

Strengthening girls through agriculture and agro-ecological entrepreneurship in Kivu



Eastern Congo has been in the midst of armed conflict for decades, with different military groups fighting each other. There is also a high level of unemployment among the youth, making them vulnerable to recruitment by armed groups, exploitation, drug use and crime. However, Congolese youth are bursting with talent and have the potential to actively contribute to the human, economic and social development of their country, if only they are given the necessary opportunities to do so.

Loyi Safi, 20 years old
Uvira - KIYO partner ADED

"Having access to part of my father's land makes me feel like I'm part of the family again. It shows a positive change in our society. In the past, girls were often neglected and discriminated against. They could not access their parents' inheritance, under the pretext that we belong to other families after we get married. Thank you to ADED for defending the cause of children and especially the valorisation of girls."

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KIYO and ADED have been partners since 2017. KIYO and ADED learn from each other's work with youth, as well as from the other KIYO partners through the global KIYO programme. In the DGD 2022-2026 programme, KIYO and ADED will focus together on:



- Making agriculture attractive again as a decent and sustainable source of income for youth, especially for girls. ADED trains youth on agro-ecological farming techniques and facilitates their access to employment and entrepreneurship in the agricultural sector through the creation of savings with loan groups and agricultural cooperatives.
- Convincing policy makers to recognise women's access to land as a fundamental right since girls cannot inherit agricultural land according to local traditions.
- Making youth aware of their rights and further develop their life skills such as critical thinking, self-esteem, team work, conflict resolution, ... which will support them to turn into active global citizens.