

The Reconciliation Project in Burundi

Main actor: Sébastien Kizito and his SEBALOOK Foundation

Technical support: Loli & Luc from the Constellation

1. Background information

Since 1993, with the first democratic elections, social-political unrest has broken out in the country and political-ethnic differences have emerged. After a quiet period, in 2015 conflicts resurfaced following an issue related to the presidential term. Hundreds of thousands of Burundians have disappeared while others have fled the country. Many others have settled in camps for displaced persons in provincial and municipal capitals. This situation then pushed the population, and mostly young people, into irresponsible and desperate behaviors, dragging them into unemployment and poverty. Despite the establishment of a truth and reconciliation commission, divisions persist and dialogue between the various parties is not being established.

2. A local actor

Sébastien is a former street child. For 5 years now, he has found in himself and thanks to the SALT/CLCP approach, the strength to overcome his difficulties and help young Burundians. He is currently working, with the support of UNICEF and another local NGO, to build the resilience of street children/adolescents in Bujumbura.



Sébastien's energy and ability to mobilize his compatriots and especially young people is very impressive. It is this energy and willingness that has led us to support his project of Reconciliation.

3. The project

The idea of this project is to train and support young Burundians in the establishment and facilitation of dialogue spaces in Burundi's municipalities. By using the SALT/CLCP approach, it is a question of stimulating, supporting, encouraging, motivating and even provoking the Burundian population, especially young people, to fight for peace through the path of dialogue, respect and Love.

This project is ambitious. But as a starting point, we want to support activities in the municipalities around Bujumbura. The cost is: 52 000 €. With our walk we would like to raise €12,287 to fund the first three stages of implementation:

- a) Awareness-raising and mobilization of local authorities in the municipalities of Bujumbura.

- b) Training of 30 facilitators. The 30 trained facilitators are intended to implement the process throughout the country, starting with 30 municipalities (out of 116).
- c) Workshops with 60 young people (per municipality) who will carry out the accompanying visits.

4. How can you help?

If you want to know more about this project, click on this link ([to NING](#)). Sébastien Kizito, founder of the SEBALOOK association, will talk to you about his project.

If you want to support this project financially, you can make a donation on the PIF platform ([The Constellation - Pay It Forward](#)) or on the Constellation Donations account:

Account Title: The Constellation

Address: Avenue de l'Europe, 33 - 7330 Saint Ghislain - Belgium

Bank: BNP Fortis Bank

Bank address: Chaussée de la Libération 55, 1390 Grez-Doiceau

Bank Account for Donations: BE62 0015 7904 9761

We can also take your donations directly in cash; we will send them to Sébastien through the Constellation channel to ensure full financial transparency.

Sébastien and his team, Loli, Luc and all the members of the Constellation thank you in advance for your support for this Peace project.