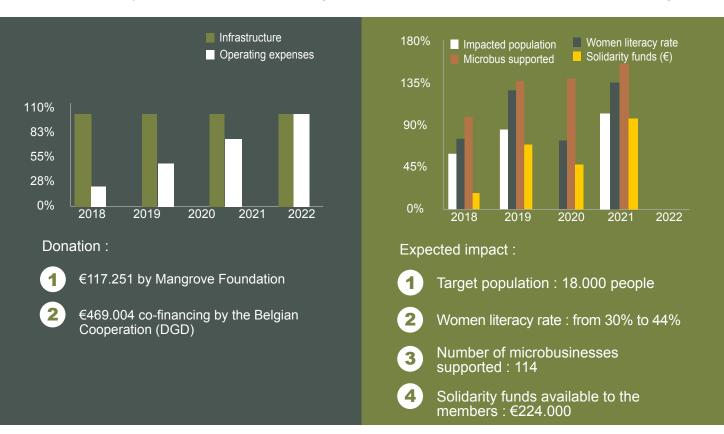


The purpose of this project is to support the social and economic empowerment of vulnerable and illiterate women and girls belonging to the solidarity groups ("mutuelles de solidarité") in South Kivu through functional literacy promotion and effective support to revenue generating activities (RGA) and 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.



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The project is now complete. Despite the pandemic, the initially planned results of the programs have been achieved. In particular, 150 savings groups have benefited 3,168 people, 75% of whom are women, remarkably totaling €226K in savings and €361K in loans. It should be noted that support for agricultural micro-enterprises has met with unexpected success through the use of «farmer field schools» for the teaching of sustainable agricultural techniques. All activities combined, over 5 years, 1,681 jobs have been created.

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