

Congo is one of the poorest countries in the world and the quality of education is low. Twelve million children do not attend school and only a quarter of all children who go to school finish high school. Children often sit on the ground in dilapidated school buildings and learn to read and write with old-fashioned teaching materials.

En Classe strongly believes that poverty can only be broken by providing good quality education. That is why, since 2007, En Classe is working on improving the education in Kinshasa, the capital of the Congo.

En Classe invests in infrastructure and hygiene at existing schools and supports teachers and students with additional training. By working closely with school boards, parents, local organizations and the Congolese government, we create a solid foundation for the further development of the schools.

A local team in Kinshasa, consisting of seven young, smart and enthusiastic Congolese, coordinate all the programs initiated by En Classe. Our work not only impacts the lives of school children in Congo, but also that of dozens of Congolese people. Our contractors, bricklayers, painters and the teacher trainers all get a decent salary from En Classe; a good example of investing in the local economy.

And that is how we all work together to improve the learning conditions, the quality of education and, ultimately, the chances for a better future for thousands of Congolese children!

## 'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.'

- Nelson Mandela

