



ECOM Foundation Funds Eastern Congo Initiative EWEZO Literacy Project

With funding from the ECOM Foundation, The ECI has Implemented the 3-year EWEZO project, Swahili for “I can”) to improve the well-being of women cocoa farmers and their families in Watalinga county of the Beni Territory.

In an effort to reverse the gender gap and foster local development, ECI is providing Swahili literacy and basic numeracy instruction for women from Watalinga Cocoa Associations. Partnering with a local education NGO, ECI identifies and trains local literacy facilitators. These facilitators, then instruct program participants during 2-3 classes per week.

After joint training of the facilitators by ECI and the CBO, the CBO will be focused on supervising, supporting, and monitoring the literacy facilitators. This includes the local CBO paying the facilitators and supporting them with appropriate didactic materials.

The EWEZO project seeks to increase the number of woman that can read and write in Watalinga. Only 53% of Congolese women are literate, and in the



The EWEZO Team

eastern Kivu provinces, this number is even lower. Household survey conducted in Watalinga in 2014 and 2017 indicate that male head of households are more than twice as likely to report having attended school, compared to their female counterparts. Only 36.8% of women in Watalinga have attended school formally. As a result, adult illiteracy and numeracy present tangible barriers for both development and women’s empowerment in Watalinga.

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