



2021 UPDATE

DRC



Mwema Bertin
Country Leader

Those experienced...

Reach Out's DRC team continued to equip even those with ministry experience



This pastor shared his thankfulness of feeling equipped to help the youth after a JFYM Forum

Every country around the world has been affected by the pandemic throughout 2021, including our Reach Out communities.

Yet, Reach Out's global leaders reported again and again ways that God continued to move through their countries despite the challenges from the ensuing pandemic, newly implemented country regulations and restrictions, and some countries directly facing conflicts of war.

But God showed himself faithful through it all, with new JFYM certifications, thousands of newly trained JFYM youth leaders, opened up new countries, and hundreds of newly saved believers.

Many pictures provided to us revealed God's mercy and greatness throughout our nation and those we serve in other countries around the globe.

Thank you for your continued financial partnership and dedication to help us in preparing these leaders to be more ready than ever in 2022, and bring even more of Generation Alpha to Jesus in this coming year!





People Evacuating

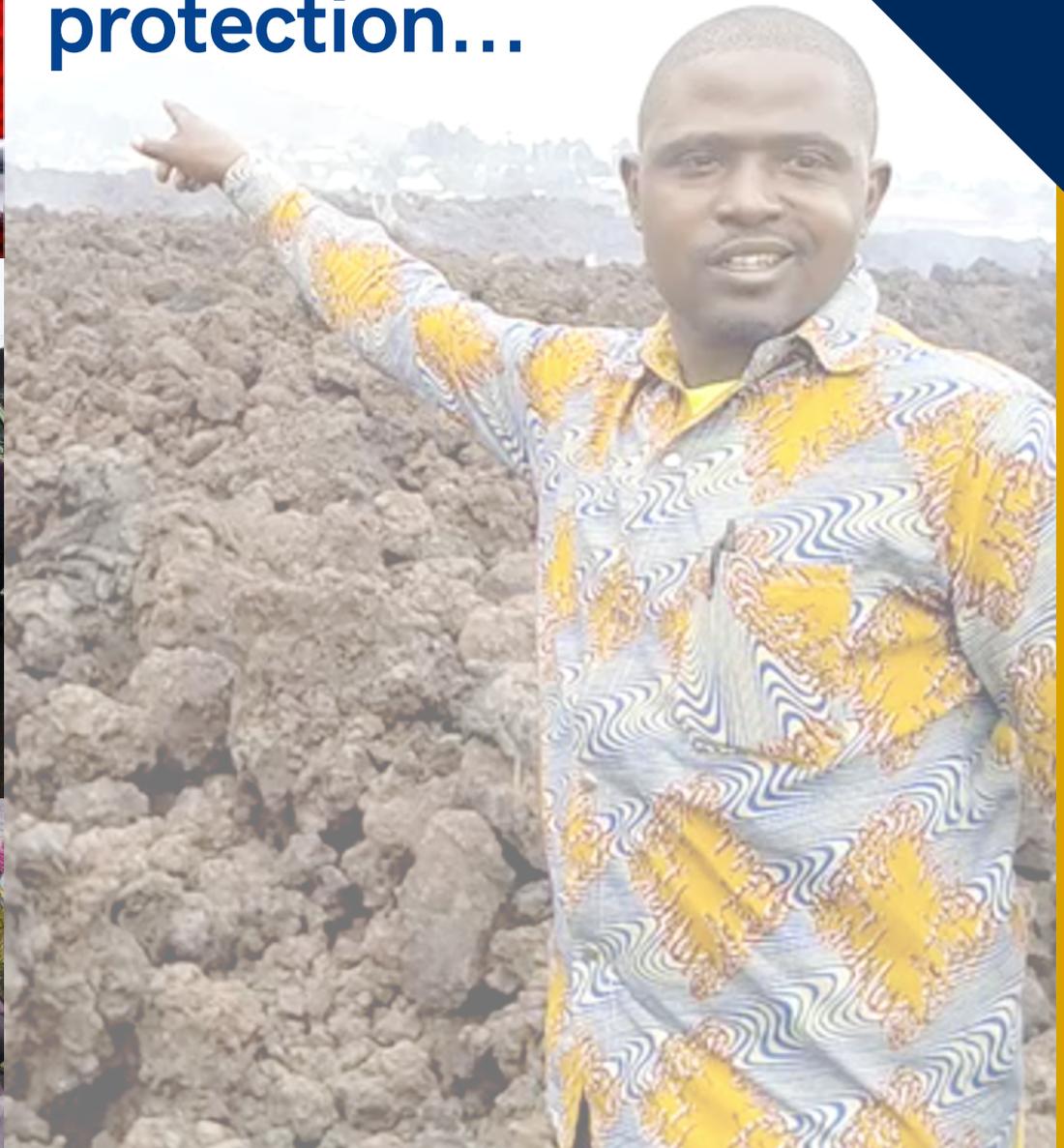


More Evacuations



Aftermath Leaving Homelessness

**And many
witnessed God's
protection...**



**Country Leader, Mwema Bertin, pointing in the
direction of his home after volcanic eruption**

JFYM Multi-denominational Forum

Even in the midst of the pandemic and violence around their country, our DRC team persevered with coaching, training, praying, and leadership meetings. In this September Forum, over 50 leaders attended and worshiped with dancing and rejoicing!



Expect the Unexpected...



Reach Out's team mobilized into place when God wanted to make a move...

Only the Holy Spirit knows when it is someone's time to get saved and our JFYM Team was honored to help lead them to Jesus





A local DRC pastor kicked off the year by thanking us for giving him and his church materials and ways to reach the local youth, give them solutions, and teach them how to be strong in their faith.

DRC took a huge hit this year with the erupting of Mount Nyiragongo which killed 31 people and made 30,000 people leave their homes. Reach Out's Country Leader, Mwema Bertin, was one of those forced to evacuate. With your generous contributions, we were able to ship food, water, medicine, and clothes to those affected. Thank you for your faithful prayers over this country, as Mwema and many others were fortunately able to return to their homes after the volcanic eruption cooled.

In the DRC's October JFYM Forum, 50 leaders from various denominations attended, worshipped together, and gave testimony as to the impact it had on them!

Just a few weeks later, our team had a big surprise at a JFYM Forum in which 40 leaders attended, including some unexpected soldiers who received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior! The soldiers said, "The [JFYM] book... will help them to change lives of many in their camps."

Volcanos, soldiers, violence, and more danger... yet God was faithful in showing up throughout this last year and helping our Reach Out team in DRC not give up, not give in, but persevere while facing many trials.

Thank you for being a part of this journey and your contributions to what God is doing in DRC! Reach Out and our country team are very grateful for your dedication and service in making these things and more happen in this nation!

We look forward to providing you more of these stories and photos in 2022!



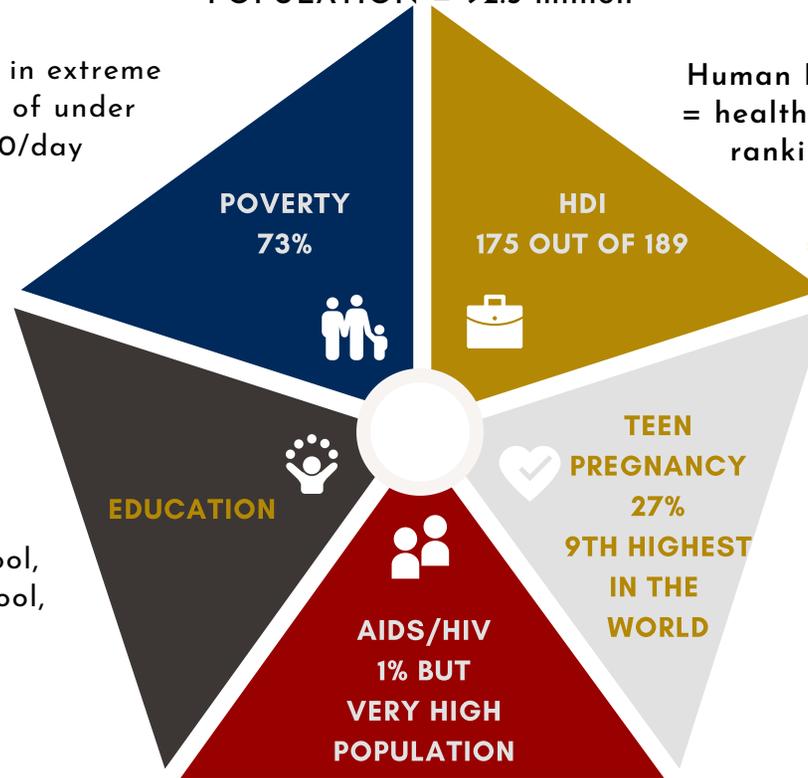
COUNTRY STATISTICS DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

POPULATION = 92.3 million

73% lives in extreme poverty of under \$1.90/day

Human Development Index = health, education, income rankings in the world

one of the top 3 poorest countries in the world shared with Guinea-Bissau and Liberia



78% attend primary school, 32% attend lower secondary school, 34% attend upper secondary school, 67% complete primary school

Women have on average 5.8 children by 49-years-old, more than 42% of children are stunted due to malnutrition

Women's rate higher at 1.1% and men at .4%

Challenges

- Major conflict, attacks, and violence resulted in 5.6 million displaced, causing high percentages of children exposed to violence, numerous relocations, and access to basic services (drinking water, sanitation, primary health care, psychosocial support, education)
- Many children in the east also experience recruitment into the conflicts, one of the highest countries in the world with violence against children
- 400,000 displaced due to volcanic eruption
- 6 district epidemics of Ebola, measles, meningitis, and cholera
- 8% of population affected by torrential rains and flooding
- 27 million people (30%) were classified as highly food insecure
- 13% have access to safe sanitation, 18% have access to basic sanitation, 19% have access to safe drinking water, 73% have access to basic water

Reach Out

- A gift of \$1,000 helps indigenous leaders train 50 youth pastors through an "in-person" forum in their country.
- A gift of \$500 helps provide scholarships to train and mentor 20 youth pastors online.
- A gift of \$200 (\$3.85 per week) helps us equip 1 leader for 1 year, with the goal of that leader moving from being introduced to JFYM to implementing and multiplying JFYM. As a result, that new leader will begin training 3 additional leaders, so that from those 4 new leaders, there are a total of 12 young people discipled and praying for opportunities to influence 36 of their friends to follow Jesus.
- A monthly gift of \$100 helps us continue current ministry to leaders around the world who are trained and resourced through Reach Out.