face on a daily basis, has shown more than 120 people from the community who have carefully followed the message planned for this event.

The threats that animals suffer daily are to be deplored and during this event aimed at showing all the evils that Rooster, Cows, Goats, Ducks, Turkeys and without mentioning that, require an end.

The right to life being accessibility to food, housing, primary health care and a dignified and secure burial and this all animals without distinction deserve the latter and awareness is essential in order to live in harmony on the planet shared by humans and non-humans.

During this event, the caravan in the arteries of the city of Goma, Lac Vert and Mugunga districts to the place of awareness, in Kanzana.







*The caravan in the middle of the city of Goma in order to carry loud and clear the voice of animals. Animals deserve better and it starts with behavioral and social change*





*The FADPE team showing their bitterness that animals inflict instead of activity. It's sad what animals go through. More than 120 people listen carefully to the message and are called to opt for a life that gives back the right to the voiceless*



*A participant who wants to know if it is possible to live only thanks to plant-based products and decide to live vegan once and for all without trying? And FADPE's turn to show that it's possible but the most reassuring is to take a moment to try to taste and decide but once you try you won't give up*





*The declaration of animal rights which is read and has been signed by some of the participants who have honored the threats to animals and have decided to get involved*



*Limbs, showing trauma to caged animals. They deserve better than humans. Sympathy is solicited and say it's enough or it's already too much*





*The reporting journalist from Radio Maria who interviews some members present and makes recordings that help the message reach a wider audience*

## **IV. Support program for orphans and vulnerable children**

This support program for orphans and vulnerable children, which was launched in November 2019, has many pillars, in particular:

- The nutritional pillar
- The educational and school pillar
- The psychological and social pillar
- The primary health care pillar

### **1. The nutritional pillar**

Malnutrition is a phenomenon that affects the community living in the territory of Nyiragongo given that this territory has suffered repeated wars over the past two decades, not to mention the insecurity that is breaking records in this environment. Insecurity and war have resulted in the loss of human lives and this created the presence of orphans who suffer from difficulties linked to the lack of food causing malnutrition and many other phenomena such as children who live in the street due to lack supervision and some the lack of daily bread push them to join uncivil and rebellious movements.

In this pillar, FADPE organizes activities for the preparation of porridge and food from plant-based products every Wednesday and Friday, especially as a result of the lack of substantial financial and technical means that can help find the rent or house that can house our 32 orphaned children in the same place, that's why FADPE asbl has seen fit to look for host families who will make it easier for us to look after these children until we have the necessary means that can allow us to have an appropriate place which can facilitate us to regularly follow up on our children who often live without hope following the grief caused by the loss of parents who are dear beings.



*The orphan children who eat the meal of the day*

Schooling being the only legacy that can bequeath to his child, FADPE asbl with the help of these collaborations puts in school 7 children among these 32 children who follow regular courses at school and of which 4 of these 7 children are taken care of in private schools in the City of Goma.

Especially since these 32 children also liked being at school like other of their friends who are currently there, FADPE asbl recommends setting up a school that can guarantee the education of these children and other vulnerable children who do not have the way to go to school, especially since schooling is essential and that is everyone's right.





*Payment of school fees for orphaned children*



*Purchase of school supplies for orphaned children*









*Distribution of school supplies to orphaned children*



### 3. The psychological and social pillar

The loss of a loved one causes depression, stress and loss of the will to live and especially the loss of parents. The trauma due to the loss of a parent is enormous and disturbs adults; this is how it is more serious for children under 18 years old.

The psychological animation sessions allow these children to know how to live without a parent and to come to understand that the rest of life and that when an unfortunate event arrives at our doorstep, no one can spare it or stop it.

Songs, recitations, poems and oral tradition with the help of stories allow these children to understand and find a smile and allow them to feel useful and loved.



*Psychological support through poems, recitations, songs, music and dialogues in order to have a positive point of view after the loss of a loved one and to feel useful within the community*

Where there are children, we cannot go without talking about diseases, especially since children are the first to be affected by diseases and epidemics. During this year 2021, FADPE asbl recorded 5 cases of illness including 3 children sick with malaria and 2 children affected by diarrhea or cholera. Fortunately, all these 5 children went out intact following the professionalism of the nurses of les Voisins Medical Center which is a health structure partner of FADPE asbl in order to ensure the health care of our children while waiting for the association to find their own facilities health



*Orphan children who are hospitalized due to malaria and cholera*



## **V. World earth day**

Activities related to World Water Day took place at Zawadi Primary School on April 22, 2021. During this day, students understood the role of the earth, the reason for getting involved in activities aimed at protecting the earth in order to make it increasingly livable and attractive.

Thus, FADPE asbl spoke of the urgency of getting involved in sanitation activities and avoiding throwing waste of any kind on the road surface and wherever you may be. Since human activities are increasingly degrading the environment and our mother earth requires severe involvement, awareness is essential in order to save our common good.

During this activity which had taken place with the children, FADPE asbl had proceeded to the sanitation of the schoolyard of the school by weeding and sweeping while showing it the urgency of returning their playground and own classes but also to do these kinds of activities at their homes in order to fight against the various diseases due to sanitation such as cholera, malaria, etc.

The children have understood the need to save our common good and with the help of this, they promise to give themselves every time in order to make their school clean and exemplary in the community. But also, they understood that throwing waste along the way, peeing or small need that great need is prohibited but looking for garbage cans to throw away any possible waste and in case of looking for the place of ease for any activity going in this angle.

Awareness will make the earth an attractive place as before and inspire others to emulate the good example. 60 students and 2 teachers were present during this activity.



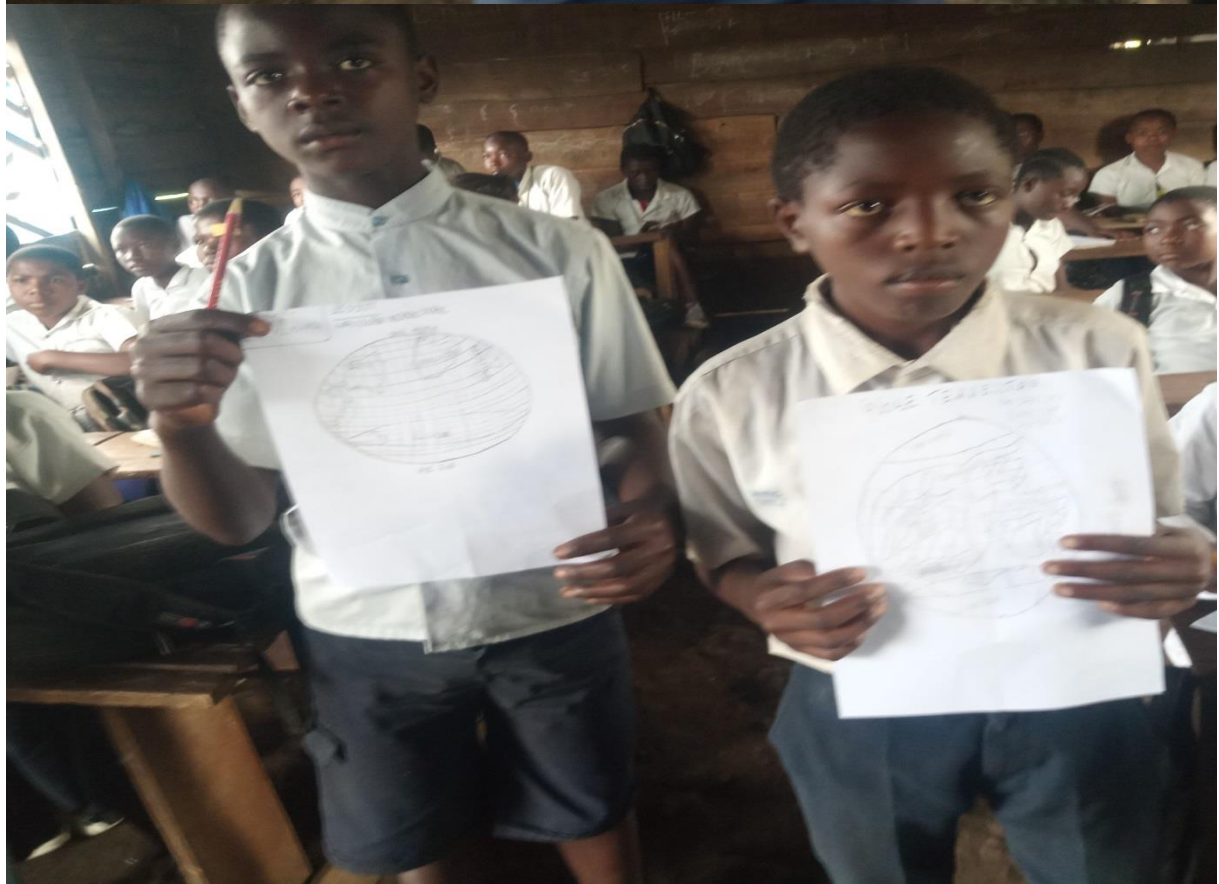
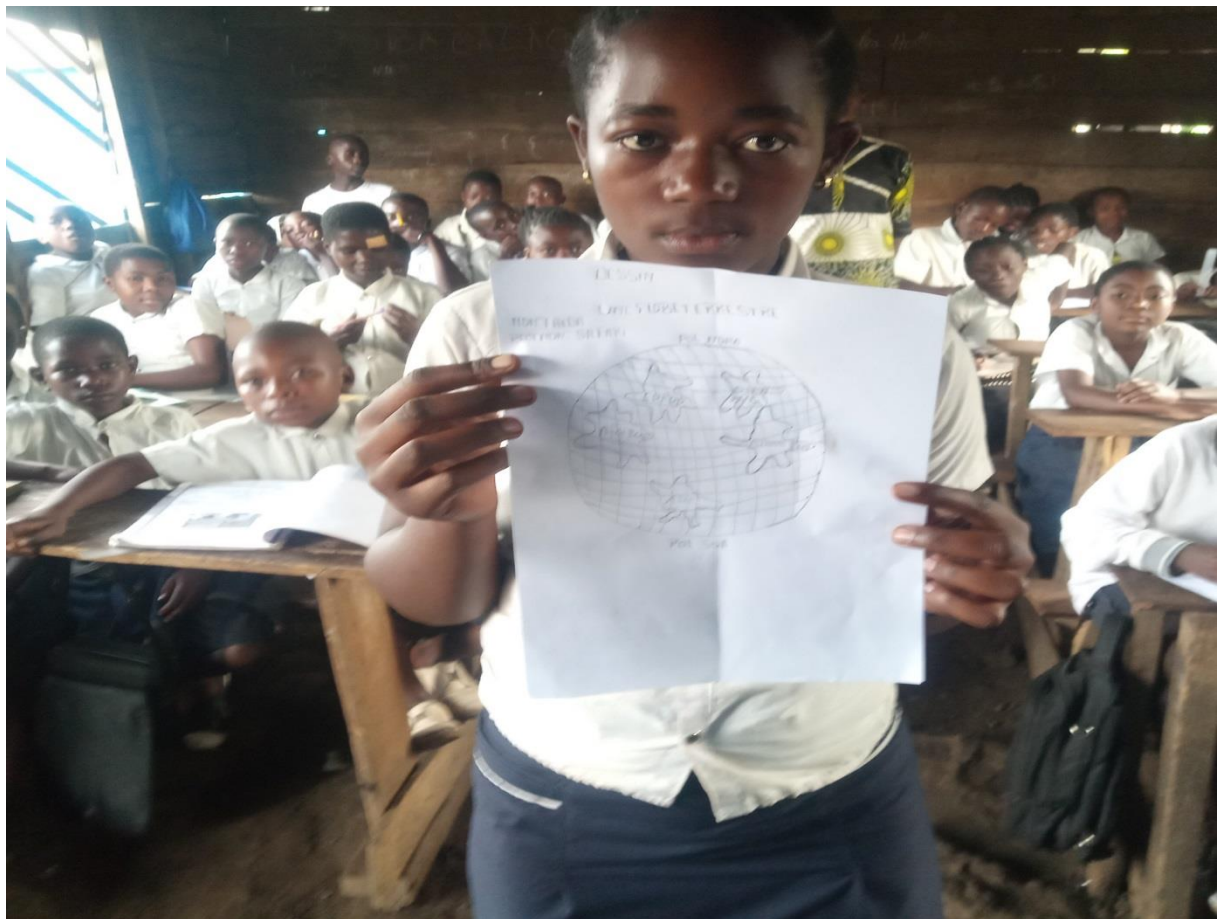
*The FADPE asbl team accompanied by the students cleans up the schoolyard. The schoolyard is clean and students understand the need to be involved in sanitation*



Apart from cleaning up the schoolyard, the students drew the globe. Raising the awareness of school-aged children will allow for a conscious future generation that can fix the mistakes made by current generations.







*The students draw the terrestrial globe and promise to give themselves so as not to get involved in actions that live to degrade the environment and pollute the planet, especially since it is the only home we have.*



## VI. World Water Day;

The date of March 22, 2021 was reserved for World Water Day, the theme of which was "the place of water in our societies and how to protect it". This activity talked about the source of water, why make water clean and accessible to all and also the diseases that are due to the consumption of clean water. 560 students and 12 teachers had understood that water should not harm health or be the source of inconvenience, so the user of water must be convinced that water that in order for it to be able to being healthy, it has a considerable part; this is why it is essential that it be protected, monitored and controlled.



*The facilitator talks about the usefulness of water and develops the theme related to World Water Day*

Human activities are often the cause of the poisoning of water and the whole environment. All users of water and land must be taxed according to the damage they cause, so water quality must become a priority for all users in order to fight against waterborne diseases such as cholera, malaria and other diseases.

Since the Territory of Nyiragongo comes up against the lack of drinking water, especially since the appearance of the first person on this soil, there has never been water than this territory even has.

Thus, the pupils and teachers showed the difficulties they encounter in the context of water and launched an appeal for solidarity in order to access water. The majority of this population only consumes rainwater which is polluted and which the authorities prohibit its consumption following the harmful effects due to the active volcanoes Nyiragongo and Nyamulagira which scare this population long scarred by wars and insecurities.

They also tasted water and this prompted them to promise to make clean the little water that finds as much as they access it after a long journey, for some in the City of Goma and for others in groups benefiting from the addition of water from Lake Kivu. The need for water is a priority for this thirst-stricken community.



*Students taste on the water and smell the flavor of it*



## VII. World Environment Day

World Environment Day took place on June 05, 2021 in the Lac Vert district, in the City of Goma, with the theme "Reimagine. Recreate. Restore".

With 6 people from the community living in Nyabyunyu Avenue, we talked about the threat to the environment, including erosion, landslides, deforestation and human activities from a on a daily basis and this with the aim of reimagining actions currently being taken on the environment contrary to what the planet was once, but also of reviving a good climate where everyone can feel at ease and take full advantage of the opportunities that our common good which is the planet offers and also restore the ecosystems that can save the planet.

The earth is under unprecedented pressure and everyone's involvement is essential to restore our planet and make it as good as before.



*The celebration of World Environment Day*

Thus, in order to show the usefulness of the tree, FADPE asbl proceeded to accompany the community in the transplantation of some trees in order to get them to get involved in reforestation, especially since the tree is the key to life on earth and our survival depends on it.



*Transplanting an avocado tree as part of World Environment Day*

In order to make tree seedlings accessible to the community, FADPE asbl has set up a nursery that can be used as part of the community reforestation project.

## **VIII. Setting up a community nursery**

In order to launch the community reforestation project which aims to contribute to efforts to combat climate change and global warming, FADPE asbl has set up 7 flowerbeds containing Eucalyptus, Grévelia, Mesopsus (Bois rouge), Cypress and Filao.

In order to put these tree seedlings in the nursery awaiting transplanting, FADPE asbl received from the National Forest Fund FFN a large batch of bags, i.e. 25 kg equivalent to 14,000 polyethylene bags.

Of these Seven (7) flowerbeds, two (2) contained Grévelias, three (3) Eucalyptus, Filao and Mesopsus and two others for Cypresses.

For the Grévelias variety, FADPE asbl has 730 seedlings which are already in the nursery and are almost ready to be transplanted, and 1200 Eucalyptus seedlings and 1070 filao seedlings.





*Transplantation of tree seedlings in polyethylene bags and weeding stage*



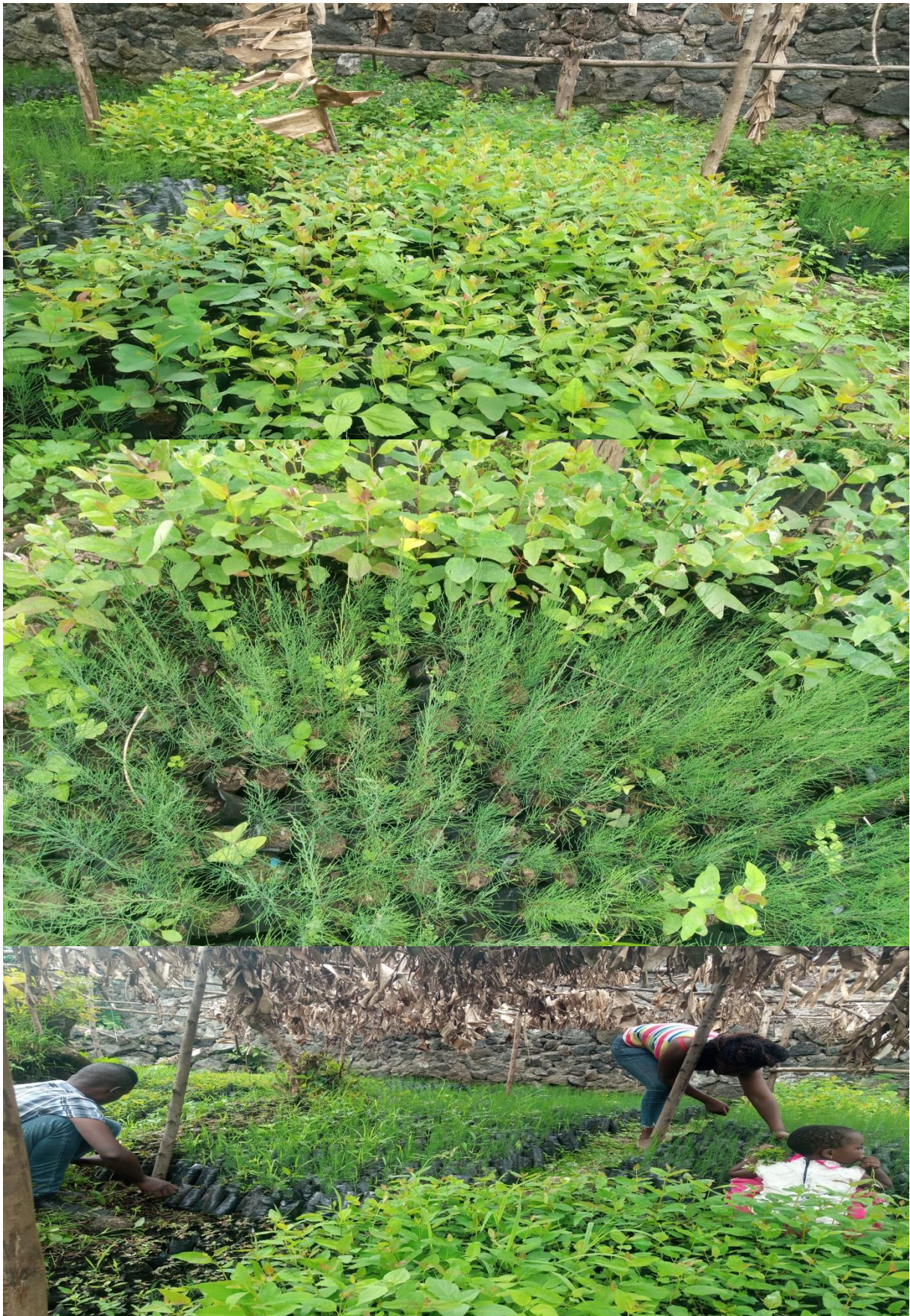


*The flowerbeds used as FADPE tree seedlings for the community reforestation project*

At this stage, FADPE asbl would like to have technical and financial support in order to launch this project and manage to intensify it, especially since the objective of this project is to reach at least 1 million trees which will be transplanted in the agglomerations above cited.

Since FADPE asbl is still in need of sachets in order to put the seedlings of trees which are still in the flowerbeds while waiting to obtain a technical and financial partner, it is asking environmental organizations working in the field of the fight against climate change to come to his aid with a large batch of polythene bags which will make it easier to reach the objective. Of the tree seedlings in the nursery, i.e. 14,000, more than 10,000 tree seedlings need to be transplanted at the current stage if we manage to find a technical and financial means that can allow us to get there.





*Tree seedlings ready to be transplanted*



## Conclusion

Animals living all over the planet face trauma without differentiating between domestic, wild and aquatic animals. Pets come up against difficulties linked in a way to the hypocrisy of so-called protectors who anticipate their disappearance during family ceremonies, national festivities, not to mention the daily threats they inflict.

Hens, Roosters, Turkeys, Goats, Cows, Sheep and without mentioning that these suffer unprecedented atrocities. Opting for a healthy lifestyle that gives animals the chance to survive can make it easier for them to gain long-lost freedom. Consuming plant-based products is a way of being sympathetic to our housemates and it is a manifestation of love. It is possible for the entire community living on the planet to opt for veganism and awareness will allow them to do so.

The awareness program on environmental education and vegan lifestyle education has proven that it is possible to raise awareness in the community so that they have a positive point of view on animals, that they come to know the right that all living beings have and become spokespersons for the voiceless, this is possible thanks to the change of behavior and mentality.

Given that FADPE asbl is the first association raising awareness on the urgency of living on products of plant origin and pushes the community to sympathy while calling on them to take ownership of this noble cause, this program is continuing until the local community will be able to change their way of doing things and only when the change is observed. It is possible to be vegan and together we will make it happen and bring awareness to the community.

Apart from threats to animals, whether great apes, mammals or rodents, the planet is experiencing climate change more than ever and unprecedented consequences.

Climate change being the major problem affecting the entire planet and the Province of North Kivu is not spared. Raising community awareness to get involved in reforestation will help combat this unprecedented natural calamity.

This is why FADPE asbl has set up the community reforestation project which will play an important role in contributing to the efforts that the world is making to fight against this planetary scourge.

Climate change and global warming are things to be taken seriously, especially given its strength, they are able to put an end to life on earth, thus the tree being one of the driving forces capable of contributing to the stabilization of the climate, everyone must get involved in planting trees in order to hope for a better tomorrow and fight this voracious enemy.

Let's get involved in reforestation and avoid deforestation and deforestation as much as our life depends on it.

The restoration of the natural habitat is possible, with the will and the determination; we will manage to fight our common enemy.

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The tree is the key to life on planet earth, so the involvement of everyone in reforestation and afforestation constitutes success and the assurance of a better, brighter and more promising future for all the people of the earth.



In order to materialize this project, FADPE asbl has designed a well-developed project which, once supported, will strengthen the tree seedlings that are available, especially since the objective of this project is to transplant at least 1,400,000 tree seedlings. .

And also the humanitarian crisis due to the repeated wars that the North Kivu region has experienced for more than two decades has not caused vulnerability due to the death of parents and these bringing orphaned children into a deplorable situation. . Thus, since October 2019, FADPE has continued to learn how to care for orphaned and vulnerable children, thanks to the support of donors and collaborators concerned about the ills that these children are experiencing.

The 32 orphans of FADPE deserve better like other children, so we say thank you to the people who continue to support our programs and projects, and we ask them to continue to support our programs and projects and we say that any donation that you help us achieve our goals and bring smiles, a future and hope to the most vulnerable community.

## Encountered difficulties

FADPE asbl faces many difficulties in the execution of these projects and programs, in particular:

1. The radius of action being vast, the kilometers to be covered either on a motorcycle or on foot in bad weather;
2. Lack of institutional support that can facilitate the management of administrative expenses;
3. Access to capacity building;
4. Lack of means to take care of all orphan children and access to suitable housing;
5. Difficulties in accessing various tree seeds;
6. Difficulties in accessing the technical and financial means that can allow the transplantation of seedlings that are in the nursery and need to be transplanted.

## Recommendations

- **To the local community:** To welcome the volunteers of FADPE asbl who are affected in their environment and to receive the message they receive from them and change their old way of seeing things;
- **To the local authorities:** To collaborate with the FADPE asbl team and come to their aid if necessary;
- **To partners, donors and lenders:** To continue to support technically and financially in order to successfully materialize this project

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## ACTION PLAN 2022-2023

### Presentation of FADPE asbl

It is created on June 8, 2018 in the city of Goma, capital of the province of North Kivu, in the Democratic Republic of Congo, a non-profit and non-governmental association in accordance with Law N°. 004/2001 of July 20, 2001 laying down general provisions applicable to non-profit and public utility associations in the DRC, under the name **Forum des Amis de Développement et la Protection de l'Environnement FADPE asbl** in acronym and under N° JUST/SG/20/273/ 2020-F.92/36996 and the registration certificate N° 08/DIVAS/AS/023/2020 giving the status of the charitable and charitable organization

### General objectives

FADPE asbl pursues a series of objectives, in particular:

1. Participate in the protection of the environment including the management of natural resources;
2. Contribute to the fight against global warming and the protection of natural biodiversity;
3. Promote the agroforestry system;
4. Participate in increasing agricultural production;
5. Assist vulnerable people (victims of war conflicts and internally displaced persons, armed conflicts);
6. Participate in the promotion of education and supervision of young people in arts and crafts;
7. Contribute to pacification and conflict resolution;
8. Participate in the rehabilitation of agricultural service roads;
9. Support local development initiatives;
10. Mobilize organizations working in the environmental field;
11. Participate in the fight against HIV/AIDS and STDs in the community;
12. Participate in socio-economic reintegration and support for income-generating activities for the disadvantaged through the ticket of a center for learning international languages and trades (**CALIM**)

## **Specific objectives**

FADPE asbl pursues a range of objectives:

1. Raise awareness about the vegan lifestyle
2. Get the community to switch to plant-based products
3. Participate in positive community change
4. Educate the community to become an animal rights defender
5. Make food and vegetable seeds accessible to the community
6. Contribute to the education of orphans and vulnerable children
7. Get students to feel optimistic
8. Contribute to the fight against climate change through reforestation
9. Advocate for the rescue of primates and other big signs
10. Sensitize the community on the urgency of the fight against waterborne diseases;
11. Contribute to the fight against malnutrition and support the oppressed;
12. Participate in making known and protecting natural biodiversity;
13. Participate in making water available to the most vulnerable

## **Areas of intervention**

1. Environment and natural resource management;
2. Food security;
3. Water, hygiene and sanitation;
4. Health and nutrition;
5. Development and social reintegration;
6. Education and human rights;
7. Training in languages and trades.

## **Range of action**

The radius of action of the Forum of Friends of Development and Environmental Protection FADPE asbl covers the entire eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo. This field of action can be extended as the association grows and according to the needs in relation to the means available.

However, it carries out its activities in the Province of North and South Kivu, with particular emphasis on the territories of Masisi, Nyiragongo, Rutshuru, Kalehe and in the city of Goma.



## **FINALISED project**

FADPE asbl has already carried out some projects and some of them are still being implemented, in particular:

1. Awareness project on environmental education and vegan lifestyle education
2. Awareness program on environmental education
3. Project to set up a nursery for community reforestation
4. Community dialogue with various authorities from different communities
5. Community support project through reforestation.
6. Nutritional, psychological and social support for orphans, widowed women and vulnerable children.
7. Raising awareness on the fight against the spread of the Corona Virus (Covid-19) pandemic and other tropical and waterborne diseases.

## **Future plans**

As part of the pursuit of its objectives, FADPE asbl intends to carry out certain projects, some of which:

1. Vegan Lifestyle Education Awareness Project;
2. Project to set up a restaurant and vegan food
3. Awareness project on environmental education
4. Project for the multiplication and dissemination of food and market gardening seeds
5. Community reforestation project
6. Support project for orphans, vulnerable children and widowed women
7. Dirty Hand Disease Control Awareness Project
8. Awareness project on hygiene, water and sanitation
9. Project to set up a training center in literacy, cutting and sewing, art and other trades;
10. Awareness project on the fight against gender-based violence and positive masculinity.

## Conclusion

Humanity as a whole is threatened at all levels but strongly at the level of the environment level at which human activities harm the environment as a whole the Forum of Friends of Development and Environmental Protection FADPE asbl aims to contribute to the protection of the environment by making the various actors who are involved in the devastating destruction of the environment aware of their actions and bringing them back to becoming defenders of the environment and of all animals in general. Global warming is a ticking time bomb that requires an urgent response.

Thus, FADPE involves reforestation in schools and villages while mobilizing school-age children considered as the future managers and decision-makers of all environmental problems in the future as well as teachers and local communities to take ownership of the cause. while reminding them to make brothers and acquaintances aware of the change in behavior and mentality. But also the local authorities are called upon to take this cause seriously and to convey the message of environmental protection.

Together we will manage to fight against the consequences of global warming through reforestation and discourage deforestation. The disappearance of the very last tree on earth, is equivalent to the disappearance of the very last human being on earth, it says that our life depends on the tree. All are called to act now. The humanitarian crisis is also a problem from which the whole planet suffers and the Democratic Republic of Congo is not spared, but the land conflicts, the ethnic conflicts, the lack of drinking water and various forms of violence against women require intervention.

Thus, the Forum of Friends of Development and Protection of the Environment FADPE in the pursuit of these objectives asks people of good will, organizations, collaborators and partners to help us technically and financially in order to achieve our objectives.

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