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WAPA
FOR HUMAN DIGNITY

OUR MISSION

WAPA – War-Affected People’s Association – **fights against the use of children in armed conflicts** and supports **their reintegration** into stronger communities

How?

In the South, WAPA works with **local partners** in post-conflict states or countries en route to peace. It finances their reintegration programs.

In the north, WAPA conducts **awareness and advocacy campaigns** about the issue of child soldiers in order to put an end to their recruitment (prevention, demobilisation, reintegration).



CHILD SOLDIERS



- * hundreds of thousands of girls and boys under 18 are associated to armed forces or groups
- * used as fighters, cooks, suicide bombers, messengers, spies, sexual slaves,...
- * in about 15 countries in conflict (DRC, Colombia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Nigeria, Philippines, Myanmar, Somalia, ...)
- * forced or 'voluntary' recruitment : poverty, domestical violence, revenge, ideology, ...
- * many children, manipulable, vulnerable, ...

3 SPEARHEADS

WAPA is active in DRC, Colombia, Sri Lanka & Uganda & supports programmes around 3 spearheads :

- **Health** & well-being
- Quality **Education** (primary, secondary, professional training)
- **Micro-entrepreneurship**



To effectively reintegrate former child soldiers, WAPA is convinced that it is essential to invest in **sustainable, individual** and **tailor-made** support.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

From raising awareness among warlords to stop recruitment to the psychological & medical support, including family reunification & education.



COLOMBIA

Art-therapy sessions and sport-therapy in rehabilitation centers in Medellin & Cali



OUR ACHIEVEMENTS



WAPA works on the **principle of subsidiarity** and has financially / logistically supported more than **70 projects implemented by its local partners such as :**

- Advocacy & sensitization of warlords to stop recruitment
- Psychological & medical support for children released from armed groups
- Family reunification
- Art-therapy sessions and sport-therapy
- Care in transit centers
- Education
- Socio-economical reintegration : provision of professional training and coaching to launch a sustainable micro-enterprise or work in a local company.
- Granting of IGA (income generating activities), ...

OUR AMBASSADORS

We are lucky to be able to count on the support of personalities like Jacques Borlée, Charlie Dupont, Nicola Testa, Alia Cardyn and Tom Boon.



THANK YOU !

