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Meet with the Program Coordinator,



I am Jean-Claude Nzay and I work for the Community Action for Development (CAD) as the National Program Coordinator since its creation.

Before I proceed, I would like to thank you in particular for giving me the opportunity to talk about our organization and work in the program landscape area.

CAD is Christian, non-denominational, humanitarian and non-political organization willing to work with local communities in the (urban and peri-urban areas) of the North Kivu, South Kivu and Ituri Provinces in particular and the rest of the DR Congo in general. It was created and legally

registered in 2016 as a non-profit association. Our head office is located in Goma town.

Being a community development passionate man, I started working with women, children, men, boys and people with physical disabilities when I was still at the University back in 2009. I worked for different local NGOs such as APREDIPV in supporting women's economic empowerment and people with disabilities through financial support; with Benefance Congo through IDP's protection and resettlement under IOM funds, food security and livelihoods to returnees and IDPs in Masisi Territory under IRISH AID funds as well as Peace Education activities with young people under ICCO funds. I then embraced the international field through Save the Children in the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse program towards IDPs in Goma town (Mugunga I, Mugunga III and Bulengo IDP sites) as the program interim and complaints database consultant before managing the Regional Steering Committee on PSEA in Goma with UN, INGO, NGO and Government representatives under ECHO funds and leadership of the International Organization of Migration in Goma town. I consulted with Care International in its peace, stability and governance program with Steven Smith an Independent International consultant who is currently working in the Stabilization Program in Lake Chad with UNDP. Followed these actions within a non-profit institution standing for Observatoire des Droits Humains (ODH in acronym) in humanitarian programming with a focus on children and women's protection, education and health under UNICEF funding as well as Water Governance under Mercy Corps funds. With ODH, I also had the opportunity to work on multiple funding request that was submitted through ICC portal, UN TRUST FUNDS portal, Freedom House Portal, UNHCR portal as well as USAID and World Bank (Initiative 5 plus) portals.



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Experience garnered here and there allowed me to compete for the PEAR+ III request for application with Trocaire – Medair and Samaritan’s Purse consortium where I was hired as an independent consultant with the background of the PEAR + I, II I had with ODH in the South Kivu and North Kivu.

I moved in with Samaritan’s Purse Bunia/DRC as the Program Support Officer with program development area of expertise to support the Program Development Officer manage UN funding from UNICEF, Humanitarian Funds and WFP. I then moved in as the Protection and Education program manager under UNICEF and SP USA/CANADA funds. Finally moved internationally to Haiti, in one of the hardest humanitarian work environment with earthquakes, natural and tropical hazard as well as the political and social instabilities combined. I was in charge of program development, program management and grants acquisition with the support of the Regional Office in State of North Carolina – USA.

Considering all the ups and down observed here and there and the types of programming that have been developed throughout the years, I had the opportunity of coming back in DR Congo and set to launch initiatives that support the needs of affected households in the Eastern DR Congo in particular and the DR Congo in general.

CAD’s goal is to strengthen local capacities through education, health, nutrition, food security and livelihoods, WASH, protection and protection of biodiversity as well community participatory approaches. We are putting together a team of staff that have proven track record in financial and program management with different donors and organization in Goma to make of CAD an accountable and important humanitarian and development partner in DR Congo.

I am confident that all this background put together will enable the organization to compete for external resources and be accountable for any single coin that will be acquired for the organization. DRC has been in a constant cycle of conflict, wars and community distortion with major threats to its economy, governance, legal system, social and security systems, etc., CAD believes that proper awareness and community involvement and engagement within all the program development processes will enable its team to reach the most vulnerable and achieve the eternal project impact.

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