



COMMUNITY FOR BETTER LIFE

Training Project Proposal



Organization

Community For Better Life is a community-based organization in Dzaleka Refugee Camp, Malawi, founded by young refugee student Gabriel Ndende Muholeza.

It all began when Gabriel created and ran a remedial class program for his fellow students as a way to encourage their studies in science. In 2019 this led him to create Community For Better Life (CFBL) and its constituency grew. New strategies for education were explored and developed as a means to promote self-reliance for young Dzaleka Refugee Camp residents. as well as for the young residents of the Malawi host community who face many of the same challenges.

Overview

Dzaleka Refugee Camp is home to nearly 50,000 refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Burundi, Somalia and other countries. Ninety percent of camp residents cannot find work, which results in a stressful situation that seriously impacts their mental health and leaves them with no hope for the future. Creating jobs is not enough – they also need to learn the skills that will get them hired or enable them to create their own businesses.



As young camp residents struggling to help feed themselves and their families, the CFBL team firmly believes that education is the most powerful weapon against future poverty.

Community For Better Life (CFBL) is seeking to raise modest startup funding of \$8000 which will be used to create three training programs – tailoring, baking and hairdressing – useful skills that will help young program participants (from both inside and outside the camp) to develop self-reliance and financial autonomy.

When COVID-19 started, **CFBL** joined the camp community to fight against Covid-19 by distributing preventive materials to 200 families, including masks, hand washing water buckets and germicides.



Team



Gabriel Muholeza

CEO, Founder

Gabriel was born in South Kivu province in D.R. Congo, the eldest of a family of eleven children. His family was forced to relocate to Dzaleka in Malawi due to fighting in the area. While a student in Congo, other students in his class recognized his abilities in science and requested that he help them with their studies, so at the age of 14, he created an after-school study class that quickly developed into not only a remedial science class, but also a course in how to deal with personal conflict,

something he was gifted at.

When he left for Malawi, he brought with him his talents and moral character. He began attending high school in Dzaleka and joined and worked with community-based organizations Vijana Africa and Pax Mundi, as a member and volunteer. He was elected Secretary and leader for Poets in Pax where he taught young people to write poetry.

Gabriel is currently Dzaleka Project Coordinator for Little Acts of Kindness, a volunteer organization based in Calgary, Alberta (Canada), and his job is to keep the Little Acts team updated on current conditions and goings on and to help generate articles about life for orphans and elderly camp residents.

All of these experiences led him to create CFBL and to develop, along with his team, the programs described here.





David Kabobya

Secretary

David was born in the Democratic Republic of Congo, a country located in central Africa. He was forced to flee his home country due violent unrest and come to Dzaleka Refugee Camp in Malawi where he has lived as a refugee since 2014. David holds a certificate in web development and machine learning obtained at TakenoLab, a Dzaleka-based tech and training institute



Suzan Kwibe

Coordinator

Suzan Kwibe is a young Congolese-born woman from South Kivu province. The crisis that occurred there forced her to flee her home country in 2016 and relocate to Malawi where she continues to live as a refugee in Dzaleka Refugee Camp. Suzan is a science student and a former facilitator at TakenoLab, where she helped to teach JavaScript, C++ coding as well as other programming languages. Suzan's contribution to CFBL is focused on improving the lives of her fellow refugees and in particular, women and girls.



Project budget

The training proposed by **CFBL** will take place from 14 days to 6 months, with 20 students in each of the following areas:

Baking birthday and wedding cakes

Hairdressing techniques for shaving and styling

Tailoring skills (focusing on teen mothers)

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Director \$50 x 6 months = \$300

Coordinator \$45 x 6 months = \$270

Secretary \$45 x 6 months = \$270

Transport Dzaleka-Lilongwe roundtrip = \$5

Total = \$845

TAILORING

Instructor salary \$60 x 6 months = \$360

20 sewing machines x \$200 = \$4,000

3 irons x \$7 = \$21

20 measuring rules x \$2 = \$40

1 table (2m x 1m) = \$50

20 plastic chairs x \$10 = \$200

2 boxes chalk x \$2 = \$4

5 cloth sample swatches x \$10 = \$50

Total tailoring = \$4,725



HAIRDRESSING

Instructor 1 salary \$45 x 6 months = \$270

Instructor 2 salary \$50 per month x 6 = \$300

20 clippers x \$30 = \$600

4 mirrors x \$17= \$68

20 brushes x \$1.50 = \$30

1 shampooing sink = \$150

4 dryers x \$75 = \$300

Total hairdressing = \$1,718

CAKE BAKING

Instructor salary \$10 per day x 14 days = \$140

Kitchen rental 14 days = \$100

Graduation ceremony & 20 certificates = \$200

Total cake baking = \$440

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET = \$7,728

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