

Breaking the Circle - Pygmy Land for Food project

The DRC is the second most food-insecure country in the world. Obtaining sufficient food is difficult for most Congolese: but for the native Pygmies of Idjwi island in the east, it is almost impossible. Like many indigenous peoples, the 7000 surviving pygmies have been driven off their land, discriminated against, excluded, and denied their rights. They now live in desperate conditions – oppressed, marginalized and in extreme poverty.

Their children are malnourished: they suffer from kwashiorkor (photo), a life-threatening form of protein deficiency, and marasmus, a form of severe malnutrition.

The pygmies have little or no income; they cannot afford to buy food and they cannot afford agricultural tools to grow their own food. Without adequate food, they become weak and sick and are unable to earn any income. It is a vicious circle.



Help us break that circle
by providing the means whereby the Pygmies can grow their own food

In order to break that circle and achieve that goal, we aim to raise €40,000
This money will enable us to:

- Buy 5 acres of good fertile land on Idjwi island in the name of VMC (Volunteers in Mission for Children Care, registered Congolese NGO) for agricultural use by a community of pygmies
- Provide agricultural training, tools and seeds for the pygmies
- Provide food security and sustainability for the pygmy community

For more information on the Idjwi pygmies and this project please click on the website <http://supportingidjwiisland.com/>

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