#### IRFF UK: Orphans and Volunteers Under Threat in Democratic Republic of Congo

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# **Orphans and Volunteers Under Threat**

The humanitarian crisis in the Democratic Republic of Congo's North Kivu province has reached a critical stage. In Goma, the provincial capital now under M23 rebel control, despair is spreading.

Hospitals have been ransacked, medical supplies are non-existent, food prices have tripled, and access to clean drinking water is gone.



"Goma is isolated from the world. No humanitarian aid, no medicines... The wounded and sick are dying every day," reports Nzanzu Saasita Bienvenu (Ben), IRFF's local coordinator.

# Male volunteers forced to flee

To avoid forced conscription, IRFF's male volunteers fled north to nearby towns as fighting spread south. Despite their own struggles, they continue working to support others. The orphans from IRFF's Hope for Children Centre were swiftly evacuated to the relative safety of 20 foster families before the volunteers fled. While not under immediate threat of violence, the foster families now face paralyzed daily life and urgent shortages.



HAPPIER DAYS - The orphanage children eating a meal before their evacuation by IRFF staff.

With large-scale international aid halted due to Goma's airport closure, IRFF's unique network of local contacts remains a lifeline. It enables stealth delivery of vital support via ground routes, ensuring help reaches those in dire need.

# **IMMEDIATE NEEDS FOR SURVIVAL**

**IRFF-UK urgently needs \$3,000 (around £2,300)** to deliver vital resources during this emergency. These funds will enable our Goma-based community development specialist to equip host families with small-scale entrepreneurship tools and skills, fostering self-reliance.

Could you please sponsor the children and their new families? **Every contribution counts** — 100% of your donation will go directly to the 60 former street children and their host families during this emergency period.

A donation of \$50 (£40) would sponsor a single child. But we are happy to receive any amount you can give, no matter how small.

Help us offer a lifeline to those caught in the crossfire of conflict. Please stand now with Goma's most vulnerable.

Donate Here (thank you!)

<u>Click here</u> to visit our website to see our other projects.

If you are in the UK, consider sending a bank transfer so every last penny goes to IRFF UK:

> International Relief Friendship Foundation Account number: 96497645

> > Sort Code: 60-05-29



## **Every donation counts**

Empower a Child's Future: Your donation can provide the education that will transform lives. Join us in making a lasting impact—because every child deserves the chance to learn, grow, and thrive.



Your £3 donation can help provide essential learning materials for a child.



With £7, you can contribute to a child's daily nourishment, ensuring they're ready to learn.



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# A Charity for Africa Breaking The Cycle Of Poverty

IRFF UK, a charity for Africa based in the second projects throughout Africa with a key focus on fighting poverty through education and tackling period poverty.



Help end period poverty. Donate now for girls' education and empowerment.

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Your donation helps children access quality education and build brighter futures.

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## Help us build biodigester toilets for Destiny Junior School

**Destiny Junior School** in Kibiri, Uganda, urgently needs your support to build **biodigester toilets** for their young students. This project is critical to improving health and sanitation for 109 infants aged 3 to 6 years old.

<u>Click to Donate to Destiny Junior School's</u> <u>biodigester campaign</u>



### Supporting African Communities from the UK UK Based Charity for Africa

Our Charity Is Focused on Period Poverty & Education Support In Africa





IDEF IIV is a LIV based charity for Africa

operating projects across Africa with a **dual** focus on education and addressing period poverty. We are breaking the cycle of poverty by ensuring access to education for all and preventing female dropouts through the provision of menstruation products and education. Through this communities and youth are empowered and Africans are given the best chance for a brighter future.



Support Us Today

### Come See What We Do What Areas Does Our Charity Support In Africa?

Education

**Period Poverty** 

**Emergency Relief** 

#### Menstruation Should Not Be An Obstacle In Life

As a charity for Africa, IRFF UK holds a strong promise to help underprivileged African girls facing challenges, especially period poverty, which makes it hard for them to go to school. We are dedicated to breaking down these barriers by making sure these girls have what they need for their periods. By doing this, we empower these young minds, giving them the chance to stay in school, learn, and break free from the cycle of poverty.

#### What is Period Poverty? | Ending Period Poverty



A Small Glimpse At The Difference IRFF UK Has Made How IRFF UK has helped in Africa so far?

**Destiny Junior School** 

**Jigger Removal** 

**Home For Children** 

Kampala, Uganda



## IRFF UK built Destiny Junior School in 2009. The children in the local area have thrived ever since!

IRFF UK built Destiny Junior School in Kampala, Uganda in 2009, and has gone on to see more than 500 students graduates go into further education which otherwise wouldn't have happened. £115,000 has been invested in total, starting from £330 a month and now at £1,150 with 206 students in total

## Why Choose IRFF UK? What makes our charity for Africa unique?

What sets IRFF UK apart is our commitment to more than just being intermediaries in fund transfers.

Our unique focus is on equipping people with the skills necessary for self-sustainability, fostering independence rather than dependence on Western donations.

We prioritise a comprehensive approach centred on education and empowerment to uplift individuals from poverty.

We believe in creating lasting change by empowering individuals to build a better future for themselves and their communities.

## How Can You Get Involved? How Can You Support Our Charities Work In Africa?

**Making A Donation** 

**Spreading Awareness** 

Volunteering Your Time & Skills

## What Our Donors Are Saying

Your efforts in the areas of education, health and sustainability are vital in certain countries and truly appreciated.My family will continue to sponsor a child at Destiny Junior School in Uganda, and will endeavour to support other causes that IRFF UK informs us about.

#### Marshall de Souza Destiny School Sponsor

The Women's Federation for World Peace, South London, has been supporting Destiny Junior School through IRFF-UK for more than 12 years. Our ladies sincerely had been helping to provide a better place for the children of Destiny Junior School in Uganda. We believe Education and health are the most important things for the life of the child.

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