

# IGI-DRC

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### I.ACHIEVEMENTS AND ISSUES

#### I.1. Election process in DRC 2016.

Contact with the electoral commission in Kinshasa to introduce electoral observator who will be trained by IGI. We also meet the member of office of Bukavu to discuss on this question. We discuss more and wait for the beginning of accreditation to see how to proceed. Bukavu office, told us to prepare our list and the place that we want to be present. IGI is one civilian society's members who militate for calm election.

#### I.2. Support the place of women in political activities.

Encourage women political projects has always been our struggle within IGI DRC. Despite multiple declaration of public authority on its desire to promote equality of opportunity between men and women we find that DRC still far in achieving this goal. In July we released some statistics on the number of women present in the governing bodies:

- On National parliamentary 45 women to 500 parliament.
- On south Kivu assembly 4/34
- 5/108 to the senate.

With this statistic, we are sure that the next election seems not offer them better opportunities. Therefore, we meet 6 women leaders who have political ambition for 2016. Our concerns were to understand deeply and listened to the ideas and finally build strategies of accompaniment during 2016 year.

They must be able to form political parties, present a good project, able to lead the campaign and to collect funds. Similarly, political parties must recognize the merits of women by placing them on their lists of candidates.

### **I.3 Support Bukavu's Mayor in vehicles' tax collection**

We organize one intern meeting on vehicles taxes which must be paid to town hall of Bukavu.

IGI was struck by the scale loops on roads that are on the grounds of non-payment of tax by the vehicle owners. We have concluded that most of the vehicles put out of circulation do not have the necessary documents and therefore pay no tax to the town of Bukavu.

In July many vehicles disappear in Bukavu's roads due to taxes. The office of mayor decides to control if vehicle owner respect all conditions. But, IGI team see that there is corruption behind this operation. The question is how is possible that a great quantity of vehicle function without any documents? Who collect vehicle taxes? Who give uncompleted document and authorized driver to go in roads without paying taxes? We think to work on this question this next year;

The corruption around vehicles tax must be fought. As in July, police must be present every time in roads to control the regular payment of taxes; this control must be permanent. The fear is to see the mayor stop this operation; vehicle owners will come back again and continue this bad behaviour through corruption.

The model CTA's project in Kenya can help us to be initiated in DRC;

## **II. Membership and Changes**

Mr Martin ZADIG, Country Manager is back to Bukavu. He is renewing partnership and contacts other partners particularly in Goma. We think that it's not got to be only active in one town.

Other young people continue to join IGI mobilization but still low considering because of lack small activities which can interest them, including at universities in which we build some club of fighting against corruption in 2011.

## **III. Plans for 2016**

1. In 2016 IGI would like to be one of associations who will help DRC electoral process. If the calendar of election is adopted in DRC, population needs to be trained on how it will be, how to denounce corruption and fraud during this period, how to be pacifist and conserve peace in case of contestation.
2. We are interested by the question of tax due to the town hall of Bukavu. Many people refuse to pay these taxes and are facilitated by some police force, military forces and the unique insurance company.

3. One of big opportunities we get is the meeting with OBLC (Office de Bonne Gouvernance et de Lutte contre la corruption) a technical office of the governor of North Kivu province. After presenting the realisation of IGI, we agree that we can build a partnership by becoming its legal agency which can support this office to be present on field and produce quality service. IGI think that this kind of partnership is effectiveness because it gives responsibilities to actors of public services to denounce fraud and corruption in their regular duty.
4. Activate the project of strengthening nonviolent youth movements, peace building and local governance in the city of Bukavu. This project will be to supporting the establishment of a monitoring network of the decisions taken in the city of Bukavu by youth.

#### **IV. What we want on this Assembly.**

In this 4 points presented, we invite participants to help to make a choice of one project on that we will put an attention and look donors.

We want also to get from you strategies to realize the project to choose.

Thanks you.

Martin ZADIG