

**COMMUNITY  
SUPPORT CENTER**



**2022**

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**Presented to Our stakeholders**

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# Introduction by the Founder and Executive Director



Dear Colleagues, Partners and Stakeholders!

The year 2022 is coming to an end. I am delighted to have you by my side; what we have achieved together during this year is proof of renewed commitment and efforts to help Community Support Center / CSC-Asbl to continue its mission.

I would like to sincerely thank all my colleagues, members of our team and of our organization with whom we have wholeheartedly sought to bring joy and hope to the children and women survivors and victims of the conflicts in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.

My gratitude goes out to our partners and donors who have supported us financially, materially or technically; your contributions allow our organization to evolve and grow.

I am proud to have such a passionate and flexible team, one that brings smiles to the faces of the disadvantaged. This team is currently engaged in the restructuring process defined in our 2023-2027 strategic plan to optimize support to all the beneficiaries and the community that needs our help.

I call on all those who want to bring joy and hope to children, abused women and survivors of war, ethnic conflict and violence in the DRC; join and support our actions within the Community Support Center and together we will be stronger.

May peace guide us

**BYOLENGANYA OLO Bernoulli; CEO**



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## I. INTRODUCTION

***“Joy gives hope and hope springs eternal whatever your history”  
Byolenganya Olo Bernoulli CEO and Founder of Community Support Center / CSC-Asbl.***

Olo had a difficult childhood. For nine years he had no friends at school except his own family members. He was discriminated against by the whole community and rejected because of a health condition. For more information take a look [here](#). As a result of this discrimination, Olo thought about how he could make a difference to the lives of children, girls, women and all those discriminated against, in order to give them joy and hope by empowering them so that with their resilience they could become productive members of society.

[Community Support Center / Csc-Asbl](#) focuses on improving the living conditions of children, girls and women survivors and victims of conflicts in Eastern DRC. The situation in the middle and high plateaus of Itombwe and in all the mountains of Eastern South Kivu in the East of the DRC increases the vulnerability of children, girls and women. This situation has persisted from 1996 to the present day; women and children continue to suffer according to the UNICEF report of January 26, 2018 which underlines that more than 1.3 million of the population of South Kivu are victims of the conflicts of the East of the DRC among which are 800,000 children of whom 3,000 have been recruited by militias and armed groups, many of them joining voluntarily. Read more [here](#)

Despite the efforts of the government and non-profit organizations in the region, the situation is still critical for children, girls and women.

Community Support Center continues to work to improve the lives of those most affected by the conflict.



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## II. About Community Support Center



Our Vision is to promote fellowship, empowerment and the rights of children and girl survivors of conflicts, in order to give them joy and hope for a better future.



Our Mission is to provide psychosocial support and other forms of assistance to children, girls and women victims and survivors of conflicts, and to the most vulnerable groups in society.



Our main objective is to improve the living conditions of children and girls affected by conflicts as well as those living in precarious living conditions in the eastern part of the DRC .



Our approach: Community Support Center / CSC-Asbl, uses sport and other means to bring joy and hope by promoting peace, well-being, conflict resolution and pragmatic empowerment of children, girls and women survivors and victims of wars, ethnic conflicts and violence. We build trust with survivors and victims (through the sharing of traumatic experiences) and with all our stakeholders.

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## III. ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT

### 1. Assistance to families displaced by war

On February 7, 2022, Community Support Center provided food aid and basic necessities to children displaced by war in the highlands of Uvira and Itombwe. 45 children from 20 families received material and psychological assistance from CSC-Asbl.

### 2. Distribution of contraceptives

Girls and women who are survivors and victims of war and ethnic conflict are the most affected by sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS and gonorrhea. According to a December 1, 2021 report by Radio Okapi, South Kivu has more than 20,000 people living with HIV/AIDS. The most affected are the victims of conflicts in the East.



Our work in the field of sexual and reproductive health aims to promote the social well-being of girls and women victims of discrimination in South Kivu. We organize group and individual exchanges to share experiences and find ways to bring joy and hope to the most vulnerable.

This year we distributed hygienic products and contraceptives to 25 women to fight against sexually transmitted diseases and unwanted pregnancies. The need remains enormous but our means are inadequate to help the situation.

### 3. Educational support

CSC-Asbl has provided school materials for 30 child victims and survivors of conflict. The children we support are those who have lost one or both parents due to conflicts and are the most vulnerable, our members helped us to give joy to these children. Without your support we would not be able to accomplish this, CSC is proud of you and your involvement in this work.



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## 4. Play4Peace and Mental Health support (P4PM)

P4PM is a new approach set up by Community Support Center / CSC-Asbl; with the aim of giving joy and hope to the most vulnerable with the intention that after having regained joy they will become productive members of society. P4PM helps to empower the most vulnerable and build bridges between those most discriminated against and those living a normal life. CSC-Asbl plans to create P4PM clubs wherever it operates in order to facilitate meeting up with survivors and victims. A P4PM club welcomes all children and girls without distinction of sexual orientation, origin or ethnicity, to play different games such as: Football, Yoga, Skipping rope, zango, word games, basketball, volleyball and many others.

### Why are we playing?

The purpose of our activities is to give joy and hope for a better future to survivors and victims, this joy and hope is aimed at helping make them productive members of society.

We also play for:

- Peacebuilding,
- Trauma healing
- Social reintegration
- Social cohesion and inclusion
- Rights of the child
- Conflict resolution and well-being





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P4PM uses sport as a tool for peacebuilding, promoting children's rights and improving the mental health of child survivors and victims of war, ethnic conflict and violence in the eastern DRC. Thanks to a donation from a European lady, we have launched two P4PM clubs, one in Uvira and the other in the Itombwe plateau (in Mikenge where several armed rebel groups are active).

The children learn to build trusting relationships, to develop a culture of peace and non-violence, P4PM Club is one of the safe spaces where children can feel comfortable to share their experiences without prejudice or judgement of any kind. We constantly assess the risks our work poses to children and establish mitigating measures so that children remain safe and free to express themselves, participate and be heard.

We would like to sincerely thank everyone who supports P4PM and our organization which helps the disadvantaged smile. Together we will contribute to improving the living conditions of children, girls and women who are victims of conflict.

It should be noted that Community Support Center / CSC-Asbl is a small organization without the financial means to assist a large number of vulnerable people, yet new cases of survivors and victims are recorded every minute in the Eastern DRC. We are appealing to anyone who would like to help us write to us at [csc.asbl@gmail.com](mailto:csc.asbl@gmail.com) and tell us how you can help.





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## 5. Visiting child survivors and victims in rural areas

Our team visited child victims in villages in South Kivu province to exchange experiences about their trauma, including Mikenge, Kipupu, Bijombo and Magunda. The children lead a miserable life and are far from finding joy and hope due to their difficult living conditions. The goal of our actions in the field is to allow the children to review their experiences in order to give them hope and joy for a better future.

***Our founder always speaks about it: "Joy brings hope, and hope gives the desire to live whatever the story" Byolenganya Olo Bernoulli.***

We believe in this and we recognize that if we were all able to make a disadvantaged person smile, we would live in a better world.





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## 6. P4PM end of the year activity with the children,

Thanks to a donation from a Quaker Friends Group, Community Support Center organized a soccer match with children from one of its clubs to play for peace and mental health improvement. The other object of the event was to receive feedback from the children on the impact of the project during the year and according to the result 63/68 or 92% of children appreciated the activities organized by CSC-Asbl.

The search for peace, social integration and conflict resolution remains at the heart of what we do. We believe that there is no development without peace, without improved mental health and that the presence of peace amplifies joy and hope which in turn helps create productive members of society.





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## 7. OTHER ACTIVITIES

### • Visit to war-displaced children in Goma

CSC-Asbl plans to carry out its actions in the whole of Eastern DRC and wherever the rate of child survivors and victims is higher than the national average. In this context, the Executive Director made a tour in the province of North Kivu, precisely in Goma, the city of the province, and visited a camp for displaced people in Kanyaruchinya and other orphanages in Goma.

The journey from Uvira to Goma is about 325Km and the trip lasts about 24 hours passing through Lake Kivu, a long journey but the concern to give joy and hope is a wake-up call to the founder and the whole team of Community Support Center / CSC-Asbl.

According to witnesses on the spot, they affirm that: "Thousands of children who fled the M23 war with their parents remain unschooled and uncared for in various refugee areas." This observation was made on Monday, December 12, in Kanyaruchinya by the promoter of the school complex "A New Day," a private school in Goma, during the CEO's visit.

Children's lives are critical and we call on benefactors, sponsors and non-profit organizations to come to the aid of vulnerable children in Eastern DR Congo.



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## • New partnership



Community Support Center / CSC-Asbl has joined a network of organizations that advocate for women's empowerment in the Great Lake Countries. The network called Simama Mama Afrika has chosen CSC-Asbl as the organization from this area in charge of communication with Simama Mama Afrika.

## • Participation in the “Festivale Fier des ODD”

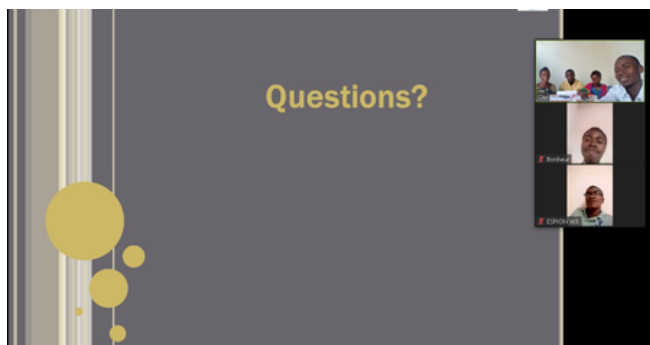
From 23 to 25 September we participated in the festival of the Global Week of Action for Sustainable Development Goals, it was a good moment for us and all organizations that are campaigning for a better world.



## 8. Year-end Strategy Meeting



A meeting for the preparation of the strategic vision from 2023 to 2027 was organized, the aim of our workshop was to revitalize the working conditions and share ideas on the future activities of Community Support Center / CSC-Asbl. On this occasion CSC-Asbl has put in place personnel that are united to work together for the benefit of child survivors and victims of conflicts in Eastern DR Congo.



We have the great honor to have a Webmaster and a Trustee who telework from Europe. Let us point out that CSC-Asbl remains open to volunteers (regardless of their origin, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity or social status) expressing interest in working for the welfare of the most vulnerable children.

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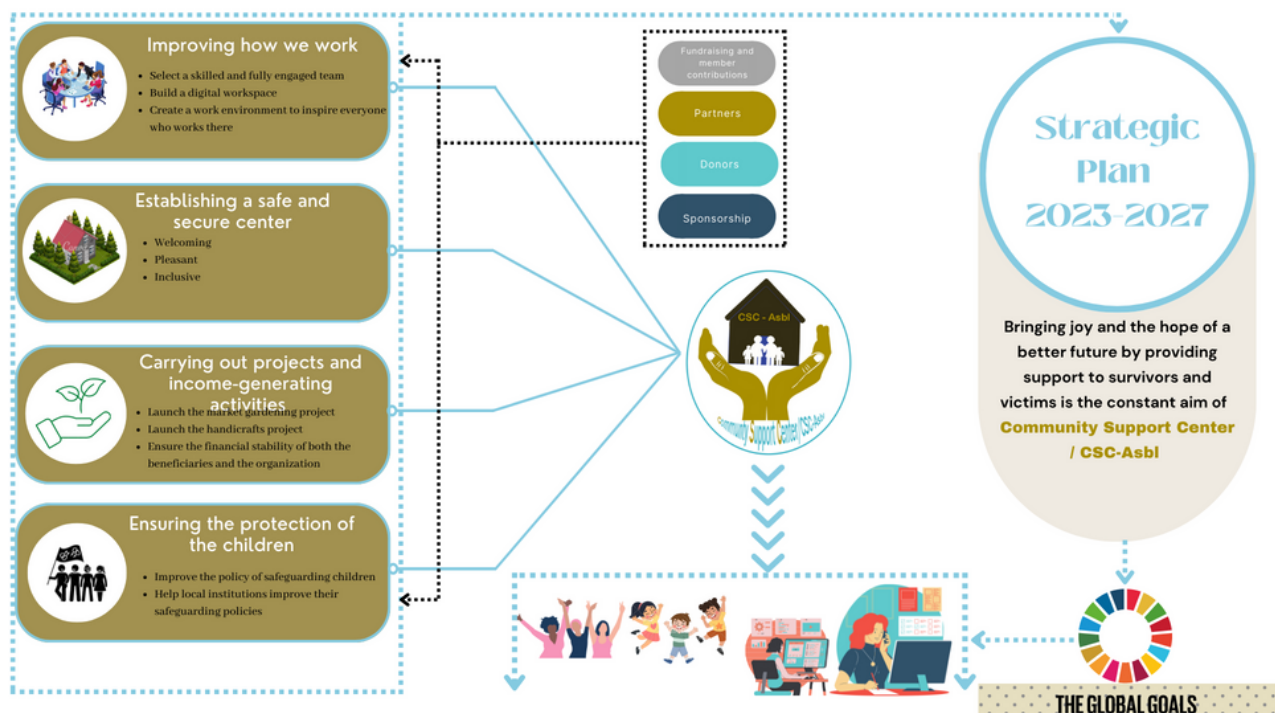


## 9. Future perspectives

Community Support Center has a strategic plan (2023-2027) which is based on 4 main objectives:

- Improving our work
- Establishing a safe and secure centre
- Carrying out income generating projects and activities
- Ensuring the protection of children

CSC-Asbl advocates for the improvement of the living conditions of children, girls and women most affected by armed and ethnic conflicts and violence. Based on objective 3 of our 2023-2027 plan, market gardening is one of our main projects to promote women's empowerment and contribute to the fight against climate change.





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## 10. CSC-Asbl Financial Issues

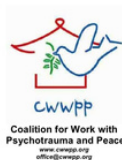
We are facing the big problem of lack of funding, we try what we can through membership contributions and donations. Thus, we are launching a call to all people of goodwill to help us support the most discriminated children, girls and women in Eastern DRC and all over the world. It can be financial, moral or material help that would give joy and hope to these unfortunates. We will be happy to read your message of support on [csc.asbl@gmail.com](mailto:csc.asbl@gmail.com)

## 11. Impact of our work this year

Community Support Center estimates that we have supported 85 child survivors and victims of war this year, 45% of whom are girls and 55% boys.

Since its inception in 2016 to date the approximate number of people assisted by CSC-Asbl is about 1585. Among them: 65% children, 25% girls and 10% women.

## 12. Our Partners



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## 13. Rapport financier

Law n°004/2001 of 20 July 2001 laying down general provisions applicable to non-profit associations and public utility establishments. It is on the basis of this law that we, as accountants of CSC-Asbl, are delighted to present to you the financial report for the year 2022, for the accounting year from January 1 to December 31, 2022. Our report detailed financial statement contains the balance sheet, the income statement and some CSC-Asbl appended notes for the year 2022.

Our association presents a positive result of 105 US Dollars as of December 31, 2022, corresponding to the difference between our income and our expenses from which the latter will appear in the annual accounts below which are presented in the standards of the OHADA accounting system respecting the conventions and postulates of the said system.

Financial management is sometimes thankless but is nonetheless a necessary step for the proper functioning of any human enterprise, and our association is one of them. We believe that the financial activity of our association is sound. However, in order not to let the contributions fall behind our expenses, the contributions are given from 01 to 10 of each month in order to allow us to finance our activities. For 2022 the resources of our organization are listed below:

• Membership fees:	5765 \$
• Donations:	744 \$
• Third Party Grants:	300 \$
• Our services sold	1375 \$

<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>8184 \$</b>
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We would not be able to carry out this work without the dedication and good hearts of our donors and members of our organization. We are aware that in order to carry out our work, the help of partners, volunteers, our members and all supporters allow us to contribute to the life changes of the most vulnerable.

Note: CSC-Asbl is a small non-profit organization that currently works with contributions from its members, volunteers and donations. Anyone who would like to support us can contact us to find out how they can support us.

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## 14. Notre équipe

Our accomplishments in 2022 are the result of the combined efforts of each person in our organization. We are a group of people providing joy and hope to the most vulnerable children, girls and women.

Our team is working in the context of conflicts and so far from a secure situation in the region and this proves their commitment to this noble cause (giving joy and hope) in the community.

**"I am happy to have you by my side, making the disadvantaged smile will help build a better world for all" Byolenganya Olo Bernoulli CEO CSC-Asbl**

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## Conclusion

These accomplishments demonstrate your involvement in enabling CSC-Asbl to pursue its vision and mission, we could not do it all alone.

The year 2022 was a challenging one for us, where the only way to finance our activities was through contributions from our members and donations; we did not receive any grants but we would like to thank the whole team who sacrificed for the good of the cause (brotherhood, joy, hope and empowerment of the disadvantaged).

We extend our gratitude to all our stakeholders and look forward to climbing the ladder together next year as we implement our 2023 to 2027 strategy plan, we aspire to improve the lives of children, girls and women survivors and victims of conflict.