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About the Foundation

The Denise NYAKERU TSHISEKEDI Foundation (FDNT, ASBL) is a charitable action (non-profit) of public utility, apolitical, non-denominational, and of Congolese law born from the will of the First Lady of the Democratic Republic of Congo to contribute in a concrete and durable way to the improvement of the living conditions of the Congolese population in general and of Congolese women in particular.

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I make the following appeal to all the major actors of development and particularly to all the decision makers of our dear continent:

- Let us invest in our children so that we are not the most undereducated in the world by 2050.
- Let us invest in our girls to have a stronger generation in 2030.
- Let's invest in our girls for an Africa that emerges and has the quality resources to support its emergence.

(From the November 21, 2019 speech)

Presentation of the Foundation



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History of the Foundation

As a committed citizen concerned by the particularly difficult social and health realities in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mrs. Denise Nyakeru Tshisekedi has always had at heart to actively participate in the improvement of the daily life of her compatriots in an efficient and sustainable manner, devoting particular sensitivity to the condition of Congolese women. Among the challenges she has identified, those that hold her attention the most are:

- ▶ **Difficulties in accessing quality health care for the majority of the population.**
- ▶ **Widespread food insufficiency.**
- ▶ **Discrimination and gender-based violence.**
- ▶ **Deficiencies in the protection of children's rights.**
- ▶ **Illiteracy.**
- ▶ **Shortcomings in vocational training and apprenticeship.**
- ▶ **The critical need for digital literacy training.**

Denise Nyakeru Tshisekedi summarizes these different states of affairs in 4 major segments of action which are: Health, education, empowerment (of women in particular) and the fight against violence against women and/or gender-based inequalities.

Thus, in order to be able to conceive projects that go in the direction of the realization of her action objectives and/or to accompany the already existing projects by promoting them, Mrs. Denise Nyakeru Tshisekedi decided to create a Foundation to materialize her vision and support her action.



Missions

1

Promote its objectives through conferences, communication and awareness campaigns on the themes that concern it and the struggles it leads.

2

Accompany local organizations in projects related to one of the FDNT's areas of intervention.

3

To seek financial partners to support FDNT in the realization of its projects.

4

Organize fundraising events to finance FDNT projects.

Areas of intervention

Health



- ▶ Improving access to medical care for the greatest number of people through the construction of medical dispensaries in "medical deserts"
- ▶ Better management of so-called "poor" diseases, i.e. endemic diseases that require special treatment
- ▶ The improvement of health conditions through the rehabilitation of hospitals and health centers.
- ▶ Improved medical management of mother/child health situations.

Education



- ▶ The improvement of school infrastructures through the rehabilitation of buildings.
- ▶ The endowment of school equipment for a better comfort of the pupils.
- ▶ The development of projects promoting literacy and vocational training.

Empowerment



Facilitate and promote female entrepreneurship.

- ▶ Facilitate women's access to vocational training.
- ▶ Promote projects to facilitate obtaining micro financing for women without professional activities.

The fight against gender-based violence



- ▶ Better care for women victims of rape and sexual assault.
- ▶ Better awareness to encourage victims to report their abusers.
- ▶ Advocate for a tightening of the Congolese law on the repression of sexual assault against women

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FDNT intervention in the education sector

- ▶ **Context of FDNT's action**
- ▶ **Strategic objectives**
- ▶ **Intervention strategies**

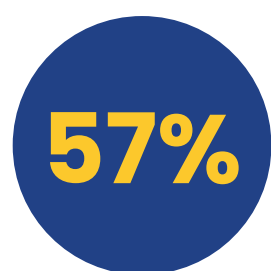
Context of FDNT's action

Over the last two decades, the schooling rate for girls in the DRC has risen from 30% to 48.6%. This represents a change of 18%, or a delay of 6 points compared to boys, who have an enrollment rate of 54%. There are several reasons for this low enrollment rate for girls. These include the modest income of many Congolese families and numerous socio-cultural constraints.

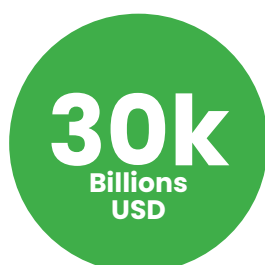
Indeed, despite promising economic growth, the country remains one of the poorest in the world: according to the latest World Bank estimates, the extreme poverty rate in the DRC was 73% in 2018.

For some parents, sending a girl to school is a huge waste of time and financial resources.

School statistics are a concern:



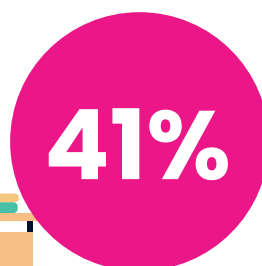
Primary school completion rate 63.8%, of which 57% for girls and 70.6% for boys



According to the World Bank, girls' limited access to education costs countries between \$15 trillion and \$30 trillion in lost income.



The gender parity index at the elementary school is 0.93 and 0.81 at the secondary school



About 41% of women are non-literate



Strategic objectives

In order to support the government's efforts in the field of education and to make a sustainable contribution to the education of young girls, FDNT has decided to make education one of the pillars of its actions with the following strategic objectives :



Advocate with the government and key partners in Congolese education to inject more investment to promote better integration and retention of girls in the school system.



Strengthen the leadership of girls and adolescents to enable them to reach their full potential



Encourage the training of girls in science (STEM) and new information and communication technologies



Support initiatives to set up and rehabilitate recovery and vocational training centers for vulnerable girls (early school leavers)



**Promote a culture
of excellence in
school environment**

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Presentation of the "Excellentia" Program

- ▶ Objectives of the "Excellentia" program
- ▶ Admission requirements

Intervention Strategies

The intervention strategy of the FDNT on the three (3) levels of education is as follows :



Support for free primary education and sensitization of parents to send their children to school, with a special focus on girls



Annual support for the secondary education of twenty (20) bright young girls from disadvantaged backgrounds through a partnership with an international foundation for the payment of school fees and performance monitoring.



- ▶ Creation of the Excellentia Program: Granting of scholarships (full and partial) to deserving candidates to continue their studies locally or abroad
- ▶ Supporting Dr. Sandrine Mubenaa's STEM DRC initiative through international science scholarships (20 scholarships awarded in 2019).

Objectives of the "Excellentia" program

"Excellentia" is a 10-year program of the Denise Nyakeru Tshisekedi Foundation whose mission is to ensure access to quality academic training for students who have obtained the best results in the State Examinations throughout the Republic in order to participate in the formation of the Congolese tomorrow's elite. Starting in 2019 and for the next 10 years, the program will reward academic excellence by awarding 1,000 local and 100 international scholarships for 5 years of study.



Promoting a culture of excellence in schools



To create emulation among our children so that only excellence is the goal of all



To create a new elite that will preside over the destiny of our nation.



Create a new elite to lead our nation by investing in the education of our youth





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Admission requirements

The will to arouse the thirst for Excellence has led the Distinguished first Lady to structure her thinking through the creation of an award for Academic Excellence but centered around a real program over 5 years.

« Excellentia »

is an Academic Excellence program for students who have been admitted to the State Examinations (EXTAT).

The ultimate goal IS to provide the best students over the next 10 years:

+1000

Scholarships to top local universities

+100

Scholarships to top international universities

Eligibility Criteria

A selective process in two (02) steps



85%
At the EXETAT

+



70%
To the Foundation's written test

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Our Fellows

- ▶ **Where do they come from?**
- ▶ **Where are they?**
- ▶ **What do they do?**

Where do our scholars come from?

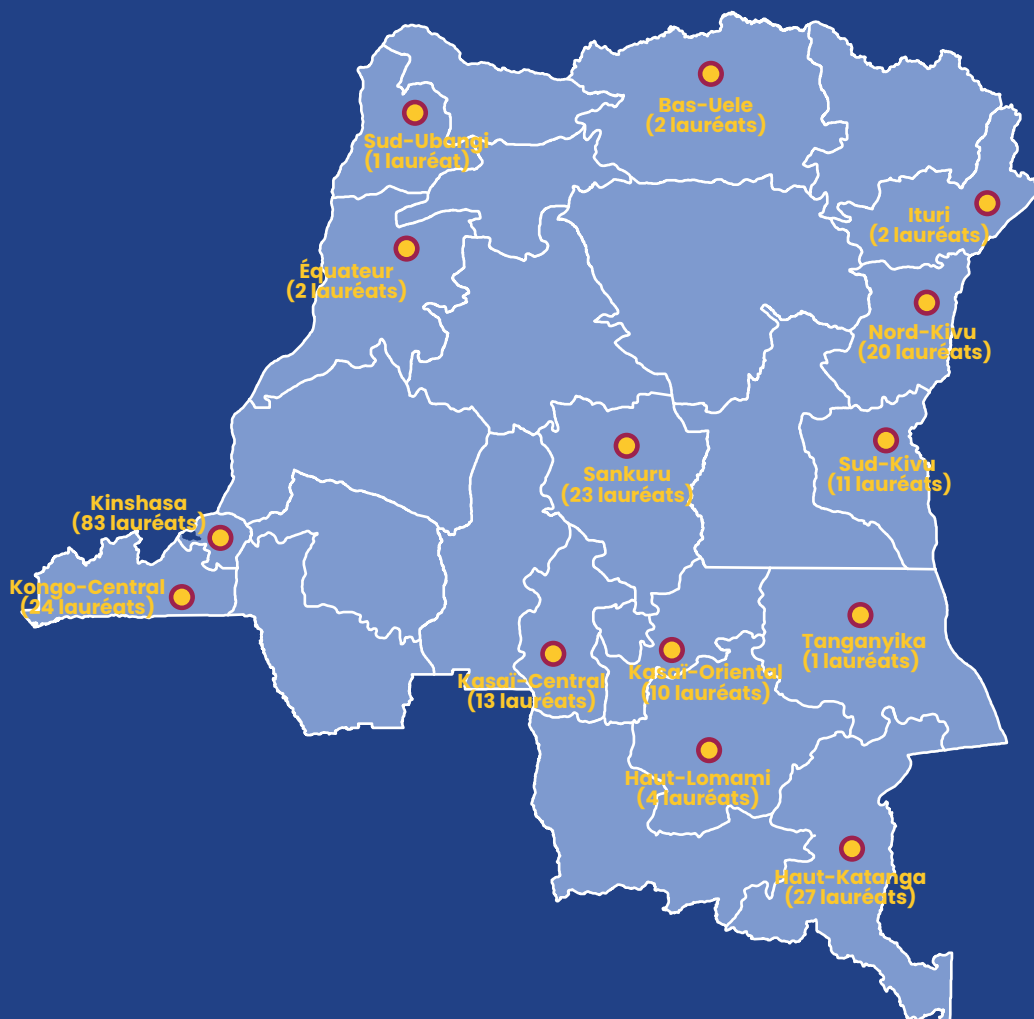
14 Provinces represented

Edition 2018-2019

114 Fellows

Edition 2019-2020

57 Fellows



Where are they?

America

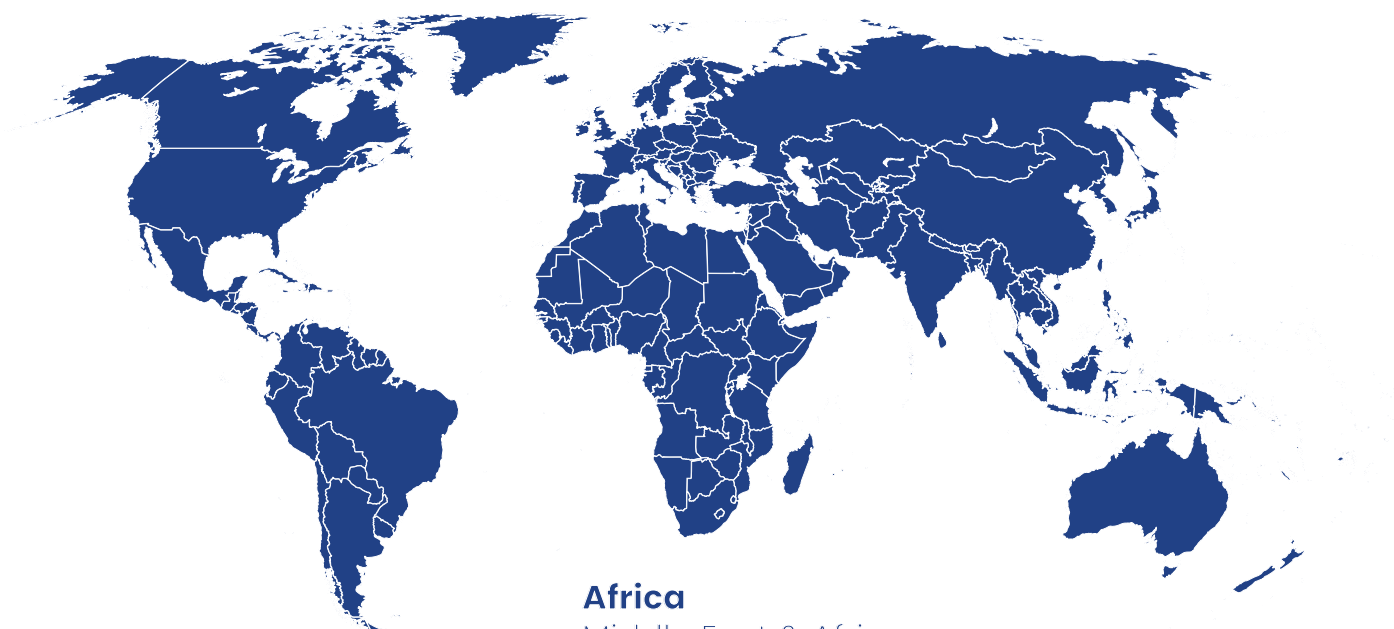
4 Fellows in the United States
2 Fellows in Canada

Europe

France: 49 Fellows

Asia

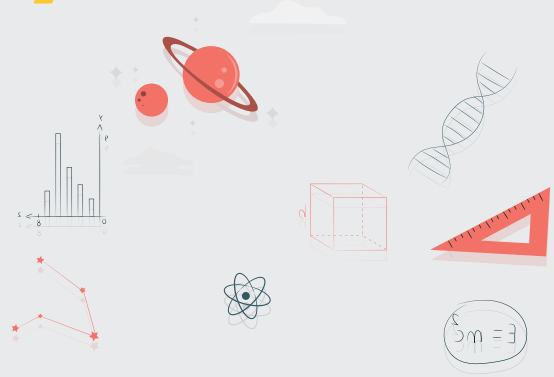
China: 5 Fellows



Africa

Middle East & Africa
Morocco : 5 Fellows,
112 of which are from the DRC

What do they do ?



- **Public Health and Pharmaceutical Sciences**
- **Computer Science**
- **Sewing**
- **Agronomy**
- **Civil Engineering and Thermal & Energy**
- **Engineering**
- **Business Administration & Business**
- **Management**
- **Hospitality and catering**
- **Information and Communication Sciences**
- **Nursing, Chemical Engineering, Process Engineering**

- **Mathematics Physics**
- **Engineering Science**
- **Polytechnic and Electrical engineering**
- **Psychology**
- **Economic and management sciences**
- **International Development and Globalization**
- **Political Science and Labor Science**
- **Science and technology**
- **Geology**
- **Law**
- **Medecine**

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Expected support from partners

Elements of the EXCELLENTIA Program	DRC Scholarship	France Scholarship	Morocco Scholarship	USA Scholarship
Scholarships	\$1 200,00	\$14 312,00	\$12 726,00	\$23 000,00
Computer	\$725,00	\$725,00	\$725,00	\$725,00
Merit trophies	\$67,00	\$67,00	\$67,00	\$67,00
Toga and scarf	\$58,00	\$58,00	\$58,00	\$58,00
Cost per candidate for the first year	\$2 050,00	\$15 162,00	\$13 576,00	\$23 850,00
Cost per candidate over a five-year period	\$6 850,00	\$72 410,00	\$64 480,00	\$115 850,00
Number of grants to be awarded over ten years	1000	100		
Total cost of the EXCELLENTIA Program	\$6 850 000,00	\$7 603 666,67		

Total project cost: US\$ 14 453 666,67





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