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DEDICATION:

I dedicate this report to my late biological Father Mr. KAHINDJA MASURURU ANDRE who died on 31 of May 2020 at the Ruhigita Clinic of Bukavu at 9:00 am Bukavu time following a short illness.

My father is a hero to me, he trained me medicine for the first time before going to university. It was him who showed me how to administer drugs to patients, perform injections, transfusions, and infusions etc.

Today I am a Medical Doctor, Pastor, MP, and Community Development Leader courtesy of my father. I really thank you Baba, Mzee, Papa, Father KAHINDJA MASURURU ANDRE for your love, care, and support. You were near me during good and difficult times, and I will never forget you, Dad.



Kahindja Masururu Andre

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Am so so thankful to all of you for all the work you did and may God bless you abundantly. You have been so close to us in good and bad times, MHCD D.R. Congo Mission today is one of the respected organisations because of your generosity and kindness.

INTRODUCTION:

The Mission in Health Care and Development MHCD is very happy to inform you that we have succeeded in carrying out many activities for the year 2020-2021. All the activities we have done have been to help reduce poverty, fight diseases and reducing infant mortality rates, promote education, and community development activities. We have already sent the report from January to June 2020 and this report is from June 2020 until December 2021.

We have carried out many activities and achievements that are not in this report, but we have listed some of the achievements and realisations that you will discover here.

I hope that you will enjoy reading the MHCD report.

SANGE MHCD NUTRITIONAL CENTRE:

After receiving many messages of children suffering from malnutrition in Sange, we started with a mobile clinic where a team of doctors and nurses from MHCD (Luvungi General Hospital) went to Sange. They consulted the patients free of charge and identified children, girls and women suffering from severe and acute malnutrition.

After the consultations, they reported back to us, and we opened a nutritional centre. We started by building a nutritional centre, equipping it with materials, chairs, and tables. Then we bought food and basic medicines and then we opened it in Sange. The centre was built within the MHCD Sange compound in Kinanira.

At the moment, all children, girls, and women suffering from malnutrition in Sange come to receive treatment free of charge. We have also extended this program to all students studying at Dietsch Academy Sange. The people of Sange are very happy to see that we have opened a nutritional centre in their village to help them. This program has brought hope to every village in Sange.

We also opened nutritional centres in other villages such as Luvungi and Ndolera. In total we have opened 3 nutritional centres in Uvira territory. All our centres are therapeutic nutrition centres.

In addition to opening these nutritional centres, MHCD together with Dr Luc MULIMBALIMBA has built another Nutritional and Women Training Centre in SANGE at Dietsch Academy which is well equipped with sewing machines, computers, and many other equipment necessary for apprenticeships in several trades.

The population of SANGE are very grateful to Dr Luc and Delice MULIMBALIMBA, MHCDASA, Nathan Dietsch and Bmi Australia for having built and opened the nutrition and women training centre in their village to many lives that had no more hope and have just found hope to live again.

The entire population of the Territory of Uvira reassures Dr Luc MULIMBALIMBA that they are behind him and MHCD activities and Projects and that they will regularly support MHCD humanitarian actions in their entity.



THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TWO BUILDINGS IN SANGE:

We are very pleased to announce that we have just built a building with two classrooms in the village of Sange. This building will help the children who study at Dietsch Academy Sange to study in good conditions. After constructing the building, we have also equipped the two classrooms with chairs, tables, and a blackboard. After building the two classrooms, we were incredibly happy to receive the donation from the Macquarie Foundation, and directly we built another building for a nutrition centre that will help the children, young girls, and women of Sange and other surrounding villages to receive treatment. This nutrition centre is also a classroom for the women who after receiving treatment and food we teach and train them in agriculture, tailoring and small business. The people of Sange are very happy.



MHCD LUVUNGI POLYTECHNIC (SECONDARY) SCHOOL:

The opening of the school year 2020/2021 has started in all primary and secondary schools of the DRC since Monday 12/10/2020. The MHCD Luvungi secondary school was among the schools that opened their doors in the DRC. We are very pleased to inform you that in the first week we received more than 600 students and now we have more than 950 students as registration continues.

The population of the Uvira territory in general and that of Luvungi would like to thank the Luc Mulimbalimba and entire MHCD, for having created the MHCD Luvungi Secondary and Polytechnic school which is a purely technical secondary school with sections such as Tailoring, IT, Automobile Mechanics, General Mechanics, Computer Science, Social Technique and General Pedagogy (Education). They are very pleased to see that the activities of the MHCD are progressing very well even if Dr Luc Mulimbalimba is absent in the country.



NDOLERA NUTRITIONAL CENTRE:

After opening a nutrition centre in Sange, we opened another nutritional centre in Mugogo/Ndolera village to help children, young girls and women who suffer from acute and severe malnutrition. We found it worthwhile to open another nutritional centre in Ndolera because it was very difficult to women with children to bring their children to Luvungi because of distance.

Ndolera is a village located in the Bafuliro Mountain in Uvira Territory and is a centre with more than 20 other villages. The MHCD has opened a nutrition centre in

Ndolera which is run by nurses and midwives who have completed their studies at our MHCD Midwifery and Nursing school in Luvungi. This is the pride of the MHCD.

The population of Ndolera suffers from insecurity, kidnappings and many women and girls continue to be raped from day to day which makes it impossible for them to cultivate in their farm due to the growing insecurity and fear of being raped. The main activity of Ndolera is agriculture, 90% of the population grows crops. This is why the population of Ndolera suffers from acute and severe malnutrition today; all this is the result of insecurity and kidnappings.

To combat malnutrition in Ndolera, we have opened a nutritional centre where we give treatment and food to malnourished children, women, and the elderly. All children and women suffering from severe malnutrition are hospitalized at the MHCD medical centre in Ndolera where they receive treatment and food every day.

With this programme we have managed to save many lives in Ndolera and its surroundings. At the centre we have 96 adults and 264 children who receive medical care and food.

Listen to the testimony of a woman who receives treatment at the MHCD nutrition centre in Ndolera.

- My name is BUSIME from Ndolera village and I am a farmer, I earn a living from farming. One day I went to the farm, I was kidnapped by three men who raped me and when I came home, I told my husband, but instead of supporting me and taking me to the hospital for treatment he abandoned me and left me with four children. From then on I was afraid to go to the fields because I thought I was going to be raped again. My life became difficult with the children at home, I no longer had food to give the children and they started suffering from malnutrition.

I thank Dr Luc MULIMBALIMBA and the MHCD Mission for their help in opening a Nutrition Centre in our village which has allowed my children to receive food and treatment free of charge. I also thank all the MHCD friends who support the community development activities of Dr Luc MULIMBALIMBA and MHCD for this new life that he has given to my children and has also given me the hope to live again on this earth. Because of the suffering that I went through with the children I no longer had the hope to live again, but courtesy of his support that I have this smile and the hope to live again.

I would like to thank all those who have supported the nutritional centre in Ndolera and who continue to help and support us. Through your help and support we have managed to save many lives and given hope to many women and their children.



THE CONGOLESE COMMUNITY IN AUSTRALIA ASSISTS UVIRA NATURAL DISASTER VICTIMS WITH MATTRESSES:

On Saturday 07/11/2020, the victims of flooding in Uvira who are housed in the different sites of the City of Uvira received a donation of mattresses from Australia. This donation is the work of the Congolese Community of South Australia, Darwin, Brisbane, and Sydney.

These worthy sons of the Democratic Republic of Congo living in Australia have come together as one to support and help their brothers and sisters who are spending the night in difficult conditions in Uvira.

It was Mr. Seraphin MBILIZI SINDANO, President of the Congolese community of South Australia, who coordinated this donation of mattresses by sensitizing and mobilizing the Congolese living in Australia to help their brothers and sisters in difficulty in the Territory of Uvira.

We would like to point out that it was the non-governmental organization MHCD (Mission in Health Care and Development) Mission en Soins de Santé et Développement - DRC and MHCD Australia Support Association who facilitated the transfer of this donation of mattresses to the DRC and who even proceeded to the distribution of this donation to the population victim of the natural disaster in Uvira.

The population of Uvira Territory and that of the DRC in general, thank the Congolese community living in Australia for their kind gesture to have thought of

them in this difficult moment, to Luc MULIMBALIMBA, President of the MHCD for having helped them by facilitating the transfer of this donation from Australia to the DRC and even proceeding to the distribution on the spot, to Mr Séraphin MBILIZI SINDANO, Representative of the Congolese community of South Australia for his coordination and the mobilization of the entire Congolese community living in Australia, to Mr Joseph NYEMBO, President of the Congolese Community of Darwin, to Pastor Nava of Sydney and to Mr Jimmy, President of Brisbane for their mobilization in the States of Australia where they are leaders



MEDICAL AND SURGICAL CAMPAIGN:

The MHCD has organized a medical and surgical campaign from October to 31 November 2020. The objective of the medical and surgical campaign is to help vulnerable people who are unable to seek medical care due to lack of means to come for free and semi-free treatment. The campaign is organized at the MHCD General hospital in Luvungi, which is in the territory of Uvira, city of luvungi, province of south kivu.

In only three weeks, we have consulted more than 400 patients who have all undergone laboratory tests, we have hospitalized more than 300 patients, among them children, women, and men, we have operated on more than 120 patients and every day we continue to receive patients from several villages in the territory of Uvira, Walungu and Bukavu city. The population of the province of South Kivu thank the MHCD Mission for organizing this medical and surgical campaign.

KAMUJERI BRIDGE:

Last month I informed MHCD Friends and Supporters that Kamujeri Bridge which we raised funds for here in Australia in 2012 and which facilitates agricultural and economic activities like brick making in different villages of Kamujeri Luvungi area and the transportation of various agricultural produce to Luvungi market had been affected by the heavy rains, it was not in use because parts of it had broken down and it was falling off.

I am very pleased to inform you that after writing a newsletter about Kamujeri Bridge we received support from Nathan Dietsch and Macquarie Foundation to rehabilitate this bridge. After receiving the funds, we directly purchased the construction materials and our engineers started the rehabilitation of the bridge and today the bridge is completely finished and will help the population of more than 8 villages (Luvungi, Kamujeri, Murunga, Ndolera, Buheba, Kanenga, Kasaba, Mugogo, etc) to transport their goods for sale and agricultural products from their farm.

Every day from Monday to Sunday, hundreds of people use this bridge. It is a bridge that contributes to the socio-economic and health development in Uvira Territory, especially Ruzizi Valley. The population of Luvungi and the surrounding villages were very grateful to see the bridge much better rehabilitated than it had been before. Women, men, and children sang and danced very much when the bridge was launched by MHCD.

We thank Nathan Dietsch and Macquarie Foundation who contributed to this project after having read our newsletter.



NDOLERA COMMUNITY MARKET:

Ndolera Community and MHCD Midwives, the ones who graduated from the MHCD Midwifery School and went back to their village to work in the Ndolera Community, started a project to construct a community market in Ndolera village. We contributed towards the construction, the next step was purchasing of timber and iron roofs.

Am very happy to inform you that after writing a newsletter about Ndolera Community Market, we received the support from Nathan Dietsch and Macquarie Foundation, and we purchased timber and iron roofs. Today am very very happy to inform you that the market is complete. I would like to remind you that as a family, we supported MHCD Ndolera midwives and their community to start the construction of the market for the sake of boosting the womens small businesses and reducing poverty. This is because during summer, due to lots of heat, most farm produce were going bad. The new modest market enables them to work in both wet and hot weather conditions without any problem. The community was very grateful to see the construction of the first market in their village. They were so grateful to the MHCD Mission, Nathan and Macquarie Foundation, Dr Luc MULIMBALIMBA's family and the entire village sang and danced to celebrate.



CONSTRUCTION OF PEDIATRIC WARD AT LUVUNGI HOSPITAL:

The Luvungi MHCD General Hospital has just had a new pediatric building, which will help hospitalize sick children suffering from severe and acute malnutrition and other diseases such as malaria.

We took the initiative to build this building after realizing that the only pediatric ward was every time full of sick children and there were other children who lacked beds up to the level of hospitalizing two children per bed. To solve this problem, Luc

MULIMBALIMBA and the MHCD saw it fit to build another pediatric building that will receive children who suffer from malnutrition associated with anemia and malaria.

This building is dedicated to the children who lost their lives during the floods of 2020-2021 in the town and territory of Uvira. These floods and natural disasters killed several children and there are other orphaned children who suffer from malnutrition and other diseases who are in the IDP (Internally Displaced Persons) camp of Kasenga in Uvira and who need medical care.

MHCD has taken 39 children and 11 widows who are in the MHCD orphanage in Luvungi, these children are progressing very well and are currently safe and healthy, but we have other children who continue to suffer in camps and villages, and we will continue to support and help these children who are still in the IDP (Internally Displaced Persons) camp in Kasenga in Uvira and others who are in different villages affected by insecurity caused by armed groups and militias as much as we are enabled.

This new building holds 6 beds, these beds and mattresses came from Australia.

The children sleep and receive treatment in good conditions.

On the day the building was inaugurated, all the beds were full of patients.

The population of the territory of Uvira thanks MHCD Mission for having taken the initiative to build this modern pediatric building.

They also thank all those who helped and supported the construction of the building.

Luc MULIMBALIMBA also thanked his MHCD friends who supported this project and thanked MHCDASA who organised the beds and mattresses from Australia.

Through this pediatric building we will save many lives, especially of vulnerable children who suffer from malnutrition in the Territory of Uvira.

We also thank the masons of the MHCD who built this pediatric building in the Luvungi MHCD General Hospital.



MHCDASA CONTAINER OF LOVE FROM ADELAIDE:

I would like to inform you that the MHCD Australia Support Association Container of Love from Adelaide Australia arrived in Luvungi village, Uvira Territory in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in January 2021.

The population of Luvungi went to Kamanyola DRC border to welcome and escorted the container up to Luvungi MHCD headquarters. They sing, danced, and thanked the MHCD Australia Support Association Committee Members for sending another container full of medical equipment's and materials and other goods like clothes, shoes, days for days kits, mattresses, chairs and tables, etc to support them. They also thank Dr Luc Mulimbalimba, their Leader for his lobbying and for all that he is doing in supporting them and for the development of the Uvira Territory and Luvungi village.

On the same day the container arrived at the MHCD Luvungi headquarters. The Luvungi population came in large numbers to help offload all the goods in the container. The children, women and men were given clothes, shoes, the women received days for girl's kits and other materials.

They thanked the MHCDASA and Dr Luc Mulimbalimba for all that they are doing for them. They also thanked all MHCD Friends and Supporters and Australian people who have contributed so that the container arrives in Luvungi village, D.R. Congo.



MHCD KASAI CONTAINER OF WHEELCHAIRS FOR KIDS:

I am incredibly pleased to inform you that the container we sent to Kasai Province in Democratic Republic of Congo arrived last month. Kasai province is in the middle of

DRC, so it is extremely difficult to send a container there because it is an enclave, but we tried for the first time and the good news is that the container has arrived.

In the container were 96 wheelchairs, 5000 birthing kits, kits for girls, medical equipment, and many other equipment's for the development of the province.

The container took a long journey from Australia to Dar es salaam in Tanzania, from Tanzania to Lubumbashi in DRC via Zambia, from Lubumbashi we put the container on the train to Kasai Province. it took us 4 months for the container to arrive at the destination.

After collecting the container, we proceeded directly to the distribution of the wheelchairs that we received from wheelchairs for kids Perth, Australia, we identified 2 territories namely Ndimbelenge and Kabeya Kamwanga and more than 20 villages. MHCD Kasai staff went to identify vulnerable children who suffer from physical disabilities and who were in need of wheelchairs, it was the first time that an organization distributed free wheelchairs in these villages. The women were very happy to see that we gave free wheelchairs to their children. They testified that we did not only give wheelchairs but also legs to their children so that they can walk like other children because they now have mobility.

The children visited their neighbourhoods and streets on their own using their wheelchairs, which was the first time in their lives. They were very happy to see that they could also visit their avenues and friends like other children.

We thank wheelchairs for kids Perth for helping us with the wheelchairs we sent to Kasai. your donation has given hope and new life to 96 children and their families. Through this donation we have united many families who had been separated because they had no means to buy wheelchairs for their children's mobility. Thank you very much for your support.



MHCD CONTAINER OF LOVE FROM MEDEARTH SYDNEY:

After sending the container to the Kasai region, Am very happy to let you know that we have sent another container to Lubumbashi Katanga Province, Shaba region. We were lucky to get a 40ft container full of medical equipment from Medearth Sydney NSW. The equipment was donated to MHCD and MHCD sent them to Katanga to aid in the opening of a new clinic near Lubumbashi which shall help treat vulnerable people especially women and children. We are so grateful to Mel and Laura for the donations of medical equipment. We also thank Gracia and her foundation for accepting to support the Lubumbashi community by paying full transport costs from Sydney Australia to Lubumbashi DRC. Gracia is a partner of MHCD, and we work with her foundation in Lubumbashi Katanga province.

There are 2 other containers that MHCD is planning to send to Uvira DRC. We still have medical equipment, especially hospital beds and mattresses in Sydney that we hope to send to Uvira for the MHCD Luvungi Hospital to equip in the two other new buildings. The second container will be full of solar panels that we are planning to send in May 2021 so we can set up a solar farm in Luvungi village, Uvira Territory.



LAPTOPS DONATION FROM TYNDALE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

I am very pleased to inform you that we have just received a donation of 50 laptops from Tyndale Christian School Strathalbyn and Salisbury South Australia. We thank the management of Tyndale Christian School for supporting and helping us with these laptops which will also help our students from the MHCD secondary and polytechnic School and the Uvira Community University IT students to learn computer and Information Technology skills. These laptops will be going to the Democratic Republic of Congo in the container that will leave Adelaide in May 2021. After distributing them to the students we will send you pictures and the report. We thank again Tyndale Christian School for supporting us with the laptops and May God blesses you. We really appreciate it.



THE REHABILITATION OF THE MHCD CLINIC IN KASENGA/UVIRA:

Dr. Luc MULIMBALIMBA MASURURU and his organisation Mission in Health Care and Development (MHCD) have rehabilitated the MHCD Kasenga Uvira Clinic (Clinique Naturopathique d'Uvira) in Uvira town. This clinic was affected by floods last year and even this year, which damaged other important things.

Therefore Dr. Luc and Delice MULIMBALIMBA supported the rehabilitation of Uvira clinic to allow the population of this corner of the DRC to benefit from quality and cheaper health care services.

- A new paint was put inside as well as outside.
- Rehabilitation of all known damages in this clinic.

In addition to this rehabilitation, MHCD Mission together with Luc MULIMBALIMBA has equipped this clinic from the reception to the operating room. All the mattresses have been changed and new ones put in, chairs have been put in the reception area, the operating room has been equipped with an anesthesia and reanimation machine, the laboratory, the maternity, the hospitalization rooms and the pharmacy.

I would like also to inform you that the medical equipment's installed came in the container that we received last month from MHCDASA Adelaide Australia.

We thank MHCD Australia Support Association for helping and supporting MHCD D.R. Congo with medical equipment's and other materials. We also thank all those who have contributed by putting the goods and other materials in the container we received last month in Luvungi /Uvira D.R. Congo. May the Lord bless you.

The Administrator of the MHCD / Uvira has launched again the activities of consultation and treatment at the MHCD Kasenga Uvira Clinic.



DISTRIBUTION OF LAPTOPS TO UCU UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AT LUVUNGI CAMPUS UVIRA:

The MHCD Mission in Health Care and Development proceeded to the distribution of laptops to the students of Uvira Community University (UCU) Luvungi Campus. These computers will help the students to better master the new information and communication technology, especially within the framework of computer science courses to practice on site with this tool which is currently used in all fields.

Currently, it is difficult to study without a computer, which is why MHCD (Mission in Health Care and Development) in partnership with the Australian organization Computers for Congo, led by Tom Cecil, have had the vision to provide a few new universities in the DRC with computers to help students with their research and to open training centres for a good learning of computer tools by the youth of South Kivu Province in particular and the DRC in general.

MHCD & Computer for Congo had brought a container of more than 1,000 computers for the DRC, which helped in this distribution, which started with the students of the Luvungi Campus.

Today the UCU students are very happy to receive these laptops from Australia for the first time to better adapt to a good use and to be up to date with news from all over the world by also using the internet connection of the Luvungi campus which is permanent.

The students sincerely thanked Dr. Luc Mulimbalimba, President of the MHCD and Engineer Tom Cecil, Director of Computer for Congo for supporting them with laptops. They really appreciate and they say that they will never forget.



NYIRAGONGO PYGMIES AFFECTED BY VOLCANO RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM MHCD.

After receiving the news of the eruption of the volcano of Nyiragongo which affected the population of Goma and Nyiragongo Territory, especially the pygmies, we informed the friends of the MHCD in Australia about the difficulties they are passing on.

The pygmies of Nyiragongo live in serious poverty, they lack food, they sleep in traditional small houses made by grasses and trees and on the ground, they do not have mattresses, they suffer from day to day. The eruption of the Nyiragongo

volcano has increased the suffering that they go through every day. Their villages were among the villages affected by the volcano, especially since they live near the volcanic mountain of Nyiragongo.

To alleviate their suffering, the MHCD Goma Staff visited the different sites of the pygmies of the Nyiragongo Territory and Goma in North Kivu Province. We brought them tarpaulins to rebuild their houses, mattresses, food (beans) and cooking salts.

They were very happy to receive this donation from the MHCD. According to their testimony, they told MHCD Staff that the donation they received were the first donation and assistance they have received, and they are thankful to the MHCD as well as to the friends and supporters of the MHCD in Australia who helped and supported them with mattresses and food at this difficult moment they are going through.

They also testify that this is the first time they have been given the mattresses, so it will be the first time they have spent their night or slept at the mattresses. Before they have been sleeping on mats. Many of them even cried when they saw the mattresses for the first time in their small houses.

We thank Elaine and John Dietsch who supported this program. Thank you very much for supporting Nyiragongo Pygmies at this difficult time they are going through. We thank MHCDASA who facilitated the transfer of these funds from Australia to D.R. Congo. We also thank the staff of MHCD Goma and Luvungi/Uvira who bought the mattresses, food, etc., visited them and distributed all the goods to them.

Finally, we also thank all those who have prayed and continue to pray for MHCD D.R. Congo mission.



TAILORING SCHOOL PROGRAM IN SANGE

Sange is a village located in the territory of Uvira, Province of South Kivu in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The population of Sange has been affected by the different wars in the DRC from 1996 to 2006, then a truck that was transporting gasoline had an accident in Sange, the population had to take fuel and the gasoline caught fire and killed many people, recently a person armed with a weapon killed more than 20 people especially women and children in Sange. All this has made the population of Sange live in total insecurity which has caused poverty and malnutrition.

To reduce poverty in Sange and help vulnerable children who are suffering, MHCD started a Nursery and Primary School called Dietsch Academy. The MHCD Dietsch Academy Primary School in Sange helps children with free education and those who suffer from malnutrition we help them with food and medical care. This program helps to fight against poverty, specifically to promote education and health among children in Sange. With this education program we have managed to save many lives in Sange. Every year 150 to 200 students receive free education and health care in Sange village. The Sange Education program is supported by Nathan Dietsch.

Am very happy to inform you that to fight against poverty and promote women's activities in Sange we started a Tailoring Training Centre for women and girls and a computer training Centre for youth.

We have started to train the women and single mothers whose children suffer from malnutrition and who received the nutritional and medical care at MHCD Sange Nutritional Centre. We have sensitised them so that they can do the tailoring training, and they have accepted. They started to come for two days a week for the treatment of their children who suffer from malnutrition and 3 days a week for the tailoring training. After 6 months of training, they succeeded and finished the training and now they have started to sew and make the clothes themselves. Every day they get people from Sange village and other villages in Ruzizi Valley who come with clothes to sew, this program helps them to become self-financing and self-help. Am very happy to inform you that they are now trained tailors, they know how to make clothes and we are very happy to see them sewing and making clothes. Their children no longer suffer from malnutrition, now they have money to buy food for their children, they make clothes for their children, they send their children to school, and they have a good and normal life. The tailoring training program helped them a lot to come out of poverty.

We thank MHCD Australia Support Association for donating to us the sewing machines that helped us in the training of Sange students in Tailoring. The machines were great help to us. We thank Bethesda Ministries International for supporting nutritional program in Sange. We thank Nathan Dietsch for supporting educational program and orphaned children in Sange.



MHCD-COMPUTERS FOR CONGO IT PROGRAM

I am happy and delighted to inform you that our program to train youth in computer and IT is going on very well.

This programme is a collaboration between MHCD R.D. Congo and Computers for Congo Australia which is headed by Tom Cecil.

The objective of this project is to fight against poverty in D.R. Congo through the training of youths in computer and IT skills and their self-financing.

We have succeeded in opening several computer trainings centres in the different villages, towns and cities of South Kivu Province and the DRC in general.

Through this programme of the MHCD and Computers for Congo, we have also succeeded in creating a university called Université Communautaire d'Uvira (Uvira Community University) which has several faculties, and this university is evolving well.

We are in our second year and next year our students will be graduating.

Last year we received a 40-foot container of computers and laptops from computers for Congo Australia. The purpose of this container was to open several computer centres and support the Université Communautaire d'Uvira and other institutions with computer equipment. The other objective was to equip our students in the faculty of

computer science, Information Technology and management, network maintenance, etc. with laptops.

Last year we distributed laptops to UCU students, and I am happy to inform you that in this year 2021, we have again distributed laptops to the students; they were all happy to receive laptops for the first time in their lives. These computers will help them to study computer courses and do practice at home.

In addition to the distribution of laptops, we have opened computer and office centres in different villages, towns and cities in Uvira Territory and the DRC such as Sange, Katogota, Kaziba and Bukavu.

We have also distributed printers to enable the self-financing of these centres.

We thank Dr Luc MULIMBALIMBA, President of the MHCD and Tom Cecil, President of Computers for Congo Australia for initiating this project of training, support and self-financing of Congolese youth.



THE KASENGA/UVIRA IDP CAMP ORPHANS RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM MHCD.

The (IDP) Internally Displaced People who are in the camp of Kasenga in the town of Uvira, Province of South Kivu continue to suffer from day to day. They have no food, they sleep on the ground without beds, mattresses, or blankets, some spend the

night in tarpaulins and others under the stars, their children suffer from severe and acute malnutrition. They also suffer from malaria, bronchitis, and waterborne diseases. This is because they do not have the financial means to survive, let alone get health care in a camp occupied mostly by widowed women, single mothers, and orphaned children.

The people are suffering today because are victims of floods caused by heavy rains that have been at the root of the rising waters of Lake Tanganyika on the one hand, and on the other hand, because of the change in the ecosystem that has upset the climatic and environmental phenomenon.

The floods caused a great loss of human lives, mostly women and children who were defenseless, and material goods of great value and several houses were washed away.

After the floods, the territories of Uvira, Fizi and Mwenga experienced problems of insecurity. These territories continue to experience major problems of insecurity caused by the various rebel groups and internal tribal-ethnic militias of the Democratic Republic of Congo and other armed troops from neighboring countries who are fighting on Congolese soil, and the Congolese are paying the heaviest prices.

The populations most affected live in the highlands of these three territories, especially Bijombo, Rubuga, Mulege, Masango, Itombwe, Kagogo, Kahololo, Kitembe and Mujanvi.

These armed groups kill innocent people, loot their belongings (goats, chickens, and food) and burn their houses.

These problems of insecurity, looting and killings have caused many people to flee their villages to safer and more stable places. Most people have taken refuge in the Kasenga IDP camp in the town of Uvira, where they have found themselves with other people who fled the floods, as their belongings were looted and stolen by the rebels and others washed away; they spend nights in tarpaulins and without beds, mattresses, or blankets, they have enormous difficulties, their children are suffering from severe and acute malnutrition, and they go several days without eating.

Informed of this disastrous situation that this battered population is going through and abandoned to their sad fate, Luc MULIMBALIMBA MASURURU, MHCD Director, directly sent his doctors and nurses to organize a mobile clinic and inquire about the situation on the ground.

When they arrived in the IDP camp, they found that the situation was catastrophic, many children were suffering from malnutrition and diseases such as malaria, typhoid fever, bronchitis, pneumonia and intestinal worms, the children were sleeping on the ground and some of them had lost their parents, i.e., father and

mother had all died and they had become street children, they lacked clothes to wear and even food to eat.

These problems and difficulties that these children go through from day to day have greatly affected Luc and his wife Délice MULIMBALIMBA and they directly launched a medical and surgical campaign at the MHCD Clinic in Uvira where all vulnerable children and women are consulted and treated free of charge. To this end, the clinic has managed to consult and treat more than 800 people, especially children and women.

After the medical campaign, we registered widowed women, single mothers, and the most destitute orphaned children, especially those suffering from malnutrition. Given the difficulties they are going through in the IDP camp, Luc and Délice MULIMBALIMBA thought of creating an orphanage for these children.

These poor children and women are directly taken to Luvungi, under the care of MHCD, they eat three times a day, i.e., morning, noon, and evening, and they are housed, cared for, and fed for free. They sleep in good conditions and in a safe place, when they fall ill, they are treated directly at the MHCD General Hospital in Luvungi. The doctors of the MHCD follow their health conditions every day, which means that their health conditions are improving day by day.

On the other side, the widows have been put in the training Centre in Tailoring, Agriculture, and small businesses; the training will take 3 months so that they become capable of taking care of themselves when they leave Luvungi.

These widows and orphans when they came, they were in distress, but thanks to MHCD they have re-discovered their smiles, they live in security and with joy. Most of the children who suffered from malnutrition are cured and they are in good health; they can sing, dance, and do recitations now.

The population of the territory of Uvira and of the Province of South Kivu in general thank Dr Luc and his wife Mrs. Délice MULIMBALIMBA and entire MHCD Mission for having taken this initiative to take care of these vulnerable people by opening an orphanage and a training Centre for women. They thank also MHCD Australia Support Association for supporting the orphanage.



THE MHCD TO THE RESCUE OF PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

For more than five years now, MHCD Mission in Health Care and Development has been distributing wheelchairs in the Democratic Republic of Congo. These wheelchairs come from the Wheelchairs for Kids Perth Australia, which works in partnership with the MHCD.

Each year, the MHCD receives wheelchairs which it distributes to physically handicapped children in the different provinces and territories of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The objective of distributing these chairs is to facilitate and help physically handicapped children to get around without much effort in order to go to school and circulate normally like any other person.

Since we started distributing wheelchairs in the DRC, we have managed to participate in the improvement of the daily lives of physically handicapped children by facilitating them with mobility (means of movement).

Before the acquisition of the wheelchairs, the children did not have the means to move around, they stayed inside the house from morning to evening, from Monday to Sunday. These children lived with a lot of difficulties and felt very uncomfortable,

they could not go outside the house and even to relieve themselves, they needed a family member to lift them up to do so, which was not easy.

Moreover, due to the lack of carers to help them move around, performing personal hygiene was extremely difficult, which had affected many families with physically handicapped children to fall into poverty because often it was their mothers who could go to the fields to find food and they were struggling to stay at home to look after their disabled children.

Thus, finding a wheelchair in the DRC is not easy, because it costs at least \$150 a piece, and many families do not have the financial means to buy a wheelchair because of the difficult life they lead, especially since the maximum cost of living for a Congolese is \$1 a day.

Poverty has meant that many children lack wheelchairs on the one hand, and on the other, we have noticed the problem of education, given that due to a lack of mobility these physically handicapped children do not go to school, which means that many of them are illiterate, while in fact most of them are very intelligent and active, They prefer to go to school on wheelchairs to learn so that they can become independent and be able to help their families, but due to lack of mobility most of them did not study, which also affected their lives feel neglected, ignored or forgotten in their families.

Thanks to the MHCD Mission in Health Care and Development and the organization Wheelchairs For Kids Perth Australia, many children from the Territory of Uvira, Province of South Kivu and other territories and Provinces of the DRC such as: FIZI, BUKAVU, WALUNGU, KABARE, GOMA, KASAI and the City Province of Kinshasa have received wheelchairs free of charge and thanks to these chairs many children are now going to school to study, which was impossible before, they use the wheelchair table to write at school and at home the same table is used to eat.

These children no longer stay at home, they are mobile, they move around and play easily with other children in the neighborhoods where they have even created many friendships and all this to allow them to live in peace like all the other children, many of them who did not have peace, but thanks to these wheelchairs for kids, they have found peace of mind. One of them told us: "I was born physically handicapped, I don't have feet to move around, but thanks to Doctor Luc MULIMBALIMBA and his organization MHCD as well as the organization Wheelchairs for Kids Perth Australia, I have just got feet. This wheelchair that I have just got today is my feet, it is thanks to this that I have discovered mobility, every morning I go to school, after school I walk with my friends in the neighborhoods, as before I had no friends, I spent all day in my room and in the dark, now I have many friends and thanks to this wheelchair, I see the sun and I no longer live in the dark, I thank all those who work day and night so that we have these wheelchairs. Thanks to these wheelchairs, I go to school and study like any other child".

We have many testimonies like this one, the wheelchairs for kids have contributed a lot to the socio-economic and educational development of many disabled children

and their families in the Democratic Republic of Congo, because many of the families who did not have peace and joy, they discovered them thanks to these wheelchairs, which gave a lot of hope to these physically handicapped children. The MHCD is very grateful to the Wheelchairs for Kids Perth Australia for providing us with these wheelchairs, and our sincere thanks go to all the volunteers who work for the collection of these chairs and to all those who contribute financially so that we can have these chairs in the DRC, with the aim of distributing at least 300 wheelchairs by the year 2022



MHCD BIRTHING KITS PROGRAM

The MHCD (Mission in Health Care and Development) would like to inform you that the Birthing Kits distribution program is progressing very well, and we thank the Birthing Kit Foundation Australia for the cooperation and collaboration and for helping us with the kits. The Birthing Kits program in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has made significant contribution to the reduction of infant mortality and the socio-economic development of women, particularly The Traditional Midwives and Community Health Workers. Therefore, we thank the Board of Birthing Kit Foundation Australia for establishing a new relationship with the MHCD to continue to save lives in the DRC through providing Birthing Kits and to support the Traditional Midwives. Here is the report of the activities we have done in the period of May to July 2021.

KASAI PROVINCE BIRTHING KITS

I am incredibly pleased to inform you that the container we sent to Kasai Province in Democratic Republic of Congo arrived last month. Kasai province is in the centre of DRC, so it is exceedingly difficult to send a container to Kasai because it is not easily accessible, but we tried for the first time and the good news is that the container arrived.

In the container were 5000 pcs of birthing kits, 96 wheelchairs for kids, days for girls kits, medical equipment and many other equipment for the development of the province.

The container took a long journey from Australia to Dar es salaam in Tanzania, from Tanzania to Lubumbashi in DRC via Zambia, from Lubumbashi we put the container on the train to Kasai Province. It took us 4 months for the container to arrive at the destination.

After collecting the container, we proceeded directly to the one-day traditional midwives training. As we do not have support for Midwifery Training in Kasai, we decided to start with a one-day Traditional Midwifery Seminar, and we organised the seminar virtually through WhatsApp. We selected 20 Traditional midwives that we trained on how to use the Birthing Kits, primary health care and how to transfer the patients at the hospital. These three topics helped them to know the Birthing Kit more before distribution, to train other traditional midwives before giving them the Kits and then to distribute these kits to the Traditional midwives in the different villages, Hospitals, and health centres.

We have distributed the kits to two provinces which **are Kasai Central and Kasai Oriental**, in the 2 territories namely **Dimbelenge and Kabeya Kamuanga** and in more than 40 villages, maternities, health centres and hospitals.

Dimbelenge: 2500 Kits

Kabeya Kamuanga: 2500 Kits

According to the report that we have just received, there is a real need for kits in Kasai and infant mortality is extremely high, we highly recommend that Birthing Kits Foundation Australia support MHCD Traditional Midwifery Seminar Program so that we can organize 3 days Midwifery Seminar in order to train Traditional Midwives and save human lives especially pregnant women and their babies.

BIRTHING KITS FROM FEDEX BUJUMBURA BURUNDI

Also, I am very happy to inform you that we received the 4000 birthing kits sent to MHCD via FedEx Bujumbura Burundi.

We were very happy to receive the Birthing Kits because it had been a year without receiving the any kits and it really disrupted our distribution program especially to the Traditional Midwives, but when we informed them that we have received the kits again, they were very pleased with this good news and directly they asked us to bring the kits to their villages.

The Birthing Kits were distributed in the following Provinces and Territories:

1. South Kivu Province:
 - Uvira Territory 1000 pcs
 - Fizi Territory 1000 pcs
 - Walungu Territory 500 pcs
 - Mwenga Territory 500 pcs
2. North Kivu Province:
 - Nyiragongo Territory 500 pcs
 - Goma 500 pcs

TOTAL: 4000 Birthing Kits Distributed.



LOCALLY MADE BIRTHING KITS

I am very pleased to inform you that we have received the funds to produce the Birthing Kits locally in Luvungi Uvira DRC. After receiving the funds, the MHCD Staff went to Nairobi, Kenya and Bukavu, D.R. Congo to purchase the materials. We decided to buy the materials in Nairobi in Kenya and Bukavu D.R. Congo because we knew we could find all materials we need there.

We bought all the materials and transported them to Luvungi, it took us a long time considering the third wave of Covid 19 because Kenya was in lockdown, and it was very difficult to find freight services to transport the materials, but we forced ourselves until we transported the materials to Luvungi via Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi.

When the materials arrived in Luvungi, we selected 50 Traditional Midwives and Community Health Workers who helped us made the Birthing Kits, and we also took the widows who are at the MHCD orphanage in Luvungi.

We first started with a one-day training, where we showed and train themed on the importance and impact of the Birthing Kit, the materials that we will put in the kit and their importance as well as the impact that these kits will bring in communities after the distribution.

These women were very happy, and the training motivated them to make the kits and even their asked us to be volunteers for the sensitization and distribution of these kits and we accepted.

The following day they made Birthing Kits at Pamela Community Centre Hall in Luvungi Village.

The title of the project is Empowering women through locally making 10,000 clean birthing kits to improve health and socio-economical wellbeing in a community of South Kivu, DRC.

The project main objective is to implement a holistic approach to improve health and socio-economical wellbeing in various community of South Kivu, DRC by reducing infant mortality and maternal morbidity, improving socio-economic wellbeing through financement of micro-projects and increasing global awareness on health within the community.

The secondary objectives are :

1) to reduce infant mortality and maternal morbidity rates, by providing 10,000 kits to health care centres and traditional health workers. This will be implemented through the production and distribution of 10,000 birthing kits.

2) to improve socio-economic wellbeing, by financing micro-projects that will benefit 50 households. This will be implemented by providing a stipend of 20 cents / kit assembled (in exchange of the production of 200 birthing kits)to each of 50 vulnerable women to help them should they choose to start a revenue-generating activity.

Besides, as a source of identification, every woman who integrates the program will receive a volunteer card ID with her photo. Those cards are highly valuable, as they

represent very often the only identification document they could have.

3) to increase awareness in the overall community, through sensitisation campaigns (radio, documentaries, etc.) and advocacy towards the authorities and the local communities. To ensure a successful implementation of the project, it is essential to gain the initial approval and support of the authorities and the communities. Women health and wellbeing can only improve if people engage themselves in the process and feel involved in the project. Local leaders in each community will be informed of the project and support from them will be sought. Through interactive radio program, people understanding and basic knowledge on societal issues in general and on women issues in particular can make a huge difference. MHCD will work with local civil registry officers to sensitise families on the importance of child registration in the first three months of the birth (registration becomes complicated and very expensive in DRC after this delay).

I am pleased to inform you that we have manufactured 10,000 kits. Our vision was to manufacture 10,000 kits and we have succeeded in manufacturing the expected numbers.

After the production of the kits, we proceeded directly to the distribution of these kits.

We distributed these kits to the internally displaced persons in the camps of Kasenga, Bijombo and Itombwe, in the hospitals and maternity wards of the territory of Uvira, Fizi and Mwenga, in Kalemie in the Province of Tanganyika and in North Kivu.

• Uvira Territory, South Kivu Province	2000 Kits
• Fizi Territory, South Kivu Province	2000 Kits
• Mwenga Territory, South Kivu Province	1000 Kits
• Walungu Territory, South Kivu Province	1000 Kits
• Kabare Territory, South Kivu Province	1000 Kits
• Kalemie, Tanganyika Province	1000 Kits
• Nyiragongo Territory, North Kivu Province	500 Kits
• Goma, North Kivu Province	500 Kits
• Masisi Territory, North Kivu Province	1000 Kits

TOTAL: 10,000 Kits Distributed.

THE IMPACT OF LOCALLY MADE BIRTHING KITS

The project brought together 50 women. They had time to discuss about their experiences, challenges and successes. It was a good time to encourage each other.

The TBA's were delighted to make the kits themselves that they will be using. It was a huge motivation.

The money they got after making the kits will be used for micro financing.

Widows from the MHCD Orphanage helped in the reassembling of the kits and the money they got will also be used micro financing.

The kits that were locally made in DRC are the same as those ones coming from Australia. The only difference is the we increased the size of the soap and the plastic sheet is a little stronger and the TBA 's love them so much.They requested that next time we pack 2 pairs of medical gloves.

DIFFICULTIES

Most of the traditional midwives did not have lights during the night when they did their work, which causes many problems and even complications, even many health centers and maternity hospitals don't have lights during the night. As a solution, they asked us to help them with solar kits to help them have lights during the night and especially when they do deliveries.

They requested us to inform the BKFA to continue sending the kits regularly. They said not receiving kits in time affects their work so much. They reassured us that the kit helps them a lot to fight against infant mortality and helps them to work in good conditions.

The midwives liked the project of locally made birthing kits because it helps them to have money for the survival of their children and families. They encouraged us to do the same project at least 3 times a year in order to help them and other women who are in difficulty.

The midwives also informed us that they have a big problem of transferring the sick to the hospital especially during the night when there are complications, due to lack of transport, in their villages there are not even motorcycles, so they asked to help them with moto bicycles so that it can help them to transport the sick at the hospitals or health centres. The moto bicycles will also help them to transport birthing kits and other medical materials.

The traditional midwives also need mobile phones to communicate with the impact radio station, community health workers, the MHCD Staffs and the Luvungi hospital, to exchange with our midwives and nurses and to communicate with their colleagues. They informed us that it has been more than three years since they received the telephones and now, they need other telephones to communicate better.We have also many traditional midwives who have never received phones and they also need phones to communicate with other traditional midwives.

We are grateful to the Birthing Kit Foundation Australia for funding the locally made birthing kit (kit production) program in the Democratic Republic of Congo and for sending us more kits.

The production of the kits locally has changed the lives of 50 women and more than 300 children. The women who helped us to make and pack the kits have received money that has helped them to do small business, agriculture, and other community development projects. they have the money to pay school fees for their children, food for fighting malnutrition, money for medical care and to fight against poverty. for which we continue to thank Birthing Kit Foundation Australia for supporting this project in DRC.



**MHCD AFRICA MISSION (KENYA, BURUNDI, AND D.R. CONGO)
SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2021**

We are pleased to inform you that our mission in Africa went well. We were in Africa for three missions: To visit our family and to revitalize the activities of MHCD DRC, to re-open some of the activities of MHCD and BMI in Bungoma, Kenya and to create a MHCD office in Burundi as well as a BMI church in Burundi. We are happy to inform you that we have succeeded in realizing more than 90% of these. We spent three months in Africa (one month in Kenya and 2 months in Burundi).

KENYA

When we returned to DRC to start MHCD activities in 2009, we left MHCD Kenya very active with many projects but unfortunately the people we left did not work well until we closed almost 80% of the activities in Kenya, for example the church we left had more than 100 members, but the number of worshippers dropped to less than 10 per service.

Our mission was to restart community and spiritual development activities in Kenya. When we arrived, on the first Sunday of our visit, there were only 4 people in the church.

In solving some problems, we found on ground, we directly started by visiting street and orphaned children, elderly people, single mothers, and other vulnerable people. We also visited Traditional Midwives and we organised a one-day traditional midwifery seminar which brought together more than 30 women. They told us many challenges they had been facing during all these years. We found that they had a lot of problems especially lack of food, we directly went to the supermarket and bought food and soap and distributed to them. They were very very happy to see us again and to participate in the Traditional Midwifery seminar. We also organised reflection days with the youth in order to solve some of their problems.

To reinforce MHCD's projects in Kenya, we have rehabilitated the two MHCD houses, the first of which will be a training centre for tailoring and food bank (Canteen).

The second house which was a clinic, we have also rehabilitated it and it will be an orphanage to help orphaned children and one room will be a computer training centre.

We have also demolished the old church which was built of iron sheets and started the construction of a brick church. This building will also serve as a training centre for conferences and seminars to fight against poverty and promote women's activities in Bungoma Kenya. We have managed to build the church and rehabilitate two houses in just one month.

For the church we are still in need of materials for ceiling board, pavement, doors, windows and plastering to finalize the building completely.

For the two building, they are fully completed, we just need the equipment's and materials like sewing machines, computers, tables, chairs and food to start the projects and we are hoping to start all activities and projects in March 2022.

We are planning also to organize seminars and conferences with Traditional Midwives, Community Health Workers, Youths, Pastors, and Villages Leaders every month in order to reduce poverty and promote primary health care in different villages of Bungoma and western Kenya region.

The people of Bungoma were very happy to see that we have started community development activities again in their village. The last Sunday we were in the church for worship, we had more than 80 people. Also, every week we organized community development activities where more than 20 people participated. so we have managed to revitalize and reactivate the activities of MHCD Kenya. Now our visitors can visit MHCD Kenya and have a good time helping the people and doing community development activities

BURUNDI

After Kenya, we went to Bujumbura in Burundi where we met my family members (my mother, my brother Daniel, and my sister Neema). We also met the staff of the MHCD R.D. Congo. It was a great opportunity to see my mother after 2 years of absence in the country and especially since she is not doing well. My mother and my brothers and sisters were very happy to see me and my wife Delice. We spent a nice time together. One of our missions of visiting Burundi was to see my mother and my family members.

The MHCD staff also came across the border to see us. They were also very happy to see us face to face. We had time to spend more than a week together planning the activities of the MHCD.

After organizing meetings with the MHCD Staffs, we visited different provinces of Burundi in order to set up the MHCD office. After more than two weeks of investigation and research we found the province of Makamba, Nyanza Lac District, where people suffered a lot during the different wars in Burundi. We found a Pastor who had lost all his family members during the war (his wife, children, brothers and sisters, all were murdered during the Burundi war) and he was left alone. His testimony touched our hearts and especially when we saw him continuing to serve the Lord God during the difficult times he was going through. We chose him directly as the person in charge of the MHCD and Bmi in Burundi. We found him with a church that he had been building for more than 5 years without finishing it because of poverty, we directly contributed with money to buy the windows. the Pastor really needs your prayer and support. we have also rented a house where we will put the MHCD clinic, this house will also be the representation office of MHCD in Burundi.

In addition to these activities, we also supported the Burundian population in the fight against Covid 19. In the second container we sent to the DRC, it had equipment to support the Burundian population. upon arrival in Burundi, the Burundian Government put us in contact with the health department of the ministry of defense. we handed over more than 100,000 face masks, orthopedic equipment's, wheelchairs to the Burundian population via the health department of the ministry of defense. The Government has chosen the Department of Health of the Ministry of Defense to facilitate the mobility and distribution of these materials across the

country because they have vehicles that will facilitate the transport of these materials free of charge. They are very good in this kind of activities.

It is the Vice Minister of Defense and the Diplomatic Adviser of the Minister who came to receive these equipment's on behalf of the Government. We also helped the Cedac organization, which is a Burundian organization partner of the MHCD with computers, laptops, days for girls and birthing kits in order to help and support the population. The Burundian Government Leaders were very happy to receive the donation from the MHCD Mission.

We thank God for all those who prayed for us while we were in Africa. We thank Brett and Sarah who agreed to stay and look after our children during the 3 months we were in Africa. we thank Tyndale Christian School for also looking after our children and contacting us from time to time, we thank all the MHCD friends and supporters who contributed morally, physically, and financially.

Finally, we thank the Burundian government for the physical protection they offered us during the 2 months we were in Burundi.



CONCLUSION:

Thank you very much for taking your time and reading this report and I really hope you were able to discover some of the activities we managed to carry out. There are some other activities we carried out and are not included here. We have outlined the

main ones. I believe you have been able to understand the activities we were able to carry out. Thank you also for your spiritual support and all generosity you have shown us. Through your support and love, we have managed to assist very many vulnerable people and they are really happy in their homes wherever they are.

I really appreciate all your efforts and sacrifice towards the success of the MHCD activities and projects in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Kindly may you not tire in assisting us.

We are still in need of your support, love, and care so we can succeed in the vision, work and MHCD 2020-2023 program. We have a long journey ahead and we believe we shall be able to do that which we shall be able to save the vulnerable people.

Again, many thanks and may God bless you.

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MHCD DIRECTOR.