



International Newsletter – June 2022



From the Trustees...

It is always good to be able to talk about new projects, new methods and expanding scope. All feature in this edition. New projects are starting, or about to start, in Congo DR, Kenya and Cameroon. In Congo, we are using radio broadcasting in a way we haven't done before. In Cameroon, we are extending the work into agriculture – an sector central to many African economies. So, please read on.... We hope you find it interesting, and look forward to comments and questions (paul@igi-integrity.com).



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New project in eastern Congo DR

Goma is a town of 1.25m people on the north of Lake Kivu, on the eastern side of the Democratic Republic of Congo. It is in an area of instability, threatened with unrest and subject to rampant corruption at every level.

Led by Martin, IGI's latest initiative will use local radio to reach out to at least half a million people with the message of integrity.

Many of the inhabitants of Goma are sick of demands for bribes from petty officials, but don't know what they can do about it. The short radio slots in the regional language of Swahili will give them strategies to resist corruption in their daily lives, while raising general awareness of these issues in the wider community.

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Figure 1 - Goma

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Kenyan elections

Kenya is facing general elections on 9th August, including the next president, senate members, county governors and county assembly members. The current president, Uhuru Kenyatta is not eligible for another term, due to the constitutional two-term limit, so the main presidential contenders are the veteran politicians Raila Odinga and William Ruto.

Over the last few months, IGI Kenya has been running “Aspirants’ Forums”, in which candidates have been brought together to answer questions to the public. 45 forums took place, with average attendances around 150-200 members of the electorate, and lots of competing candidates. Questions were moderated and put to the candidates by the team. Promises made were recorded, so that they can be monitored later for the winning candidates.



As Kenya moves into the last few months before the election, IGI-K has launched its Election Monitoring campaign. There are many aspects of monitoring an election, going far beyond merely observing it on the day. IGI-K teams will work with other observers to provide efficient coverage on the day, but it is also important to avoid corruption in the appointment and deployment of local officials – to avoid local biases - in the procurement of recording and communications equipment, and in the financial accounting. This preparatory work is a distinctive contribution of IGI-K, and is taking place right now.

Meanwhile, Sakwa and Robert are still following up with relevant authorities the findings of last year’s project on fraud in road-building, to get long-term improvements.

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Broadcast will typically feature a short dialogue by actors, representing local traders or members of the public and officials. A special free phone-line is available for people to comment on the broadcasts or ask questions. The project is expected to be of particular benefit to small traders.

The outcomes will be monitored and reviewed after three months, but feedback is already being received, and other local community radio stations are asking to re-transmit the broadcasts over their networks. We hope to be able to build on this project to develop wider, multi-channel public communication, leading to changes in the culture.

Rwandan update

Visits to schools have continued successfully. Hilaire reports that after a short break for holidays in April and May, the visits will resume. Some resistance has been met in a few schools that don’t want to let in outside organisations. This has been raised with local authorities, and the Vice-Mayor of the district affected has asked to be informed of any further cases.



Breaking News – IGI Cameroon addresses agricultural sector

A new project is being planned to combat corruption in a sector not yet addressed by IGI-C: agriculture. Agriculture is vital to the economy and society in Cameroon as a whole, including South West Region, and prone to corruption. IGI-C will build on their successful experience with small businesses, local officials and the education sector. More news next time...

Prayer points

- Praise for answered prayer in the success and safety of the Kenyan Aspirants’ Forums;
- Praise for the new projects that have been started;
- Prayer for the effectiveness of the radio project in DR Congo;
- For continuing good influence on the children of Rwanda, and wisdom in overcome restrictions on visiting some schools;
- For Stephen, for wisdom and skill in the development of the agricultural corruption project in Cameroon;
- For the Trustees, as they try to increase the UK support for IGI – we are getting good projects proposed that we do not have the resources to support, and need to expand the IGI income.