



# PIFEVA

Pilier aux Femmes Vulnérables Actives



# OUR LITTLE STORY

**PILIER AUX FEMMES VULNERABLES ACTIVES, PIFEVA**, is a Congolese women's NGO supporting indigenous women, vulnerable and marginalized women and local communities against poverty and injustice created on June 4, 2004 in Bukavu in a context characterized by repeated wars, widespread poverty, malnutrition and hunger, climate change, violence against women, discrimination against indigenous women and girls, the spread of HIV/AIDS, the exploitation and use of women and children in mining areas, armed forces and groups as well as massive population displacements following the multiple wars that have occurred in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Indeed, everything started from the most common example in Kivu: "a banana tree loaded with its production, its leaves but unfortunately threatened by enormous bad weather (strong wind, climate change, soil infertility, erosion, etc.)". In such circumstances, local and indigenous knowledge of Kivu advocates the use of a tree pillar to support the banana tree, protect it and prevent it from falling with all its production. Placing vulnerable and indigenous women, girls and children in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo in the face of violence, the negative impacts of climate change and the precariousness of livelihoods of which these categories of vulnerable people remain victims, PIFEVA will be created to play the role of a humanitarian and development PILLAR in favor of indigenous and vulnerable women, children and youth and local communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo. PIFEVA is currently operating in the provinces of South Kivu, North Kivu and Maniema.



# MISSION, VISION AND REACH OF ACTION OF PIFEVA



## OUR MISSION

support indigenous women, vulnerable and marginalized women, children, young people and local communities in the fight against poverty and injustice in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

## OUR VISION

See the indigenous woman, the vulnerable and marginalized woman, the child, the young girl as well as the local communities supported to become competitive and architects of their own social, economic, legal, cultural and political promotion in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

## OUR RADIUS OF ACTION

The Democratic Republic of Congo as a whole constitutes the operational scope of our organization. The eastern part of DR Congo constitutes PIFEVA's priority zone.





# OUR INTERVENTION PROGRAMS



**Protection and promotion of the rights of indigenous and marginalized women**



**Promotion of peace and fight against violence, discrimination and other abuses against women**



**Promotion of sexual and reproductive health and rights of vulnerable and marginalized women and girls**

# OUR INTERVENTION PROGRAMS



**Formal and non-formal education of indigenous, vulnerable and marginalized children, girls and women**



**Gender, Environment and Adaptation of indigenous women and local communities to climate change.**



**Food and economic security of indigenous women and vulnerable households**



# OUR INTERVENTION PROGRAMS



**Eau, Hygiène et assainissement (WASH) en faveur des femmes et ménages vulnérables**




**Assistance Humanitaire d'urgence en faveur des femmes et enfants déplacés, retournés et réfugiés**



**Plaidoyer pour les droits des femmes, la justice climatique et environnementale**

# OUR INTERVENTION STRATEGIES



Raising awareness and empowering women and target populations on the principle of self-care at the local level

**Skills development** (strengthening the capacities of women beneficiaries in PIFEVA's areas of intervention and sectors of innovation in favor of **women**)

The involvement and active participation of **women beneficiaries in advocacy actions on women's rights**, the promotion of peace and the fight against all forms of violence against women, girls and children.

▶ **Participatory Action Research (RAP)**

▶ The development of the **spirit of innovation** and of **female entrepreneurship**



# OUR VALUES

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| 1 | Legality       | 6  | Perseverance    |
| 2 | Solidarity     | 7  | The competence  |
| 3 | Accountability | 8  | Transparency    |
| 4 | Creativity     | 9  | Competitiveness |
| 5 | Credibility    | 10 | Networking      |





# OUR GOVERNANCE BODIES

The governance of PIFEVA is governed by four statutory bodies functionalities below:

## General Assembly

Supreme body composed of 470 members including 98% women members.

## Board of Directors

Executing body for the policy and decisions of the PIFEVA General Assembly. It is made up of 5 members including 4 women.

## Coordination

Executive body, design and implementation of projects and daily management of PIFEVA. It is led by a woman and is currently made up of 14 experienced agents, including 10 women.

## Control Commission

Made up of 3 members, 100% of whom are women.



## OUR PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

PIFEVA has around 20 years of experience in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of projects subsidized by international partners and donors in the areas of protection, formal and non-formal education, fight against sexual and gender-based violence, gender as well as in the areas of execution specific projects of mitigation and adaptation of indigenous women to climate change, restoration and rational management of biodiversity by women from a perspective of environmental protection, fight against poverty and injustice in South Kivu in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

In Mwenga territory, PIFEVA has carried out several projects over the last five years in favor of indigenous women and vulnerable and marginalized women of Mwenga, in this case:

## OUR PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

# 01



**With funding from the UNDP/Adaptation Fund Climate Innovation Accelerator (AFCIA) and AVINA FOUNDATION, PIFEVA**

implements the project titled: Strengthening Resilience young people and indigenous women by restoring the biodiversity of community forests in context climate change in the territory of Mwenga in the Democratic Republic of Congo;



# 02

## With funding from UN WOMEN

PIFEVA successfully completed the project entitled: Promotion and protection of women's rights and support for its recovery socioeconomic in Mwenga territory in South Kivu in the East of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.





## Knowledge, Rights, and Leadership: Actions by and for Women to Adapt to Climate Change in North and South Kivu (Women in Action Project)

This project is being implemented by PIFEVA with technical and financial support from **Global Affairs Canada (GAC)** and the **Paul Gérin La joie Foundation**. The activities of this project contribute in particular to the protection and conservation of biodiversity through the restoration of community forests, to the improvement of women's incomes by strengthening the capacities of Village Savings and Loan Associations (AVEC), Mutual Solidarity Associations (MUSO) and Income Generating Activities (AGR), to the literacy of these women, to the promotion of innovative and inclusive approaches against Gender-Based Violence, as well as to the food security of these women and their dependents through support in training, inputs and agricultural practices resilient to climate change in North and South Kivu.



**Support in food assistance, water, hygiene and sanitation, and community protection for internally displaced women and children affected by conflicts in North Kivu**

This project contributed to improving the living conditions of internally displaced people through food assistance, washing, community and child protection as well as maternal and child health in the province of North Kivu in the east of the DRC.





**Community mobilization project for the promotion of women's rights and the fight against gender-based violence in the province of Maniema**



This project was carried out by PIFEVA in partnership with the DLDH and contributed to the mobilization of community members including traditional leaders and political-administrative authorities as well as vulnerable and marginalized women through 43 Local Centers for the Fight against Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (NLC/SGBV) set up in 43 targeted villages in the territories of Kailo, Kabambare, Kasongo, Pangi and Kibombo to improve the promotion and protection of women's rights through local awareness-raising sessions, radio broadcasts, advocacy actions and protest marches against SGBV in Maniema province.



# 06

With funding from IFAD (International Fund for Agricultural Development/Indigenous Peoples Assistance Mechanism),



With funding from IFAD (International Fund for Agricultural Development/Indigenous Peoples Assistance Mechanism), PIFEVA successfully carried out the project entitled: Support for indigenous young people and women in the restoration of biodiversity through the planting of trees. edible caterpillars in the Democratic Republic of Congo.



## OUR PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

# 07

**With funding from PAWANKA FUND**, PIFEVA successfully carried out the project entitled: Documentation and promotion of indigenous knowledge on the management of forest biodiversity and strengthening the resilience of women and young small indigenous agricultural producers to climate change in the Mwenga territory in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo

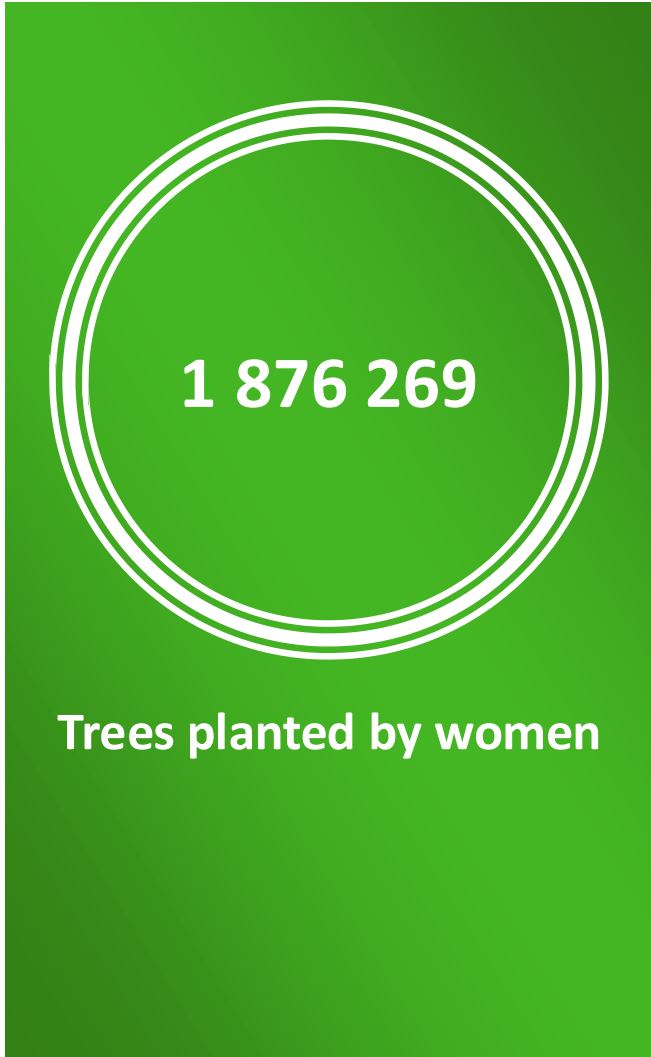
# 08

**With funding from WEDO (Women's Environment and Development Organization):** Production and popularization of a reference document entitled: "Knowledge and practices of indigenous women in resilience to climate change in the Democratic Republic of Congo

# 09

**With funding from the International Indigenous Women's Forum - Indigenous Women's Fund, FIMI – AYNI**, PIFEVA successfully carried out the project entitled: Amplifying the voice of indigenous women against discrimination and dispossession of their traditional lands for the benefit of mining activities in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

# OUR ACHIEVEMENTS IN FIGURES



**Indigenous women supported**



**Survivors of SGBV supported**



**Literate women and girls**



**Displaced/returned women assisted**



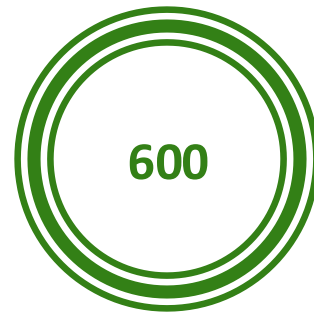
**Assisted refugee women**



**Vulnerable orphaned children supported**



**MUSO accompanied**



**WITH accompanied**



**Women's AGR supported**



# OUR PARTNERS



L'éducation de qualité pour tous



En partenariat avec  
**Canada**



Women's Environment & Development Organization



Pawanka Fund



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