



PIFEVA

Pilier aux Femmes Vulnérables Actives

OUR LITTLE STORY

The organization named « **PILIER AUX FEMMES VULNERABLES ACTIVES, PIFEVA**” for short is a Congolese women's NGO specialized in supporting indigenous women, victims of violence, children and youth in vulnerable situations, and local communities against poverty and injustice. It was established by and for women on June 4, 2004, in Bukavu, against a backdrop characterized by repeated wars, widespread poverty, hunger and malnutrition, climate change, violence against women, discrimination against indigenous women and girls, and the exploitation and use of women and children in mining areas, armed forces, and groups. This was exacerbated by massive displacements of populations due to multiple wars in the East of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Indeed, everything started from the most common example in Kivu: "a banana tree laden with its production, its leaves, but unfortunately threatened by enormous weather events (violent winds, climate change, soil infertility, erosion...)."

In such circumstances, the local and indigenous knowledge of Kivu advocates for the use of a tree trunk as a pillar to support the banana tree, protect it, and prevent it from falling along with its entire production. Placing vulnerable and indigenous women, young girls, and children from the East of the Democratic Republic of Congo in the face of violence, the negative impacts of climate change, and the precariousness of livelihoods to which these vulnerable groups remain subjected, PIFEVA will come into existence to fulfill the role of a humanitarian and developmental pillar in favor of indigenous and vulnerable women, children, youth, and local communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo.



MISSION, VISION AND REACH OF ACTION OF PIFEVA



OUR MISSION

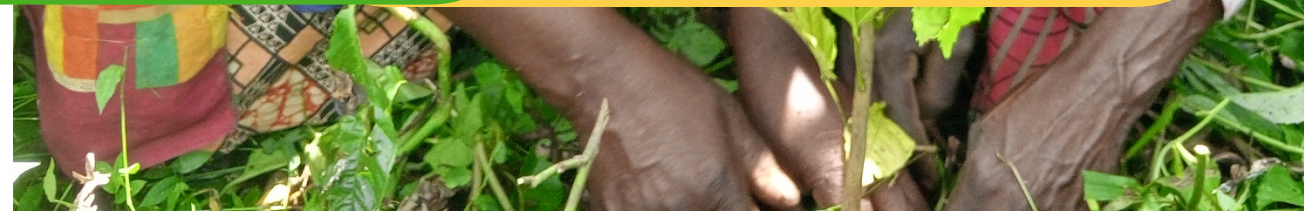
support indigenous women, vulnerable and marginalized women, children, young people and local communities in the fight against poverty and injustice in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

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 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

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



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.



03

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

04

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

05

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

06

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

350.000

Trees planted by women

5254

Indigenous women supported

5897

Survivors of SGBV supported

5725

Literate women and girls

300

MUSO accompanied

310

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2317

Women's AGR supported

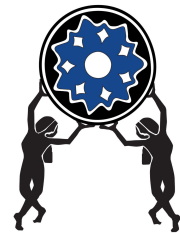
OUR PARTNERS



Fonds international de développement agricole



Pawanka Fund



L'éducation de qualité pour tous



En partenariat avec
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