

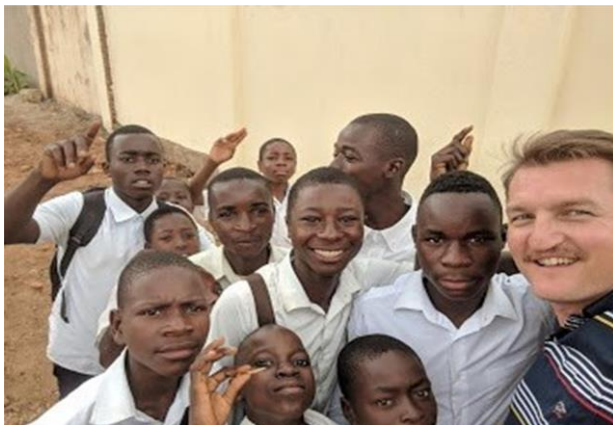
Our 2019 fundraising goal for the Education Fund is \$20,000
= 110 students granted scholarships

How can I help?

We have the opportunity to **directly** help children in poverty to attend school in Luvungi by partnering with MHCD and covering the cost of school fees. Would you like to consider a 12 month financial commitment, or simply a one-off donation, to the MHCD Luvungi Education Fund in the DR Congo?

\$15 per month OR \$180 per year
= 1 scholarship granted

Your support will help to create lasting generational change through education, as well as provide a deeper sense of **hope and encouragement** for the future of the Luvungi community. Find out how inside!



WHO IS MHCD?



Founded in 2005 and led by missionary Dr Luc Mulimbalimba, who now serves as a governmental minister in South Kivu province, MHCD (*Mission in Health, Care & Development*) is a leading not-for-profit organisation operating in DR Congo. MHCD works to eradicate poverty through providing lifesaving healthcare and educational opportunities to those in need. Our church team has witnessed firsthand the work of MHCD and were deeply impacted by the quality of the work being done in health care, education and development for the vulnerable and needy in DR Congo. It is our privilege to support MHCD in all they do.

The activities in Luvungi include:

- A school of over 1300 students, receiving many who are orphaned or victims of violence and rape;
- A technical college, preparing students with practical work skills;
- A church serving hundreds of people;
- A surgical hospital and midwifery clinic
- A radio station spreading the gospel, health care information and positivity.

For more info on MHCD, visit mhcdafrika.com

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MHCD Luvungi Education Fund



Partner with us in supporting **education** for a brighter future, for children in poverty in Democratic Republic of Congo

Background

Education is incredibly powerful in breaking cycles of poverty by giving people skills, opportunities and confidence to change their own circumstance and that of those around them. In Luvungi, limited resources, harsh living conditions, lack of finance and remote localities are just some of the obstacles preventing young people from attending school.

MHCD originally established a primary and secondary school in Luvungi with the hope of receiving 400 students. Currently, there are more than 1300 students who are being given a chance to learn, grow and pursue their dreams and goals! Many of these students are vulnerable and marginalised; orphans, desperately poor or victims of violence.

School fees cost \$10 USD per month which, though a small cost in Australian terms, many students and their families are simply not able to afford. HCC has set up the *Luvungi Education Fund* in response to this need and, with your support, we were able to raise \$17,000 in 2018 towards the school and provide close to 100 scholarships!



How does it work?

The fund is administrated by the board of trustees in Luvungi, DRC and co-ordinated from Highlands Christian Church in Mittagong, NSW Australia. The number of scholarships granted at the school is determined by the support pledged by donors for the next 12 months. For this reason, donors are asked to make a 12 month commitment to ensure the school can fulfil its scholarship grants for that year. Dr Luc's team at the school identify students in greatest need of support and issue the available scholarships accordingly, distributed evenly across the school year.

Supported students who are in the first four years of their schooling will receive their education as a gift. Students in the final two years will receive their education as a student loan, to be repaid as the graduated student finds employment. This 'pay-it-forward' approach will help fund more student scholarships.

The ideal student support is \$15 AUD per month, which can be paid at any regular interval, or all at once, via direct deposit. Approximately 90% of funds received will be directed towards education related needs and 10% will be pooled for contingency and currency fluctuations. 100% of donated funds will reach the target; no deduction will be made for admin costs.

By equipping the next generation of young people with life skills, we can sew into their futures and effect generational change.

To the Administrators of
MHCD Luvungi Education Fund:

Donor Information (please print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Date: _____

Please count on my regular commitment to fund education in Luvungi

I/we would like to pledge \$ _____

Date from: _____ To: _____

Signature: _____

To be paid: weekly fortnightly monthly

Method: cash cheque d/deposit

Please accept my one-off donation \$ _____

Direct deposit details:

Name: HCC Missions

BSB: 084-004 ACC: 74 515 3220

ID: "DRCEF – {your surname}" *

For more information on payments and your account contact Tracey Brookes on drcef@bmi.org.au

*Please ensure you identify your donation so that our finance team can allocate these funds accordingly