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New Project in the Democratic Republic of the Congo: preliminary phase begins

Under the supervision of Professor Marie Hatem of the University of Montreal, the preliminary phase of the new health project in the DRC got underway in February. This phase will update candidates enrolled in the Master's degree program in health care administration. Sixty candidates have enrolled in this preparatory phase.



The first cohort of participants in the Master's degree program.

To ensure the quality of teaching for which the institute of higher education in nursing science is renowned the group was divided into two cohorts of 30 participants each. The first cohort will begin the Master's degree program in September 2012 while the second cohort will begin in September 2013.

Inés Dossa, a doctoral candidate in public health at the University of Montreal, who is originally from Benin, is in Kinshasa for the last two weeks of June to give a course in epidemiology as part of the preparatory phase. "In Africa, training is an important factor in making things move forward.", she said.

LINCCO is launching its major fundraising campaign for the project in the DRC this summer. Our goal is for 60 nurses and midwives to take the new Master's degree program and for 160 practicing physicians and health practitioners to receive specialized training in obstetrics, neonatology and pediatrics. Please consider making a donation and telling other people about our campaign.

Ivory Coast Project a Success

The project in Abidjan, "*Help Women Displaced by the Civil War*", is drawing to a close. Most of the 111 students who attended the job search and introductory office administration workshops have secured internships or temporary jobs. Another 50 students are currently attending sessions on democracy and human rights which aim at fostering leadership and entrepreneurial skills.

Since January of this year, 280 women and their children were medically examined by four local doctors and two medical assistants.



A doctor writing the medical diagnosis of a woman displaced by war.

Kenya Project has Positive Results

Aware of the positive impact school can have on the lives of young students, 30 teachers and principals from around Nairobi participated in the Teacher Enhancement program at Strathmore University, during which they developed and implemented several school improvement programs.

Following a 3-step process, the participants carried out projects that resulted in improvements in teaching methods and managerial technique and which also remedied specific problems such as absenteeism among girls due to the poor sanitary conditions in their schools.



A principal and students plant flowers in the school's garden.

Youth Support LINCCO

Two students at College Regina Assumpta in Montreal, Li Yu Li and Wendy Wang, organized a benefit supper-show in May in aid of LINCCO's project in Ivory Coast. They raised \$2,400! As part of a leadership program for young women called "Your Future in Hand", the two students chose to help LINCCO because they believe that, by providing professional training, LINCCO is improving the lives of many young people. They said they were very touched by the participation of over 150 youths. "This experience inspires us to go on to further involvement in the field of international development.", they said.



Wendy Wang and Li Yu Li, organizers of the benefit supper-show for LINCCO's project in Ivory Coast.

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