



# SEMILIKI

## TRUST

Annual Report:  
2021 –2022

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# What we do

Semiliki Trust supports entrepreneurial projects in the Democratic Republic of Congo, including a network of 50 health Centres and hospitals, an orphanage, a tailoring skills project for victims of violence, a graduate nursing institute and church growth. Five to seven students are supported in higher studies each year.

The Trust provides resources to local leaders and social entrepreneurs who have initiated projects that build the capabilities of local people and allow them to transform their lives. The Trust channels resources to the people in the most efficient and cost-effective way.

The majority of our resources come from individual gifts from you, our supporters. We are incredibly thankful to you for your generosity and to see how the small gifts we all give seem to be multiplied via the amazing work our partners do in the projects. We also receive money from trust funds and church congregations (see Semiliki Collaborations)

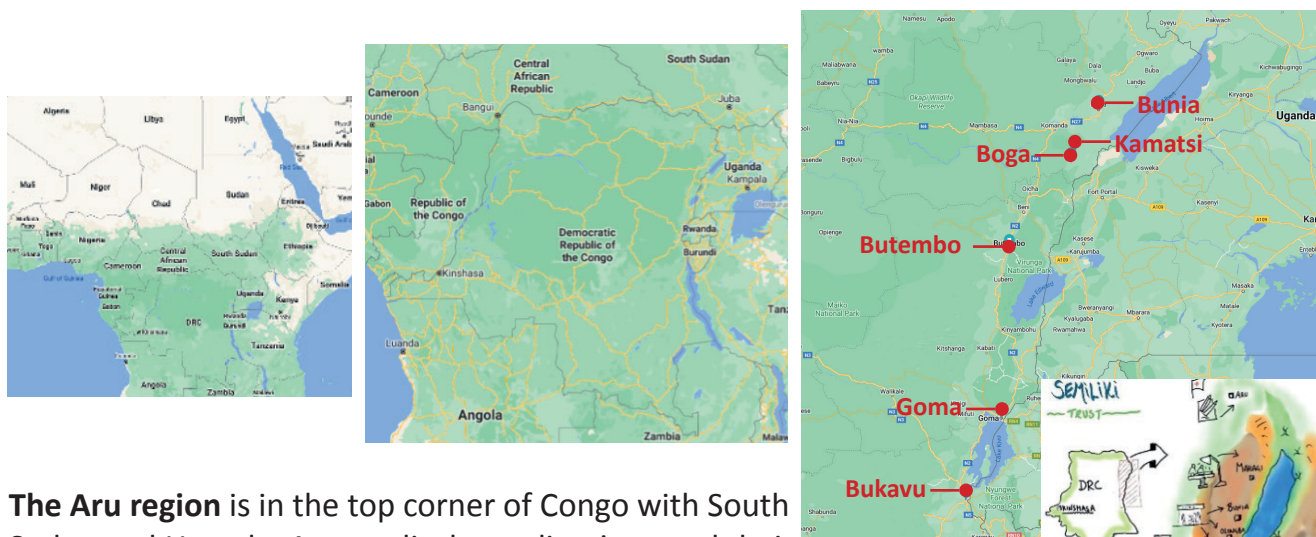




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Despite an Ebola epidemic, the Covid 19 pandemic, and continued insecurity in eastern DRC, Semiliki's partners were able to continue all their activities in 2021 – 2022. This includes support of our six medical coordination teams, who strengthen activities in more than sixty hospitals and health centres, of the large orphanage in Butembo and school for orphans in Goma, and of the nursing institute in Aru. Following our very successful virtual Journey up the Semiliki event in December 2020, our regular support via standing orders increased, enabling us to increase our financial support of all these amazing partners.

Here we provide an overview of where our partners are and what Semiliki support enabled them to do. They are situated across 1,500 kilometres of the Great Lakes region of north-east DRC, along the borders with South Sudan, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi.



The Aru region is in the top corner of Congo with South Sudan and Uganda. Aru medical coordination used their funds to repair the old landcruiser – it's amazing how much engine oil it gets through on the Congo mud roads.



Shock absorbers



Generator for Aru hospital



Shock absorber pump



Adranga hospital



They also bought a foetal doppler (for hearing babies heartbeats in pregnant women) for Adranga hospital.



Printer for medical coordination team



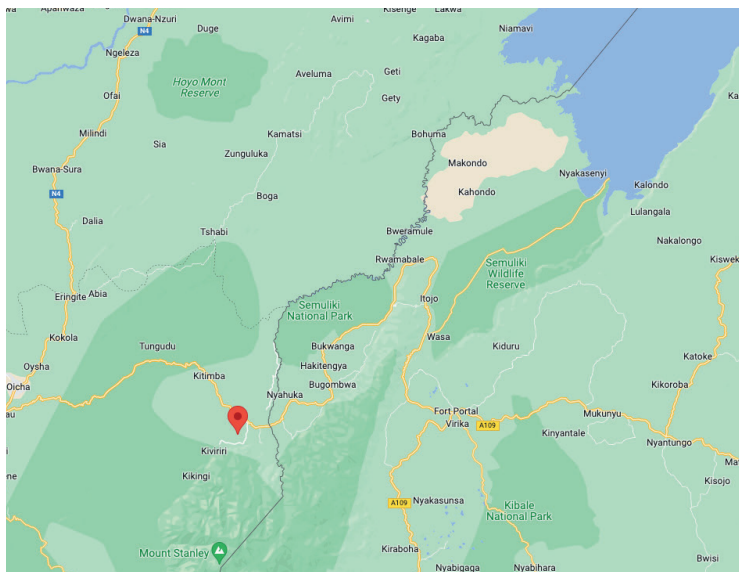
Battery acid and motor oil



Doppler ultrasound for Adranga



The **Boga region** coordination team are based in Bunia town (above map), because of the ongoing insecurity around Boga (map below). The Kamango coordination team (red marker) are based a little to the south of Boga, just on across the Semiliki river from Uganda. The meandering Semiliki river marks the border with Uganda as it flows into the bottom of Lake Albert. Kamango has also been a very insecure place, troubled by regular attacks by the ADF rebels, that have forced tens of thousands of people as refugees repeatedly into Uganda. This has included our partners, but they have each time quickly regained Kamango and have carried on the work, although many of the health centres have been too dangerous to travel to.



In war-hit **Kamango** (red marker in map) our funds purchased a caesarean section kit and sterilising medical equipment for nearby Bugando health centre which shelters many displaced.

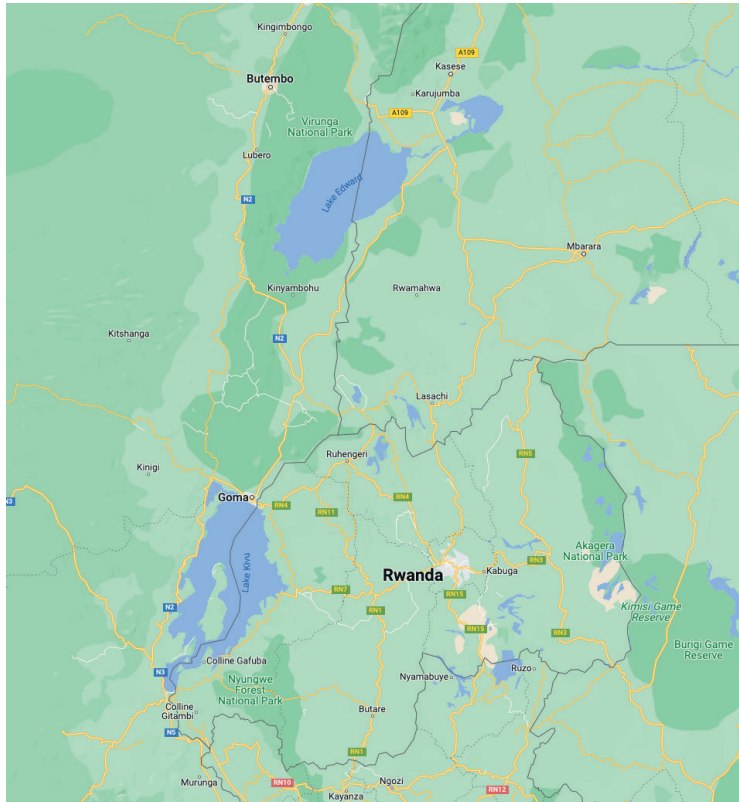


**Bukiringi** hospital (also known as Kamatsi on the map) were able to purchase drugs and 12 mattresses with Semiliki funds.

View across the hills towards the bottom of Lake Albert.



**Butembo, Goma and Bukavu.** In Butembo our support has helped transform the Compassion Orphanage, which now is on a smart fenced compound with three new houses (we built the second house together with Congo Church Association and St Andrew's Church, Oxford).



**Compassion Orphanage, Butembo (the plot with the 3 similar white-painted houses).**

The \$1,000 sent three times a year bought food, new cooking pots, fire wood and paid for formula milk and medical bills of the newly arrived babies. It also paid transport and settling-in costs for two teenagers reunited with their wider families.



**Mbambu with team member in front of one of the Compassion Orphanage houses.**



**Washing day at the orphanage**



Also in **Butembo**, at Masiki Hospital, the team have been finishing a the new consultation block and building a new diagnostic centre. Other Semiliki funds have bought medicines for health centres.



Diagnostic centre in construction, Masiki Hospital, Butembo



Drs Moïse and Kambere with patient at Masiki Hospital

In **Goma** we continue our regular support of the school run by Claudline and team with 70 orphanages from neighbouring host families amongst the children who study. Our money helps provide medical care and the daily porridge for the orphans as well as a weekly meal of beans and rice for malnourished orphans and their mothers. This includes paying small wages for the nutritionist, nurse and cooks.

*Claudaline writes: "Dear Sponsors we are very thankful to you, for all you have done for our nation. We pray for you and thank you may God bless you so much."*



Claudaline (on the right) with the nurse and nutritionist



Plates of beans and rice for the malnourished orphans



Making sure each child gets a plate of food



In **Bukavu** we continue to support Bahati and Birindwa in the medical coordination team to supervise 8 health centres. As well as providing salaries, stationary and transport costs during supervision, the money has bought drugs and perfusions for the centres.

Over the past 4 years we have been providing small grants for the construction of a maternity at Kasihe centre on the island of Idjwi. This past year this has gone towards plastering the walls, buying doors and windows and equipping the unit.



Recently plastered maternity at Kasihe.



Supervisor Birindwa outside the accounts unit at St Matthieu Hospital



Dr Moïse outside one of the wards at St Matthieu Hospital.



In addition to the regular support, Semiliki responded to emergencies:

### Support for the displaced

Semiliki supported those who fled open conflict to take refuge in Bukiringi with \$3,160 that was used to buy life-saving salt, soap, oil and beans. We supported the livelihood of 70 families (each with \$100) who had been displaced by eruption of Nyaragongo Volcano as they returned to Goma.



Distributing palm oil for displaced people in Bukiringi.



Beans, soap bars and salt for displaced, Bukiringi.



Displaced who have sought refuge in Bukiringi.

Mount Nyiragongo erupting, Goma. Photo: M.Gordon





## Covid treatment unit

With support of partner software company AFD ([www.afd.co.uk/charity](http://www.afd.co.uk/charity)) Aru Hospital was able to rehabilitate an old block to become a Covid treatment unit that can also serve as a quarantine unit for other diseases and provide more inpatient beds. The money we sent was also used to buy oxygen concentrators, a generator, ambu bags, thermoscans, pulse oximeters, PPE, and for plastering, paint and metal doors.



Old ward before rehabilitation



New Covid isolation unit at Aru Cité Hospital, for Covid and other epidemics



Generator for emergency care at Aru Cité Hospital



## Financial Reporting

Here we include a summary financial review for the year 2020 – 2021 and the year 2021 – 2022.

### Financial Review 2020 – 21

1. After a strong 2019-20 with its 10th year anniversary celebrations and operating appeal, it is not surprising that the total income for 2020-21 was lower. The Covid restrictions prevented live activities, but the appeal for people to consider if they could make or increase standing orders bore fruit.

The total income for 2020-21 was £52 107. This comprises £15 809 from standing orders, £15 937 general donations, £10 500 restricted to the operating theatres appeal (from Greyfriars Church, Reading), £1500 restricted to Goma from camborne Church, £4500 restricted for the Red Whale project and £3,862 Gift Aid due from HMRC.

2. Total expenditure was £68 733. This comprised £31,161 general expenditure ,£31 451 to complete the operating theatres project, £2 121 for Goma.
3. The end of year balance is £15 864, comprising £16 273 in the bank and £5,659 expected gift aid. Of this balance £6086 is restricted, leaving us with £15,846 in general funds.
4. Transfers are made directly to Aru, North Kivu, Goma, South Kivu dioceses and Dr Raymond Gbombo, the National coordinator based in Bunia, passes on funds to Boga and Kamango dioceses as well as monitoring and coordinating all our work with health centres.

Peter Pearson Treasurer, Semiliki Trust 31st March.

Read our Annual Financial report 2020 – 2021 (<https://www.semiliki-trust.org.uk/annual-reports/>).

### Financial Review 2021 – 2022

1. Total income for 2020-21 was £103 681. The large increase is mainly explained by the appeal for land for a new Secondary school in Goma and generous support from churches in Jersey and Hampshire. Regular standing orders came to £19 284, restricted giving including Goma was £49 067, general unrestricted giving was £28 061. This last figure was inflated by retrieving some money held by Paypal from Donation Manager.



2. Total expenditure was £84 504. Of this £50 378 was restricted, of which £44 391 went to Goma and £5987 to support Aru with anti-Covid measures. Unrestricted expenditure to our regular partners and projects was £34 125. The slight decrease may be explained by the comparative strength of sterling against the US dollar compared to the previous year.
3. We paid out £549 in bank charges. HSBC now charges charity accounts a monthly fee of £5 a month plus £6 for making overseas payments. This is slightly offset by reducing the overseas transaction fee from £30 to £17.
4. The total paid in the UK as expenses and wages by Trustees and supporters was, once again, £0. As ever, every pound donated to Semiliki Trust went to overseas projects apart from unavoidable bank charges.
5. The end of year balance in the bank is £34 403, of which £4 774 is restricted, mainly for the Red Whale training project. A further £6158 is anticipated from HMRC.
6. This healthy balance could enable either the support of a new project or more generous support of existing projects.
7. Following our normal pattern, we sent tranches of money in April, September and December to our regular partners. The bulk of the £34 125 sent is for medical coordination in Aru, Butembo, Bukavu, Boga and Kamango dioceses, and for the National medical coordination office of Dr Gbombo. We continued our support for the compassion orphanage in Butembo, run by Mbambu Dorcas, the work of ASDIG to support vulnerable women and children in Goma, and that of regional evangelist Rev Nzua working from Aru.
8. We also supported 7 individual students with studies in medicine, nursing, anesthesiology and accountancy. We gave two grants towards the capital costs of building the Kalehe Maternity centre in Bukavu diocese.
9. Following the Goma volcano eruption in May 2021 we sent £2200 for rebuilding via Goma diocese (money raised by St Andrew's Wiveliscombe). We also gave a total of £5400 in July and December to help with displaced people near Bukiringi following outbreaks of violence there.

For a detailed account of all the projects supported please see the coordinator's report. As ever, Semiliki Trust is showing a big impact for a small charity. Transfers are made directly to Aru, North Kivu, Goma, South Kivu dioceses and Dr Raymond Gbombo, the National coordinator based in Beni. Dr Gbombo passes on funds to Boga and Kamango dioceses as well as monitoring and coordinating all our work with health centres.

Peter Pearson Treasurer, Semiliki Trust 26th May 2022



## Semiliki Collaborations

Semiliki is very grateful to Medical Aid International (Medaid) both for supplying the operating equipment for the two hospitals and also for all the extra equipment and supplies that they provided in addition to what was purchased. The purchase and equipping of the two operating theatres is being spread over the two financial years 2019 – 20 and 2020 – 2021



Semiliki completed the building of a second house for the orphans in Butembo in 2019 – 2020 in collaboration with Congo Church Association (CCA) and St Andrew's Church, Oxford. Semiliki also liaises very closely with Church Mission Society Ireland (CMSI) who built the first house and have now completed the third house.



Semiliki would like to thank Cambourne Church for their on-going generous support for the orphan school and tailoring project in Goma, and St Andrew's Church, Wiveliscombe for their support for both the school and for development projects around Goma including the support livelihoods of families displaced by the Nyarigongo volcano. St Matthew's Church, Oxford have supported all Semiliki projects from the outset, including St Matthieu Hospital in Bukavu.



**Wivey and The Hills Churches**

During Autumn 2021 our medical teams in DRC benefited from a virtual course in chronic diseases tailor made for them by the Primary Care International team. This was made possible thanks to a generous grant from the Red Whale Charitable Foundation made directly to PCI to deliver the training. Originally the team were going to deliver in-person training in Uganda and Rwanda for our Congolese colleagues, but with Covid they had to create online materials and organise live webinars. This they did with 15 doctors and nurses being trained. Our huge thanks to Red Whale and PCI!









### **Structure, Governance and Management:**

Semiliki Trust was established in 2010. The Trustees of Semiliki Trust are responsible for maintaining the direction, integrity, probity and prudence of the Trust. The Trustees meet twice a year as a minimum and these meetings are chaired by Jonathan Saunders who has overall responsibility for ensuring that the Trustees fulfil their functions and the Trust runs smoothly. The Trustees have responsibility for management, administration and governance as well as ensuring that activities are consistent with the overall objectives of the Trust. The Trustees ensure there is financial accountability and that accounts are audited to required standards. The Trustees ensure compliance with charity law. The Trustees and advisers have recently written a Privacy Policy, and regularly review safeguarding and privacy in trustee meetings.

The Trustees are supported by an **Advisory Board** who provide professional expertise and advice to the Trustees. Principle members of this board are Nigel Pearson (health adviser), Tim Goodacre (surgical adviser), Simon Cockerill (web-based communication manager) and Ruth Lockley (Administrator). Whilst members of the advisory board are welcome to attend meetings, their contribution can also be through informal communication with Trustees and other board members, generating ideas and following through activities that benefit the growth of the Trust. The accounts are scrutinised annually by an Independent Examiner, Simon Sheldon.

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**Trustees:** Jonathan Saunders (Chair), Peter Pearson (Treasurer), Katherine Goodacre, Robert Wendover, Lucy Saunders

Public benefit statement: The trustees of Semiliki Trust continue to have due regard for public benefit at all times in the exercise of their duties.

### **Charitable objectives**

Semiliki Trust is a small charity, established to:

Relieve sickness and human suffering and to promote health

Prevent and relieve poverty

Advance religion and promote reconciliation

All our annual reports can be found, along with the annual financial reports and the Independent Examiners Report on the Charity Commission Website: <https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-details>

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