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**MHCD CONTAINER**  
**AUGUST 2015 REPORT**

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## **SPECIAL THANKS:**

My sincere gratitude's to all Australian MHCD friends and volunteers who sacrificed in donating any medical equipment's or materials, clothes and blankets, shoes and any other materials that were present in the container..

I thank also all friends who donated funds for transportation from Australia to DRC, Rotary club NSW who invited me to talk in meetings and people contributed for container transportation and all those who sacrificed their time to pack the container.

Lastly, am grateful to all organisations that facilitated my talks and helping in fundraising for MHCD while I was in Australia. Your support is invaluable because it has gone along way to help very many Congolese vulnerable people.

May God bless you for all the efforts and sacrifice towards our attainment of the container here in DRC.



## **APPRECIATION:**

I would like to sincerely appreciate the following MHCD friends and organisations for their support towards the container:

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29.Rotary Club of Tamworth

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31.All those who supported us in one way or another and I have not included your name here,I really appreciate your input and am very thankful for all you did.

May God bless you all and I really appreciate your efforts, sacrifice, care and support.

## INTRODUCTION:

We are so grateful to all Australians who continue to remember the Congolese people of Uvira District through MHCD. While I was in Australia in February and March 2015, you were very kind to me, you helped in organising so many MHCD talks, fundraisings and when I arrived in Sydney, Rotary clubs came together through Lucy and organised a container for MHCD. One thing that touched my heart so much is that whenever I did presentations, very many people were willing to support the container transportation and many volunteered to be involved in packaging.

We received the container in June 2015 and in time for the liberty surgical campaign that we were organising. When the community received news of the arrival of the container, they were overjoyed and went to wait for it. Youths came on motorcycles, the women and men walked. When they saw the container, they really danced and made joyful noises. It was like a huge party in the village.

When the container arrived at the MHCD grounds in Luvungi Hospital, the community assisted in offloading it. In just an hour all contents had been removed and the container empty. We did this so they can be part of it. This helps the community to take care and protect MHCD property and feel part and parcel of all the programs.



***MHCD Container from Australia***





***Container arrives at the MHCD Luvungi Hospital***



***Youths on motorcycles welcoming the container***





***Members of the community offloading the container***

## **MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AT LUVUNGI MHCD HOSPITAL:**

MHCD Luvungi Hospital organised a liberty surgical campaign whose main objective was helping the poor who lacked finances to cater for their operations in Bujumbura or Bukavu. We got 10 doctors, specialists in different medical fields from Kinshasa to carry out the surgeries in Luvungi. By good luck we received the container during the same time and it really helped since the equipment's were used in the campaign.

In the container were 15 Hospital beds and 25 mattresses. All this were placed in the wards and the sick slept on them. There were also medical gloves, bandages and other medical materials which really helped in the operation of the sick. There was oxygen machine, theatre lights and other equipment's that helped in occupying theatre room and we had to open another theatre since the patients were many at the Luvungi Hospital. Just this past month of July, we consulted and treated 5,600 patients and operated 600. We managed this because of the two theatres that the Doctors were using in operations.

There were other equipment's and materials like ECG , Consultation bed and others that we put in the Hospital and helped a lot in receiving and treating the sick and the hospital looked very nice.



***Hospital beds and mattresses from the container in one of the wards at the Luvungi Hospital***





***Consultation bed in the consultation room***





***Medical equipment from the container***





***Hospitalised patients on the mattresses from the container and also the blankets they have are from the container.***





***Dr.Luc has distributed blankets to some villagers in Uvira***





***Traditional midwives and new mothers happy to receive blankets.***



## CLOTHES DISTRIBUTION:

We received clothes in the container that we started there distribution and its continuous and I will be giving you the exact figure of those who received the clothes. The communities are very happy to receive then and they get so overjoyed.





## **CHAIRS AND TABLES:**

The chairs and tables present were placed in the consultation room and other offices. For now, MHCD Hospital has 5 consultation rooms and other doctors consult in other rooms like nursing rooms so we are so grateful for the chairs and tables.



**One of the chairs from the container in the pharmacy.**

## SCRATCHES:

We had some scratches in the container that we distributed to the physically handicapped people. In villages, the handicapped people use wood scratches and this is usually not very safe due to the pain they exert hence add on malformation. The photo below is of a woman who was using the wooden scratches since she was her teen age. She had really prayed to God for good scratches but couldn't due to limited finances. When we visited her village and gave her the scratches from the container, she sang and danced and many people were left in awe. She said her suffering is now light because of the good scratches.







***A physically handicapped man who has been using wooden scratches for a long time is very happy to receive scratches from the container.***



## **FUTURE DISTRIBUTION:**

This is the first report because distribution is still underway. When we are through, we shall be sending another report and we shall state the number of people helped and the villages we distributed in.

## **NEED AND REQUEST:**

We are grateful so much once again to all those who assisted and supported us till the container arrived in DRC. On the other hand, we have been informed of a debt incurred by one of the rotary clubs in NSW of which it contributed so the container can arrive fast here in DRC. The debt is almost AUD10,000. Dr. Luc MULIMBALIMBA contributed all the expenses here from the border to Luvungi and all local expenses so the truck could go back to avoid extra charges and all this amounted to USD3000. All the goods we received for free and we are distributing them freely. We kindly request all well-wishers reading this report to please support us so we can clear out this debt.

For more details or support you can directly contact Lucy or Jacky on their email addresses below:

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## **CONCLUSION:**

Thank you very much for reading this report and supporting our container. Your support has really changed lives of so many vulnerable people in Uvira district and restored hope in many people. Even though the container process from packaging to transport has so many challenges, when it arrives its impact becomes immeasurable. Some of the goods in the container have higher value and we cannot afford to purchase them here locally and this is we always prefer containers.

Again thanks a lot for everything you are doing for us and may God bless you.

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