



# Summary of DFID's work in Democratic Republic of Congo 2011-2015

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## Why we work in DRC?

DRC has enormous potential, but years of bad governance and civil war have seen it sink to the bottom of the UN's Human Development Index. DRC is likely to miss virtually all of its Millennium Development Goal targets. Three out of five people live below the international poverty line, on less than US\$1.25 a day. More than a third of children are out of school and a similar proportion is malnourished. One hundred women a day die of complications related to childbirth. Levels of sexual violence are among the highest in the world.

Under the right conditions, DRC can become an economic powerhouse, with enormous mineral wealth, unrivalled hydro-power potential, rich agricultural land and is well placed in the centre of Africa to develop vibrant trade links and attract local and foreign investment.

DRC's political environment is significantly more stable than it was a decade ago, and its economy is growing. But armed conflict and banditry, particularly in the east, remain major challenges. Poor governance and corruption deter foreign investment and stifle economic growth. Sound economic management and better governance, combined with investments in infrastructure and basic services could bring a stable and prosperous DRC. This will bring enormous benefits for millions of people in DRC, to its nine neighbours, and to the wider world. Helping turn it in that direction is a core goal of our work.



The roads built by the programme Roads in the East created new opportunities for the people in Bukavu. The programme helped develop revenue generating activities such as the production of improved stoves.

## What we will achieve

- Humanitarian aid for those most in need.
- 318,000 safe births delivered with the help of nurses, midwives or doctors.
- 13 million adults and children protected from malaria.
- Clean water and sanitation for 1.6 million people.
- 248,000 girls and boys supported through primary school.
- 1,700km of new and rebuilt roads.
- 2,000 firms and 11,000 jobs created.

## Who we will work with

Our work will remain aligned to national priorities and the Government of DRC's development plans.

While national ability to manage and deliver services remains weak, we will continue to deliver aid through international partners, such as the UN, the World Bank and NGOs. This will ensure that UK support is directed to those who need it most. We will continue to provide humanitarian assistance through a multi-donor pooled fund run by the UN and through support to the Red Cross Movement and NGOs.

As part of the British Embassy in Kinshasa, we work with FCO colleagues to ensure that our work is aligned to the UK government's efforts to bring peace and prosperity to DRC. We also work with private sector partners to promote trade, reform the minerals sector and improve the wider business climate.



Distribution of mosquito bed-nets in Ntondo, Equateur province, as part of our programme to fight malaria in DRC.

## How we will work

More than ever, in the current financial climate, we have a duty to show that we are achieving value for money in everything we do. Results, transparency and accountability will be our watchwords and we are determined to get value for money for every hard-earned taxpayer pound spent on development.

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In DRC, the costs of delivering aid are high, so we will work harder than ever to ensure value for money. We are: highly selective in our choice of partners; applying rigorous analysis to achieve the best value for money from our investments; and strengthening monitoring and evaluation of our programme.

Our programme will also build national capabilities to deliver services and promote economic growth. Wherever possible, when investing in health, education, policing, roads, clean water and sanitation, business reforms and improved safety and security, we will seek to improve public service institutions and accountability. Women will be at the heart of everything we do. We will be entirely transparent in making information about our spending and performance available to the public, and will expect the same of all our partners.

## More information

For a more detailed breakdown of DRC's Operational Plan, please visit [www.gov.uk/government/world/democratic-republic-of-congo](http://www.gov.uk/government/world/democratic-republic-of-congo)

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