

Welcome to our Mid-year Newsletter



Vinmart
Foundation



Transforming lives in the DRC: a look back at Q2 2024

At Vinmart, we are committed to fostering positive change in the lives of people in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) through various initiatives and activities. Here's a sneak peek into our work during the quarter of April to June 2024.

Follow us on our
Social Media Channel 



HEALTH INITIATIVES



Strengthened Local Healthcare : 1,513 individuals received medical care at CSR SOMIKA and LUPOTO Clinic.
Investing in Child Nutrition : 234 children in LUPOTO, KIMIN, and TERRA benefitted from our nutrition programs.
Surgical and Ophthalmology Campaigns : 713 sight-restoring surgeries were performed in KINSHASA, LUBUMBASHI, GOMA, and MOBA. A pediatric surgery campaign is underway in Kinshasa.



EDUCATION

English Program : 149 students around SOMIKA KIPUSHI gained English skills through a dedicated teacher program.
Plugged-In Program : 56 students near SOMIKA KIPUSHI strengthened their IT skills.
Scholarship Program : 7 students received scholarships with IT and English training; 6 existing scholarships continue.
New Literacy Program : 40 adults around SOMIKA LUPOTO and SELEYI villages learn basic literacy (reading and writing) of french and swahili.
Teacher Training : 13 teachers received classroom management and curriculum training; 10 secondary school teachers are taking an English course.



INFRASTRUCTURE

New Healthcare Facilities : The KIPOPO Health Center (Lupoto) and DITENGWA Health Center (SOMIKA) were inaugurated, providing essential medical services. Construction of a fence around the DITENGWA Health Center is underway for enhanced security.
New Educational Facilities : Primary school KOMBO in MABAYA (SOMIKA KIMPE) opened its doors, offering quality education to over 300 students.
Building Schools for All : A new secondary school near SOMIKA KIPUSHI is under construction.
Road Rehabilitation : Rehabilitation work began on 15 kilometers of dirt roads across five neighborhoods in both KIPUSHI and LUPOTO.



ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Market Gardening : Distribution of agricultural inputs empowered communities in KIMPE, KAPAPA, MABAYA, DITENGWA, MBAYA, NGELEKA, and LUPOTO villages to cultivate their own food and generate income.
Broiler Chicken Farming : Projects initiated in ZAKEO, NKWAMPISHA, SELEYI, KATANGA, KIPOPO, KAFUNDA, LUPOTO RAIL, and TIMOTHÉE villages provided livelihood opportunities.
Beekeeping for a Sustainable Future : Our beekeeping project in NYUNZU and KALEMIE villages is progressing well, with the first honey harvest expected soon.

We are proud to empower local communities since 2012!



HEALTH INITIATIVES

Prioritizing Community Wellbeing

Strengthening Local Clinics - Our health centers, CSR SOMIKA and LUPOTO Clinic, witnessed a surge in service utilization. A total of 1,513 individuals received medical care between April and June 2024. This translates to:

CSR SOMIKA : 844 services provided (April: **209**, May: **386**, June: **249**)
LUPOTO CLINIC : 669 services provided (April: **236**, May: **205**, June: **228**)



Health Center	Total Services	Curative Consult.	Prenatal Consult.	Women's Vaccinat.	Children's Vaccinat.
CSR Somika	844	477	66	82	219
Clinic Lupoto	669	434	148	108	310
Total	1513	911	214	190	529



Investing in Child Nutrition - Our nutrition programs continue to positively impact the lives of young children in LUPOTO, KIMIN, and TERRA. During this period, we reached a total of **234 cases** (**212** existing cases and **22** new cases):

LUPOTO : 118 children
KIMIN : 68 children
TERRA : 48 children

Surgical and Ophthalmology Campaigns

The Vinmart Foundation successfully conducted sight-restoring cataract and glaucoma surgeries in KINSHASA, LUBUMBASHI, GOMA, and MOBA. These campaigns exceeded or met the designated targets:



City	Type	Operation done	Target
KINSHASA	Ophthalmology	150	150
LUBUMBASHI	Ophthalmology	98	100
MOBA	General surgery	215	200
GOMA	Ophthalmology	150	150
GOMA	Surgery	100	100
Total	Mixed	713	700



A pediatric surgery campaign is currently underway in KINSHASA, aiming to perform **100 operations**.





Vinmart Foundation



**WE INVITE YOU
TO JOIN US IN
OUR MISSION!**

Together for the wellbeing

Our commitment to lasting change in the DRC continues. We'll focus on expanding healthcare, education, and empowering communities through agriculture and entrepreneurship.

 Stay tuned for future updates on our website
www.vinmartfoundation.org

For further informations
+243 841 375 263 
info@vinmartfoundation.org



follow us on our
Social Media channels



EDUCATION

Beyond Literacy and Numeracy!

English Program : The Vinmart Foundation's English language program near SOMIKA KIPUSHI and LUPOTO is fostering brighter futures for **149 students**. The program, running from October 2023 to June 2024, equipped students at Notre Dame de Travail (NDT) School, Primary School SELEYI (MUKOMA 1) and Primary School KIPOPO 2 with **vital English language skills**. Dedicated teachers facilitated the program across all three schools, and **103 students** were awarded certificates upon successful completion.



School	Students	Teachers	Certificate
Notre dame du travail (KIPUSHI)	76	3	50
Primary school SELEYI (Mukoma 1)	43	2	35
Primary school KIPOPO 2	30	1	18
TOTAL	149	6	145

Plugged-In Program

The Plugged-In Program empowers students with computer and IT skills. The October 2023 to June 2024 session includes students from both NDT and Charitable schools.

NOTRE DAME DU TRAVAIL(NDT)

Plugged-in program	Détails
8th Grade Students	41 students + 3 teachers
9th Grade Students	15 students
Teachers	6
TOTAL	56 Students + 3 Teachers

CHARITABLE

Plugged-in program	Détails
8th Grade Students	37 students + 3 teachers
9th Grade Students	14 students
Teachers	6
TOTAL	51 Students + 3 Teachers

Scholarship Program

Under the "Vinmart Group Scholarship," we are **supporting the education of 7 deserving children** of our Vinmart team members for the 2024-2025 academic year. This program includes IT and English language training. Additionally, 6 students continue their education under the existing Scholarship program with partners.



New Literacy Program

A new **6-month** literacy program was launched in **SOMIKA LUPOTO** and **SELEYI villages**, equipping **40** women and men with **written** and **spoken French** and **Swahili language skills**.

Equipping Teachers, Building Capacity

A 10-day refresher training course in March-April 2024 benefitted 13 teachers from KIPOPO 2 and NGO BUMI, focusing on classroom management, teacher resources, and national curriculum use. Additionally, a refresher course for 10 secondary school English teachers began in June 2024 and will continue until November 2024.



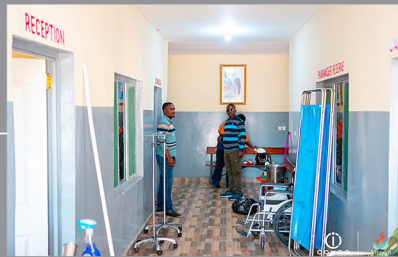
INFRASTRUCTURE

Building a Brighter Future

We're thrilled to announce the inauguration of several vital projects this quarter, including health centers and schools! These facilities will significantly enhance educational and healthcare opportunities for local communities. Here's a glimpse:

Healthcare Facilities

KIPOPO Health Center (LUPOTO) : We are delighted to announce the inauguration of the KIPOPO Health Center on April 18, 2024. This state-of-the-art facility has been handed over to the INAKILUBA community, improving access to quality healthcare in LUPOTO.



DITENGWA Health Center : opened on April 4, 2024, offering essential medical services to the community. It features rooms for hospitalization, emergencies, laboratories, and maternity care. Construction of a fence to enhance security and functionality began on June 20, 2024.

Educational Facilities

Primary school KOMBO in MABAYA (SOMIKA KIMPE): Inaugurated on April 5, 2024, this primary school features six classrooms, administrative offices, and sanitary facilities. With a capacity for over 300 students, it is set to significantly enhance educational opportunities in MABAYA.



Road Rehabilitation

SOMIKA KIPUSHI and LUPOTO : To improve accessibility within local communities, rehabilitation work began on May 18, 2024, for a total of 15 kilometers of dirt roads across five neighborhoods (KILIMASIMBA, KISANGA, MUKUNTO, TRIANGLE, and SOMIKA) in both KIPUSHI and LUPOTO.



Building Schools for All

Construction of a **new secondary school** in SOMIKA KIPUSHI'S KILIMASIMBA neighborhood is underway. This fully equipped school will provide quality education to hundreds of students.

Ongoing Construction

KAJAMA Health Center (LUPOTO) : Initially on hold, the construction of the KAJAMA Health Center is now resumed and about to be completed soon.

Dispensary in KISANFU Village (KIMIN) : Construction has resumed on a dispensary in KISANFU village, scheduled to open in late July 2024. It will provide essential medical services, including wards for women, men, and children, as well as a laboratory, infirmary, and maternity ward.



ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Building a Self-Reliant Future

The Vinmart Foundation is committed to fostering a spirit of entrepreneurship within the communities we serve. Through various initiatives, we equip individuals with the skills and resources necessary to generate income and achieve financial independence.

Boosting Agricultural Production



LUPOTO : To enhance agricultural practices, awareness-raising and training sessions on chicken rearing (broilers and layers) were conducted in 12 villages from February 26 to March 12, 2024. Additionally, monitoring and evaluation activities were carried out for ongoing crops.



KIMPE, KIMIN, DITENGWA, MBAYA, NGELEKA : We distributed essential agricultural inputs for market gardening across various villages: KIMPE, KAPAPA, and MABAYA (3 villages, 15 hectares, 79 beneficiaries) in April. KISANFU, KAWAMA, MUMBA, BWASALANGANA, MIBANZE, DIKANDA, and KAWALA (7 villages, 50 hectares) in KIMIN during April. DITENGWA, MBAYA, and NGELEKA (3 villages, 5 hectares) in April.

Supporting Poultry Farming

LUPOTO : To empower local communities in poultry farming, we distributed broiler farming inputs and 750 chicks to 7 cooperatives across 3 villages (ZAKEO, NKWAMPISHA, and SELEYI) in May.

LUPOTO : Building on the success of the May initiative, we provided broiler chicken farming inputs and 1,400 chicks to 12 cooperatives in 5 villages (KATANGA, KIPOPO, KAFUNDA, LUPOTO RAIL, TIMOTHÉE) in June.



Exploring Honey Production



NYUNZU and KALEMIE Villages : In partnership with **PACT** and **USAID**, we launched a beekeeping project. Monitoring and evaluation are ongoing for the **11 beehives placed across 3 sites** (TUNDULA, MALEMBA, and MULONGO). The first honey harvest is anticipated between July and August 2024.