

# 2009 PIGS FOR PEACE ANNUAL REPORT<sup>1</sup>

*Pigs for Peace (PFP) is a collaborative effort by Great Lakes Restoration (GLR) and Programme d'Appui aux Initiatives de Developpement Economique du Kivu (Program Supporting Economic Development Initiatives in Kivu or PAIDEK) to build the peace. The primary emphasis of the following report is on the results that have been achieved. Therefore, although references to specific elements of the project design and goals as well as those of the GLR are included, rationales for the references are not. For these details, see the GLR web site and especially the PFP project page.<sup>2</sup>*

## I. Financial Results

During this initial period of project operations the sum of **\$13,124.17** was collected. Fundraising was conducted principally through the GLR web site and the efforts of the GLR membership and affiliates, especially the Bukavu Action Team (BAT) which is the GLR student affiliate organization at Johns Hopkins University (JHU). BAT conducted a Congo Awareness Week (CAW) events program in October, 2009 on the JHU campuses in Baltimore, Maryland. GLR attributes donations of \$2,505.62, or 19% of total donations, from JHU students, faculty, alumni and staff to this effort. Overall, funds were received by 140 donations from 126 individual donors.<sup>3</sup> The largest single donation was \$1,000 and the average donation during the reporting period was \$93.74. Of the total received, as of the end of the reporting period **\$4,480** had been disbursed to GLR's operating partner<sup>4</sup> in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).<sup>5</sup> The ending balance of funds in the PFP account was **\$5,560**.<sup>6</sup>

## II. DRC Results

PFP was initially implemented in December, 2008 with just 11 families in 3 villages near Bukavu in South-Kivu province of the eastern DRC receiving "loan" piglets from the project. As of the end of 2009 these totals had expanded to 98 families in 14 villages. Counting children the total number of individual beneficiaries of the program was then 336. In addition 6 pigs have been provided to the *Flamme de l'amour* (Flame of Love) Orphanage located near Goma in North-Kivu. This has been accomplished with total funds of \$4,480 received from GLR as stated in §I above at an average cost of nearly **\$46/pig**.<sup>7</sup> In addition, the Project has received the first 6 "interest" piglets from the participating families. Further evidence of the positive impact of the project on the ground in the DRC is the size of the waiting list; over 700 more families are prospective participants<sup>8</sup>

## III. GLR Results

<sup>1</sup> Report covers the thirteen (13) month period from project inception with GLR on or about December 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009.

<sup>2</sup> See <http://www.glrtp.org> and [http://www.glrtp.org/projects\\_p4p.html](http://www.glrtp.org/projects_p4p.html).

<sup>3</sup> Donor count does not include individual cash donations or cash received for purchases at CAW events such as bake and t-shirt sales.

<sup>4</sup> See §III.A below.

<sup>5</sup> See §II below.

<sup>6</sup> It should be noted that the period of this report ended with GLR still in the midst of the Holiday 2009 fundraising campaign (11/20/09 – 01/10/10) with \$4,370 received as of 12/31/09. This accounts for the relatively large ending balance in this account. This balance also reflects the deduction from funds received of operating expenses incurred by GLR.

<sup>7</sup>  $4480/98 = 45.71$ .

<sup>8</sup> Based on an average cost/pig noted above; the requirement that each participating family pay an "interest" piglet from each of the first two litters born of and for their "loan" pig; and, the gestation period for pigs, GLR estimates that a minimum of 300 more pigs will become available to those on the waiting list during 2010, without recourse to funds raised since January 1, 2010.

In keeping with an evolving viewpoint and policy that GLR can best achieve “RESTORATION” in the Great Lakes region by serving the needs and promoting the well-being of individuals and communities, thus bringing hope and building the peace, PFP successes fall into two main categories.

A. Empowerment

- Of our PARTNER NGO PAIDEK, whose Director, Mr. Mitima M. Remy designed PFP to encourage initiative and reward the investment of sweat labor by participants within a culturally correct model to allow the widest possible impact;<sup>9</sup> and
- Of the PARTICIPANTS, especially WOMEN, who in Congolese society are traditionally responsible for the care and feeding of the family, by the choice of the pig, an animal concerning which woman may make any decision as to the care and disposition, thus providing a basis for income for food, tools, health care and education.<sup>10</sup>

B. Sustainability

- Of the PROJECT based on the first years fundraising and cost results and given continued fundraising at a pace equal to 2009, it is reasonable to project that in the current Bukavu focus area, PFP will become self sustaining early in 2011 because sufficient interest piglets will be available to liquidate the current waiting list of prospective participants and meet future demand, allowing GLR funding to be diverted to expansion into other rural zones and/or other project needs as defined by PAIDEK;
- Of AGRICULTURE by offering basic inputs to encourage the participants to remain on their land and discourage flight to urban unemployment and providing what many experts agree is the basis the escape from poverty in the DRC;<sup>11</sup> and
- Of STABILITY for families, villages and communities and globally throughout the Great Lakes region.

**ONE PIG AT A TIME!**



Matthias M. Cinyabuguma  
President

<sup>9</sup> As an example of this partner empowerment, as PFP has spread geographically during 2009 PAIDEK has perceived a need for a motorbike to allow the project manager to assist and monitor participating families, which need has been incorporated into the budget and GLR's future fundraising efforts.

<sup>10</sup> This especially necessary and effective in the case of those participants who are the survivors of rape as a weapon of war, which is so prevalent in the eastern DRC, and are often culturally and thus economically ostracized. PFP provides an economic *entrepoint* for these women leading in many cases to their reintegration with their families and communities. To avoid further stigmatization neither PAIDEK nor GLR tracks whether or not participants are victims of sexual violence.

<sup>11</sup> For example, “No country has ever achieved significant poverty reduction without first raising productivity in agriculture. Agriculture is not only the way the vast majority of Africans make their living but with its high multiplier affect across the wider economy, it is also the sector most capable of growing the continent's economy. . . .” UK Department of International Development, *DFID Research Strategy 2008 - 2013; Working Paper Series: Sustainable Agriculture*. April, 2008, [http://www.research4development.info/PDF/Outputs/Consultation/ResearchStrategyWorkingPaperfinal\\_agriculture\\_P1.pdf](http://www.research4development.info/PDF/Outputs/Consultation/ResearchStrategyWorkingPaperfinal_agriculture_P1.pdf)