



ANNUAL REPORT · 2025-2026

# Building Ethical Leaders. *Transforming* Communities.

*A year of progress for the Bilingual School of  
Leadership in the Democratic Republic of the  
Congo.*

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HELP DIOCESE OF KIKWIT IN ZAIRE, INC.

Help Kikwit · U.S.-Based 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization

**79**

ACRES SECURED

**80,000+**

BRICKS PRODUCED

**\$1,582,817**

PHASE I BUDGET

**2027**

GROUNDBREAKING TARGET



## SECTION 01

# Our Mission

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*Help Diocese of Kikwit in Zaire, Inc. (Help Kikwit) is a U.S.-based 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to supporting educational, humanitarian, and community development initiatives in the Diocese of Kikwit, Democratic Republic of the Congo.*

Our flagship initiative is the **Bilingual School of Leadership (BSL)**, an innovative educational institution designed to prepare ethical, bilingual (French-English) leaders equipped with critical-thinking skills, entrepreneurial capacity, and a commitment to the common good.

## A Message from the Founder

*Dear Friends,*

This past year has been one of remarkable progress for the Bilingual School of Leadership. Thanks to the generosity of foundations, churches, community partners, and individual supporters, our vision continues to move from dream to reality.

We have secured the land, received curriculum approval from the Ministry of Primary, Secondary, and Vocational Education, strengthened our governance structure, and continued preparing the campus for construction. Most importantly, we have built a growing community of partners who share our conviction that education is one of the most effective investments in the future of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Diocese of Kikwit, thank you for believing in this mission.

**Fr. Jean-Pierre Bongila**

FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR

SECTION 02

# Our Impact During 2025–2026

## Organizational Highlights

- Continued growth of Help Kikwit as a U.S. 501(c)(3) nonprofit.
- Expanded U.S. and Democratic Republic of the Congo governance structures.
- Increased partnerships with educational, business, and faith-based organizations.

## BSL Project Milestones

AT A GLANCE

**79 Acres**

CAMPUS SECURED NEAR KIKWIT

**80,000+**

ECOLOGICAL CONSTRUCTION BRICKS PRODUCED

- Secured a 79-acre campus near Kikwit.
- Received official curriculum approval from the Ministry of Education.
- Finalized the school's governance model.
- Produced over 80,000 ecological construction bricks.
- Constructed a warehouse to support Phase I construction.
- Continued architectural planning and campus development.
- Strengthened relationships with local government and community leaders.

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# The Bilingual School of Leadership

MISSION

To educate bilingual ethical leaders of tomorrow, fluent in both French and English, trained in critical-thinking skills, and committed to the common good as change-making entrepreneurs in their communities, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the world.

VISION

To become a nationally recognized center of excellence for bilingual education, ethical leadership, entrepreneurship, and community transformation.

## Phase I Construction

Phase I includes:

Two permanent classroom buildings (24 classrooms)	Library and Learning Resource Center
Administration Building	Two student dormitories
Teacher housing	Water and sanitation infrastructure

ESTIMATED PHASE I BUDGET

**\$1,582,817**

Groundbreaking is anticipated in 2027, pending completion of fundraising.

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# Partnerships

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Help Kikwit gratefully acknowledges the partnership and encouragement of:

**Hubbard Broadcasting Foundation**

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**Wildamere Foundation**

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**Windstrip Corporation**

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**Diocese of Kikwit**

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**Local communities throughout Kwilu Province**

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**Individual donors and volunteers**

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# Financial Summary (FY 2025–2026)

**REVENUE**

SOURCE	AMOUNT
Church & Religious Support	\$20,000
Foundation Grants	\$15,000
Individual Contributions	\$5,000
Fundraising Events & Appeals	\$5,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>

**EXPENSES**

CATEGORY	AMOUNT
Program Development	\$22,000
Administration	\$6,000
Fundraising & Development	\$5,500
Travel & Communications	\$4,000
Professional Services	\$2,000
Program Supplies	\$2,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$41,500</b>

<b>Annual Operating Surplus</b>	<b>\$3,500</b>
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*Capital campaign contributions and construction pledges are managed separately from the annual operating budget.*

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# Capital Campaign Progress

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## Pledged and Confirmed Support

<b>\$100,000</b>	Hubbard Broadcasting Foundation — Challenge Grant
<b>\$100,000</b>	Windstrip Corporation — Matching Pledge (proposed)
<b>\$10,000</b>	Anonymous Donor
<b>\$3,500</b>	Congolese Diaspora

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Local communities have also generously contributed land preparation, sand, gravel, scaffolding, labor, and construction materials.

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# Looking Ahead

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Our priorities for the coming year include:

- 01** Completing Phase I fundraising

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- 02** Beginning campus construction

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- 03** Expanding donor partnerships

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- 04** Developing the founding library collection

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- 05** Recruiting faculty and administrative leadership

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- 06** Preparing for the inaugural student class

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## Governance

Help Diocese of Kikwit in Zaire, Inc. is governed by a Board of Directors in the United States and works in partnership with the Board of Directors of the Bilingual School of Leadership in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

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# Thank You

*"Every contribution brings us one step closer to opening the doors of the Bilingual School of Leadership and providing future generations with an education rooted in excellence, integrity, service, and hope."*

Together, we are investing in the future leaders of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

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