



## **TUUNGANE PROJECT : MISSION, VISION, VALUES, INITIATIVES**

### **MISSION :**

EFM-Congo, Tuungane Project exists to promote peace between God and humanity, peaceful cohabitation among people, and restoration, healing, and development for broken communities.

### **VISION:**

EFM-Congo, Tuungane Project envisions the Congolese community and neighboring communities transformed spiritually, socially, and economically, through personal and communal restoration.

EFM-Congo is a Christian organization partnering with local and international churches, non-governmental organizations, and community leaders. EFM-Congo is dedicated to working with families, communities, and faith leaders to overcome spiritual devastation, ethnic conflicts and divisions, injustice and poverty. We work with these partners to promote trauma healing and the restoration of broken relationships. We are committed to serve all people regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or gender.

### **VALUES:**

- 1.** We are a Christian organization and committed to serving those suffering most from violence and war. We attend to the relational divisions and personal trauma caused by decades of conflict. We are committed to serving those suffering most from the pressures of poverty and injustice.
- 2.** We prioritize mobilization of local churches and local community leaders. These leaders and their networks are the agents of change who will remain a part of their communities. The structures they promote – marked by peace, justice, love and reconciliation – will grow a culture of peace in their communities.
- 3.** We value people. Staff members, volunteers, clients, beneficiaries, donors, and partners are key in bringing holistic peace, justice, love, reconciliation and healing. We respect the poor and suffering people and view them as active participants, not passive recipients, in the partnerships we form with them. They are the people from whom others may learn and receive, as well give. The need for transformation is common to all. Therefore, we make sure we are also impacted and transformed by those we are called to serve and those with whom we are serving together in the community. Also,



we regard all people as created and loved by God. We give priority to people before money, structures, systems, and other institutions.

4. We pursue excellence in all our initiatives following best practices and standards in a sustainable way. Such excellence is geared toward holistic wellbeing, thus we pursue best practices in our spiritual, social, emotional, and economic initiatives.
5. We are stewards. The resources in our hands are not our own. They are a sacred gift from God through donors on behalf of the most vulnerable. We are faithful to the purpose for which the resources are given and manage them in a manner that brings maximum benefit to the beneficiaries.
6. We are ready to respond to anything that threatens the lives of suffering people. Even if it requires taking intelligent risks and acting quickly, we will do what is needed to save human lives in the community.
7. We prioritize capacity-building and mobilization of those we serve, whether individuals, churches, or local institutions. These partners are the ones we rely on to create and sustain change and transformation. Such capacity-building is key to promoting greater impact in and beyond the communities we serve.
8. Prayer forms a foundation for our actions, as we believe that God hears our prayers and responds to the needs of his people.

#### **INITIATIVES :**

Tuungane's Four Pillars :

1. **Faith Restoration**

We are helping those who were spiritually wounded by periods of war and conflict to find reconciliation with God. We mobilize pastors, women leaders, and youth leaders to carry a message of hope and confidence in God into their congregations. In addition to that, we work on providing leadership principles to pastors whose faith is restored to work them up for an appropriate management of human resources. Also, we take them through Discipleship trainings so that they can stand for the Great Commission by training other church leaders and congregation members to promote disciple making and multiplying.

2. **Peace and Reconciliation**

With the help of local stakeholders, we empower the church and community with conflict resolution skills so that they can promote conflict resolution within their own communities. We organize workshops with church leaders, community leaders,



traditional leaders and civil society organizations to promote a community-based peace building through the creation of Community Peace Committees (CPCs). These community Peace Committees are permanent peace structure that are based in the communities and that are ready to bring a peaceful resolution of any conflict that occurs in their own villages. The CPCs will continue to promote prevention of violence against and exclusion of children, widows, SGBV survivors, women and the disabled and elderly through capacity building and advocacy. Our vision is to empower communities to move away from cultures of violence toward becoming cultures of peace.

### **3. Trauma Healing**

Together, we are bringing healing and restoration to communities traumatized by war, with its connections to ethnic and tribal discrimination, land disputes, and divisions over power sharing and control of resources. We are particularly focused on SGBV survivors who can be helped through activities addressing both psychological (trauma) and physical (fistula repair and income generating activities) needs. Unmet needs contribute further to the increase of trauma within SGBV survivors, other women and children affected by traumatic events. These women survivors of different kinds of violence will be organized into networks of survivors to find a way to serve them better. We work with local authorities to promote enhanced advocacy for SGBV survivors and SGBV prevention.

### **4. Economic Recovery**

Through networks generated in the initiatives above, we are working to empower the church and community to fight against entrenched poverty through the development of savings programs, sustainable agriculture, and solar energy (to power a technology center that teaches computer and secretarial skills, provides internet services, charges electronic devices, provides printing services and helps within saloons for haircut). All economic recovery initiatives will target economic integration of the most vulnerable populations, including SGBV survivors.