



HOPE LAND  
CONGO

# Annual impact report 2025



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## Acknowledgements

On behalf of the entire Hope Land Congo team, I would like to express my deep gratitude to our partners, volunteers, local communities and donors who made the major advances of 2025 possible. Thanks to your trust and commitment, we have strengthened our impact on young people, women, smallholder farmers and vulnerable groups.

Your support has transformed lives, created sustainable economic opportunities and strengthened our mission of agricultural, social and environmental development. Together, we are building a more resilient future for our communities.

Thank you for your continued collaboration and shared vision.

– National Coordinator, Hope Land Congo



André Moliro

# 1. Introduction

In the Democratic Republic of Congo, 2025 was a decisive year for Hope Land following multiple achievements under the Agri School Academy programme. This report highlights the impact of the Agri School Academy programme, which has been seen as a strategic lever for transforming subsistence agriculture into a real driver of green entrepreneurship. The various actions carried out as part of this programme reached a considerable number of beneficiaries in the provinces of North Kivu, South Kivu, Kongo Central and Kinshasa.

Today, agriculture is struggling to attract young people in the Democratic Republic of Congo due to its poor performance, which is linked to many factors. The poor performance of this sector is a real obstacle for many young people, who prefer to look elsewhere where they believe the job market is more favourable. The Democratic Republic of Congo must consider modernising its agriculture and developing strategies that will make this sector dynamic and profitable in order to attract young people, create jobs and combat food insecurity.



Agrischool Academy is an innovative response that offers young people training in agricultural entrepreneurship to prepare them for self-sufficiency and socio-economic integration. This programme is not limited to the transmission of theoretical knowledge, but also promotes practical learning methods to enable young people to discover agriculture in its various dimensions and encourage them to consider agribusiness activities in their communities, thereby becoming direct actors in the fight against food insecurity. Thus, when they learn practically through small agribusiness initiatives, the acquisition of skills is direct.

In 2025, the Agri School Academy programme strengthened its mission to train a new generation of agricultural entrepreneurs, mainly young people, with the ultimate goal of enabling beneficiaries to create small, profitable agricultural initiatives based on a circular economy approach to protect the environment in the long term. To easily engage beneficiaries, the Agri School Academy is based on three pillars:

- Technical Training: Practical training in market gardening, agroforestry and food processing.
- Agribusiness and Empowerment: Support for the creation of micro-enterprises and the structuring of producer groups.
- Green Education: Awareness-raising in schools to inspire vocations from an early age.



# 2. Achievements

## Implementation

In 2025, Agri School Academy was rolled out in four provinces (North Kivu, South Kivu, Kongo Central and Kinshasa) through an approach combining:

- Practical agricultural training (market gardening, agroforestry, fish farming, agri-food processing);
- Support for the creation and structuring of agricultural micro-enterprises;
- Environmental awareness in schools;
- Local technical support provided by local teams.

Interventions were adapted to local realities in order to maximise community ownership and the sustainability of results.





# Achievement by province

## I. Activities and achievements by province

As part of the Agri School Academy programme, the activities implemented have reached a considerable number of young people in the provinces of North Kivu, South Kivu, Kongo Central and Kinshasa. It should be noted that, in addition to general training in agribusiness, each province had specific subjects depending on the context and opportunities found in the local area.

### 1) North Kivu (Goma and surrounding areas):

#### Resilience and Entrepreneurship

**Context** : In 2025, our actions focused on supporting vulnerable populations, particularly in the peri-urban areas of Goma (such as Mugunga), to transform precariousness into economic opportunity.

#### § Achievements and Impact:

- **Support:** 599 people (women, young people and displaced persons) trained in flatbed and bag cultivation techniques.
- **Agribusiness success:** A major achievement this year was the creation of women's associations dedicated to combating food insecurity through the marketing of fresh vegetables (tomatoes, amaranth, peppers).
- **Formalisation:** We have assisted 50 young agripreneurs in the administrative regularisation of their micro-enterprises involved in food production and processing.
- **Academic component:** We have welcomed 143 interns from the University of Martyrs of Congo, UNIGOM and ISDR-Goma, creating a bridge between agricultural science and field practice.





## 2) South Kivu (Uvira and Nyantende): Education and Fish Farming

**Context** : Schools in South Kivu face enormous difficulties in raising awareness among pupils about agriculture due to a lack of resources. Thanks to the availability of waterways, this province also offers opportunities for fish farming to supply local markets.

### § Achievements and Impact:

- **Schools** : A large-scale awareness campaign reached 193 pupils in various schools.

These young people have been introduced to agroecological practices, making them environmental ambassadors in their communities.

- **Fish farming (Nyantende):** Training of 50 local farmers in pond management and local fish feed production, with a view to achieving sustainable protein self-sufficiency.
- **Local monitoring:** Implementation of weekly monitoring by the ACIDI team to ensure the sustainability of vegetable crops planted between April and August.





### 3) Kongo Central (Kisantu)

#### The Innovation Bootcamp

**Context:** In Kongo Central, the programme focused on organising an intensive agroforestry boot camp at the Kisantu Botanical Garden, as agroforestry is a powerful tool for making a lasting contribution to the fight against climate change and strengthening food security through the integration of trees, crops and livestock.

#### § Achievements and Impact:

- **Results:** Over 50 participants trained. The activity enabled the creation of pilot plots and the development of mini agroforestry projects by local young people.
- **Networking:** Creation of a local innovation club to ensure post-training follow-up and climate resilience.





### 3) Kinshasa

#### Promotion of Urban Agriculture

**Context:** In Kinshasa, the programme focused on promoting urban agriculture to improve food security by providing fresh local produce, reducing the carbon footprint associated with transport, creating social ties and promoting biodiversity while greening urban spaces.

#### § Achievements and Impact:

- **Job creation:** More than 20 young people were directly involved in the production of leafy vegetables and fruit vegetables. Vegetable production has proven to be a dynamic sector that generates local employment, including professional integration.
- **Food sovereignty:** Vegetable production has increased the resilience of certain neighbourhoods in Kinshasa in the face of supply crises caused by rainfall shortages that have disrupted the production cycle.

Development of green agripreneurship modules adapted to urban environments, promoting the integration of young people into agri-food processing value chains to meet the capital's growing demand.

# 3. Impacts

## Key results and impacts

- 900+ direct beneficiaries from vulnerable groups, including young people, women, people displaced by armed conflict, and smallholder farmers.
- Agricultural micro-entrepreneurship:
  - 50 young agripreneurs supported in formalising their businesses.
  - Creation and strengthening of women's groups specialising in vegetable production and marketing.
- Food security and income:
  - Increased income for beneficiary households through market gardening, fish farming and processing activities (at least \$250 in profits)
  - Improved access to fresh, nutritious food at the community level.

### ● Total participants Agrischool Academy

Activity	Participants 2024	Participants 2025	Men 2025	Women 2025	% evolution
Kisantu	205	50	26	24	-75%
Kinshasa	100	294	121	173	+65%
Goma	265	356	153	203	+25%
Bukavu/Uvira	-	243	91	152	+100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>+39%</b>
<b>Agrischool participation rate in %</b>	100%	100%	41%	59%	

## Impacts

### ● Classification of direct beneficiaries

Catégorie	Nombre 2025	Genre	Zone 2025	Type of support
Young agripreneurs	100	M/W	4 provinces	Agribusiness, formalisation
Women in groups	393	W	Goma, Kinshasa	Production, marketing
Students	400	M/W	Sud-Kivu	Awareness raising
Farmers	50	M/W	Nyantende	Fish farming
<b>Direct beneficiaries</b>	<b>943</b>			

### ● Classification of indirect beneficiaries

Category	Number	Estimation methodology	% of total
Families of pupils who have been made aware	1200	Standard family ratio	47 %
Wider community affected by agricultural activities	600	Secondary participation, social media, events	23 %
Partners, schools, NGOs, institutions	150	Staff, educators, administrators	6 %
Digital audience via platforms, networks and content	600	Estimation de reach × conversion 20 %	24 %
<b>Indirect beneficiaries</b>	<b>2 550</b>		

The activities generate indirect effects on several groups through:

- the dissemination of knowledge (schools, families, community),
- the local economy (purchases, services, volunteering),
- educational technologies and platforms,
- awareness-raising on sustainable agriculture.

## Impacts

### ● General summary of direct and indirect beneficiaries

Category	Number 2025	Percentage
Directs	943	26%
Indirects	2550	74%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 450</b>	100%

### ● Qualitative data (structured by impact dimensions)

#### A. Economic impact

- 35% of agripreneurs report a 10-25% increase in income after 6-12 months.
- 60% report improved agricultural yields (techniques, irrigation, compost).
- 12 new micro-agricultural initiatives created in 3 communities.

#### B. Educational impact

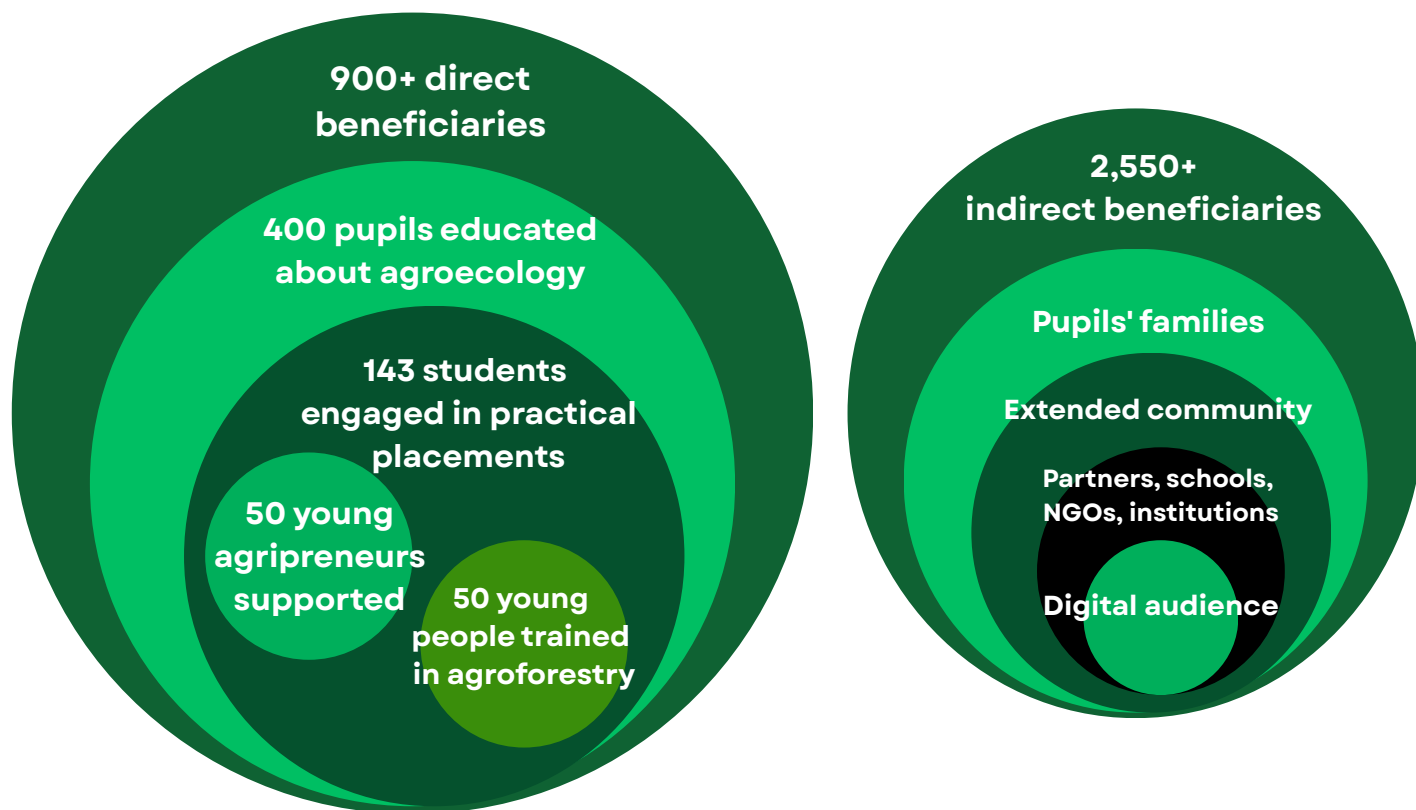
- The 400 pupils who took part in the awareness campaign demonstrate:
  - +45% improvement in their knowledge of sustainable agriculture.
  - 30% want to participate in a green club or school garden.
  - 15% express an interest in a future career related to agriculture or the environment.

#### C. Social and community impact

- Significant increase in social cohesion: 38% of participants feel that their community ties have been strengthened.
- 70% of families surveyed report an increase in food security thanks to activities or donations.

#### D. Environmental impact

- Average reduction of 25% in organic waste in school projects using composting/hydroponics.
- 3 hectares of environmentally friendly practices adopted by trained agripreneurs.



## DEVELOPMENT

Indicator	2024	2025	Development
Total number of direct participants	570	943	▲ +39%
Total number of indirect participants	1953	2550	▲ +23%





# Sustainable Development

2 FAIM «ZÉRO»



8 TRAVAIL DÉCENT ET CROISSANCE ÉCONOMIQUE



DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

4 ÉDUCATION DE QUALITÉ



12 CONSOMMATION ET PRODUCTION RESPONSABLES



13 MESURES RELATIVES À LA LUTTE CONTRE LES CHANGEMENTS CLIMATIQUES





## 4. Finances and funding requirements



## Finances and funding requirements

For 2026, Hope Land Congo aims to raise an estimated total budget of USD 150,000 to amplify the impact of the Agri School Academy programme and expand its activities to new areas.

To date, approximately £10,000 has already been secured or is in the process of being renewed, representing approximately 10% of the total funding targeted for 2026.

The remaining 90% will be raised through:

- strengthening existing partnerships;
- developing new philanthropic and institutional partnerships;
- advanced discussions with international foundations, notably the Micah 6:8 Foundation;
- pursuing the resource mobilisation strategy outlined in the annual report.

This financial projection comes against a particularly difficult operational backdrop in 2025, marked by ongoing armed conflict in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, which has had a negative impact on the implementation of certain programme activities, particularly in terms of mobility, security and access to beneficiaries.



Revenue	2023	2024	2025	% Change
Annual forecast	\$250.000	\$212.000	\$250.000	+15%
Mobilised reached	\$150.000	\$100.000	\$70.000	-30%

# 5. Challenges encountered

Despite these successes, the programme faces growth challenges:

- **Capacity:** The number of registration requests and participants in awareness-raising activities far exceeds our current infrastructure.
- **Financial constraints:** Funding is crucial in order to respond to the massive enthusiasm of the population and to provide the necessary inputs (seeds, tools, fry) on a larger scale.
- **Security in the east of the country:** The context of insecurity in the provinces of North Kivu and South Kivu has led to interruptions in our activities in Goma, Bukavu and Uvira. However, thanks to the resilience of our teams and the security measures put in place within the organisation, our actions have been adapted and continued.



# 6. Outlook 2026

**For next year, Hope Land Congo aims to:**

- Expand activities to new territories to reach the most isolated areas.
- Diversify sectors by integrating pig and rabbit farming (small-scale farming) to boost household incomes.
- Digitise learning via exchange platforms for young farmers' clubs.
- Strengthen partnerships with donors to move from a pilot phase to a phase of national systemic impact.
- Implementation of Agrichange CANCONGO in certain provinces of the DRC.
- Implementation of Agrovolontaire CONGO.



# 7. Conclusion

In 2025, Hope Land Congo successfully implemented the Agri School Academy programme in four provinces of the Democratic Republic of Congo (North Kivu, South Kivu, Kongo Central and Kinshasa), reaching more than 900 direct beneficiaries, mainly young people, women and vulnerable populations. The programme positioned agriculture as a concrete lever for economic empowerment, food security and climate resilience.

Through practical training, agribusiness support and environmental education, the programme has contributed to the creation and strengthening of agricultural initiatives led by young people and women, improved access to nutritious food and strengthened local capacities in market gardening, agroforestry, fish farming and urban agriculture. Partnerships with academic institutions, community leaders and local authorities have strengthened the quality of implementation and the local anchoring of interventions.

Implementation in 2025 took place in a challenging operating environment, particularly in eastern DRC, where ongoing armed conflict affected mobility, security and access to certain communities. Despite these constraints, Hope Land Congo adapted its operational strategies, prioritised the safety of beneficiaries and ensured the continuity of essential programme activities.

The results achieved in 2025 demonstrate Hope Land Congo's organisational resilience, its ability to produce measurable results in fragile contexts, and the relevance of its community-centred approach. Lessons learned during the year have enabled interventions to be adjusted and internal systems to be strengthened with a view to scaling up.

## Conclusion

By 2026, Hope Land Congo will focus its efforts on expanding the programme geographically, diversifying agricultural sectors, strengthening strategic partnerships and mobilising additional resources to amplify the impact of the Agri School Academy programme. With the continued support of its donors and partners, the organisation is well positioned to make a lasting contribution to more inclusive, resilient and sustainable food systems in the Democratic Republic of Congo.



# Partners



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