

# EIRENE SUISSE

## PROJECT :

### **EDUCATION CITOYENNE EN FAVEUR DE LA PAIX EN REPUBLIQUE DEMOCRATIQUE DU CONGO (RDC)**

Smartpeace is supporting the project « Education citoyenne en faveur de la paix en République Démocratique du Congo (RDC) ». This project aims at supporting Pole Institute in Goma (intercultural institute promoting peace in Great Lakes Region), by providing them with two highly professional persons within the gender program and the documentation centre.

In 2016 the gender program implemented the activities below :

- Support of 115 female entrepreneurs : Trainings in entrepreneurship, savings management, business management and support to set up Income generating activities. This has led them to gain self-confidence, and work together, overcoming divisions and therefore contributing to peaceful cohabitation.
- A workshop was organized with their husbands in order to exchange about peaceful living within their households. Topics such as allocation of chores, domestic violence, sexuality and education of children were discussed.
- Another project set up by the gender department of Pole aims at supporting women leaders (politicians, members of civil society organizations...). A workshop was organized. The topic was « Redynamize female leadership in DRC ».

The documentation centre of Pole institute, « Utamaduni center » (swahili word for « cultural centre) also supported by Smartpeace within the same project, welcomes all members of the society. The aim is to earn knowledge and develop their critical thinking which enables them advocate for their rights and promote peace. Between January and May 2016, the centre had welcomed 1'450 readers.

We thank Smartpeace for supporting this project that we believe is relevant in promoting peace by addressing the grass root issues that tend to create conflicts within the congolese society. We remain at your disposal for any inquiry.

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