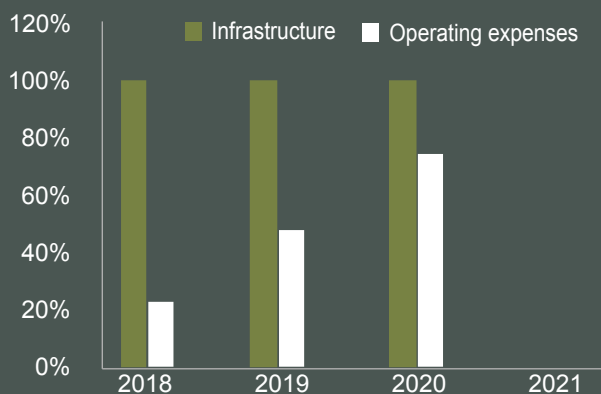


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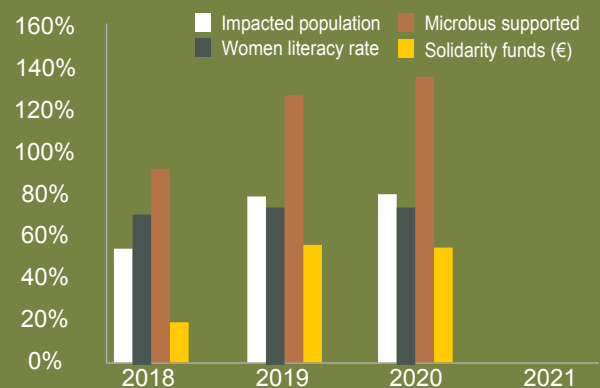
The purpose of this project is to support the social and economic empowerment of vulnerable and illiterate women and girls belonging to the solidarity groups (“mutuelles de solidarité”) in South Kivu through functional literacy promotion and effective support to revenue generating activities (RGA) and micro businesses. Additionally, it will support the health system and economic activities through the provision of renewable energy and a more rational use of electricity within the community.

Coordinated by Louvain Cooperation, a Belgium based NGO. <https://www.louvaincooperation.org/en/>



Donation :

- 1 €117.251 by Mangrove Foundation
- 2 €469.004 co-financing by the Belgian Cooperation (DGD)



Expected impact :

- 1 Target population : 18.000 people
- 2 Women literacy rate : from 30% to 44%
- 3 Number of microbusinesses supported : 114
- 4 Solidarity funds available to the members : €224.000

Project performance has been affected by such factors as conflicts, widening insecurity as well as the pandemic. The latter stroke moderately, but collateral impact was significant, affecting training programs but essentially households’ revenues. This has caused a drop in community savings. Notable progresses were noted in agriculture training, with a wide adoption of anti-erosion and agroforestry techniques. Satisfactory results also on microenterprises supported (149) generating almost \$500K revenues, a 31% increase over the previous year and 500 new jobs created.

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