

COOPI IN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO



COOPI PRESENCE IN THE COUNTRY

The Democratic Republic of the Congo is one of the largest, most populous, and most naturally resource-rich states on the African continent, but it is also characterized by internal conflict, severe political instability, and severely deficient basic services. Food insecurity and malnutrition, poverty and violence generate millions of refugees and displaced people each year.

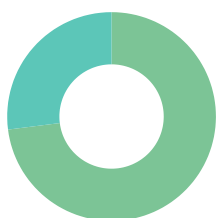
Present in the field since 1977, COOPI has a deep knowledge of the country where it has long carried out activities to protect, prevent and combat malnutrition, and promote food security.

In DRC COOPI has always paid special attention to women and children survivors of gender-based violence, forced recruitment, and other human rights violations, offering psycho-social support services and free health care, promoting prevention and protection projects, and encouraging educational and professional reintegration.

FROM 1977 TO 2024:

370
PROJECTS

27%
DEVELOPMENT



73%
EMERGENCY

15,806,393
DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

SECTORS IN WHICH COOPI HAS WORKED IN THE COUNTRY



FOOD
SECURITY AND
LIVELIHOODS



PROTECTION



WASH



NUTRITIONAL
SECURITY



HEALTH



EDUCATION IN
EMERGENCY



ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT



GOVERNANCE/
CIVIL SOCIETY/
HUMAN RIGHTS



TRAINING



MIGRATION

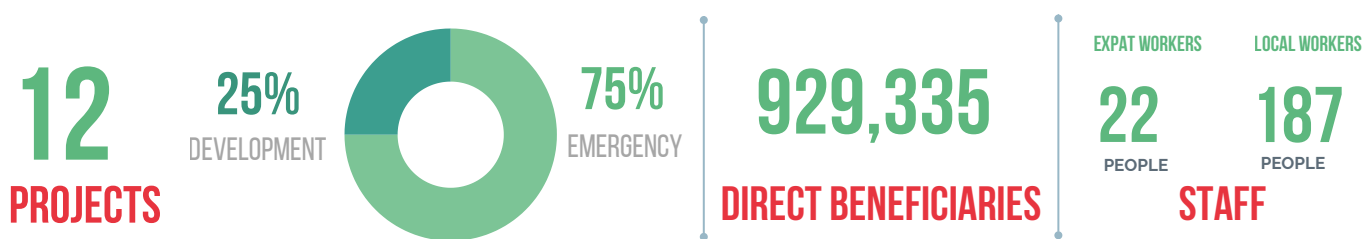
COOPI IN DRC TODAY

In the DRC, COOPI primarily conducts activities to **combat malnutrition** by carrying out prevention, treatment and nutritional support for thousands of malnourished children and mothers.

Another relevant area of activity is the **protection of children**, often unaccompanied minors formerly associated with armed groups, and women survivors of gender-based violence. In this area, COOPI provides thousands of children and women each year with **cross-cutting assistance** aimed at overcoming severe trauma and improving the quality of life of the victims through **psycho-physical care**, **socio-economic reintegration**, and **educational reintegration**.

Another relevant activity carried out in the country concerns the promotion of **food security** with the provision of food and seeds, training of farmers, and, more recently, the simultaneous promotion of environmental protection with sustainable natural resource management interventions in large protected areas.

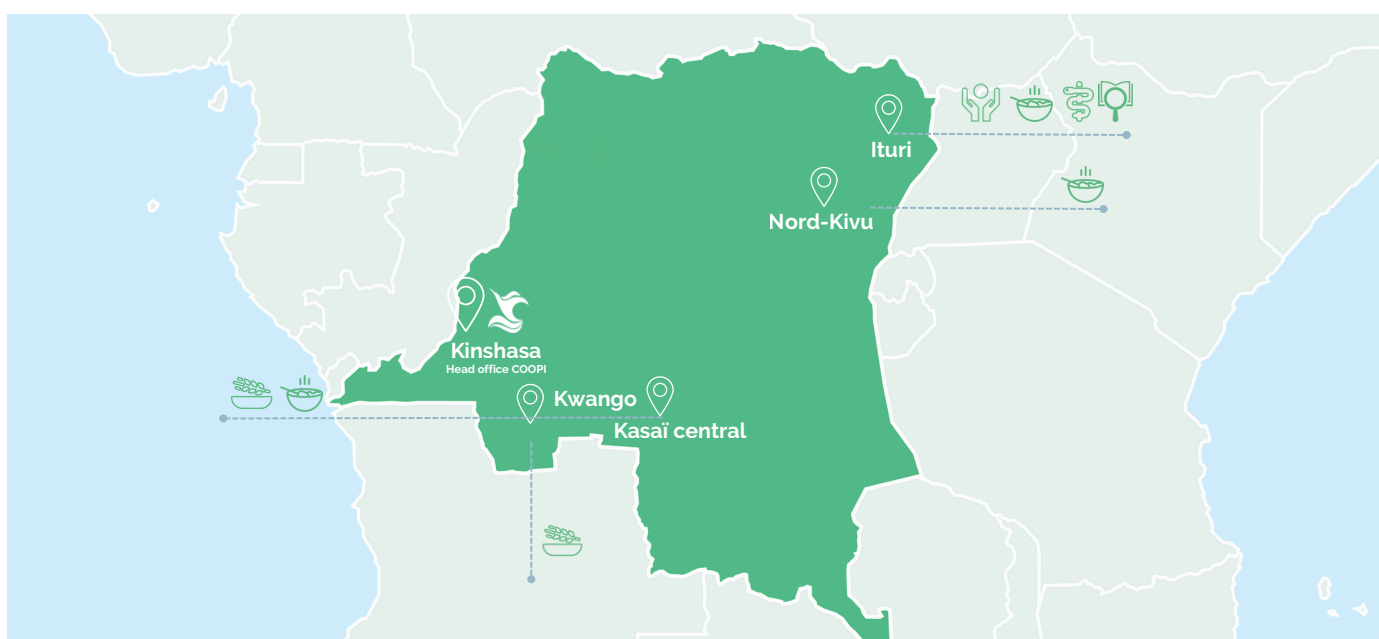
For some years now, COOPI has been implementing the first reparation project in the DRC, in the province of Ituri, which provides reparation services and other forms of assistance to former child soldiers.



SECTORS IN WHICH COOPI OPERATES IN THE COUNTRY



COOPI is currently present in the DRC in the provinces of Nord-Kivu, Central Kasai, Ituri, and Kwango. COOPI's DRC coordination office is located in Kinshasa.



MAIN AREAS OF INTERVENTION



NUTRITIONAL SECURITY

In response to the severe malnutrition affecting the country and the urgent needs of vulnerable children and mothers, COOPI promotes nutritional security in DRC by intervening on multiple fronts:

- TAKING CARE OF CHILDREN WITH SEVERE AND MODERATE MALNUTRITION WITHIN OUTPATIENT NUTRITIONAL THERAPEUTIC UNITS;
- AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS ON GOOD PRACTICES IN BREASTFEEDING, INFANT AND YOUNG CHILD FEEDING AND FOOD DIVERSIFICATION TECHNIQUES;
- NEWBORN SCREENING FOR MALNUTRITION AND TRAINING ON BRACHIAL PERIMETER MEASUREMENT;
- ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOL CANTEENS AND NUTRITIONAL ASSISTANCE TO BOYS AND GIRLS REINTEGRATED INTO THE SCHOOL SYSTEM;
- COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS, COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS, AND INVOLVEMENT OF NUMEROUS LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING HEALTH DISTRICTS IN THE INTERVENTION AREAS AND INFANT AND YOUNG CHILD FEEDING SUPPORT GROUPS.

2025:
6
PROJECTS
248,783
BENEFICIARIES



LEARN MORE ABOUT: **NUTRITION POLICY**

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FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

COOPI has been promoting Food Security in DRC since it began operations in the country in 1977. Within this framework, COOPI continuously implements integrated development programs that mainly include:

- FOOD DISTRIBUTION;
- INITIATION AND REVITALIZATION OF AGROPASTORAL ACTIVITIES;
- IMPROVEMENT OF STORAGE CAPACITIES FOR AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS;
- SUPPORT FOR SMALL AGRICULTURAL ENTREPRENEURS.

2
PROJECTS
10,475
BENEFICIARIES



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MAIN AREAS OF INTERVENTION



PROTECTION

Protection activities are a constant in the programs carried out by COOPI in DRC and are present across the board in most of the interventions in the field, with a particular focus on children and women.

COOPI promotes psycho-social support interventions and free health care in the country, managing prevention and protection projects against forced recruitment of children in conflict contexts, promoting educational and professional reintegration activities, through a participatory approach and from a gender perspective.

COOPI promotes Protection activities in DRC on multiple levels:

- PROTECTION MECHANISMS FOR UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN, CHILDREN FORMERLY ASSOCIATED WITH ARMED GROUPS, VICTIMS OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE;
- MECHANISMS FOR IDENTIFYING, MONITORING AND REPORTING SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF CHILDREN'S RIGHTS;
- LISTENING CENTERS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE TO CHILDREN TO ACCOMPANY THEIR DEVELOPMENT AND RESTORE THEIR SELF-ESTEEM AFTER TRAUMA;
- CREATION OF PROTECTED SPACES AND CHILD-FRIENDLY RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES;
- SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL AND ECONOMIC REINTEGRATION ACTIVITIES FOR VICTIMS OF WAR CRIMES AND CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY;
- AWARENESS SESSIONS ON PEACE EDUCATION, GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND MENTAL HEALTH;
- PROMOTION OF INCOME-GENERATING ACTIVITIES AIMED AT ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND EMANCIPATION OF WOMEN BENEFICIARIES.

2025:
4
PROJECTS
577,047
BENEFICIARIES

LEARN MORE ABOUT: **PROTECTION POLICY**

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NETWORK IN DRC

CLUSTER IN WHICH COOPI PARTICIPATES

Nutrition - Protection - Food Security

INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH COOPI COOPERATES

National Nutrition Program (PRONANUT) • Ministry of Health • Health Centers • Ministry of Gender, Family and Children • Ministry of Social Affairs

NATIONAL AND LOCAL COOPI PARTNERS

Social Développment Center (SDC) • Sofepadi • Heal Africa • PADI • Justice - Plus • Expertise Humanitaire et Sociale

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Démocratique du Congo

unicef 
for every child

COOPI DEVELOPMENT LINES IN DRC

COOPI's priority areas of intervention in the near future in the DRC will remain:

- **Protection:** we aim to strengthen holistic assistance, which includes health services, psychosocial support and economic reintegration programmes for survivors of gender-based violence, unaccompanied minors and victims of armed conflict. The goal is to reinforce technical assistance, offer targeted training and improve monitoring of local dynamics and community needs, adopting a sustainability approach that guarantees long-term continuity and accountability.
- **Nutrition:** we intend to strengthen malnutrition prevention and management activities by experimenting with innovative community practices that directly involve families and local communities, ensuring continuous monitoring of the effectiveness of interventions;
- **Food security:** we work to support community resilience by strengthening local agri-food supply chains, offering technical assistance to small producer groups (training, access to resources and support for sustainable practices) and improving market access for agricultural products.



READ MORE ABOUT COOPI PROJECTS IN DRC

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