

## WFWP Bergamo, Italy's Fundraising Event for the Congo

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On Saturday 10th of January, WFWP Bergamo organized an afternoon gathering with refreshments of homemade cakes and sweets offered by members.

The purpose of the event was to raise funds to send to Congo in order to buy sewing machines for the women victims of war and violence. This was to support the project of the Association M 2R Congo.



Their goal is to provide a formation course in sewing and to donate 80 women a sewing machine so that they can become independent and support their children.

Gianinna Figus the local WFWP President introduced the WFWP and the goals of the project. This was followed by a famous Italian song offered by a participant in which all joined in creating a joyful atmosphere.

A lottery was held with small surprise gifts in gratitude to the guests and their generous donations. Each sewing machine costs \$80 and we were able to send enough money to buy 14 machines. The event was attended by 40 people and the local newspaper published an article about the event.

As a result of this a famous shop in Bergamo offered the possibility to have some sewing machines free of charge to send to Congo. Unfortunately we were unable to accept because of the cost to send them.

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