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REPORT

HUMANITARIAN AID TO MULENGE'S NEEDY POPULATIONS GLOBAL CAMPAIGN "DUSANE INKIKE Z'IMULENGE"



Pastors receiving a donation of Bibles to spread to word of God in Mulenge

1. Background

The Africa Nazarene Ministry in partnership with AAHEAD.ORG organized its annual conference on June 27, 2026 at Bangor First Church of the Nazarene located in the city of Bangor, state of Maine.

The purpose of this event was to worship and raise awareness about the trials facing the population group of the Tutsi-Banyamulenge living in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Tutsi-Banyamulenge populations in DRC have been facing persecution since 2017 because of their ethnic background. Thousands of people have lost their lives and their villages have burned down. The event brought together members of different congregations, located in the State of Maine. The service included: Worship, a brief presentation on the partnership between Africa Nazarene Ministries and Bangor Nazarene Church, a presentation about Banyamulenge in Eastern Congo and Fundraising to help needy population groups.

The service of June 28 intensified prayer for peace globally and DR Congo in particular. The Saturday session was able to mobilize up to \$1,500 and Sunday service up to a total of \$9,500 was mobilized to support needy population groups located in Minembwe, DR Congo.

2. Humanitarian assistance to needy population

(a) Context

On August 12, 2026 an event was organized in Bukavu for the handover of a donation of medicines for the populations of Minembwe.



This activity was conducted as part of the initiative to provide urgent aid to the populations of Minembwe. These communities have been facing a difficult humanitarian situation and significant restrictions on access to essential goods and services for several years.

This initiative is part of the "DUSANE INKIKE Z'I MULENGE" global campaign for rebuilding the Mulenge part of DR Congo. The initiative was launched by the NAZARENE LIGHT BANGOR ME USA Church (based in Maine, USA) in

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To facilitate the implementation of this assistance on the ground, the initiative benefited from the collaboration of the Network of Ambassadors for Peace (REAP), which helped organize and coordinate the activity with technical support from a local NGO named ASADI led Mr. Jacques RUSHEMA.

(b) Area of support



After consultation meetings with representatives of beneficiaries as well as local authorities it was agreed to focus on one area of humanitarian aid. Thus, Given the scale of humanitarian needs in Minembwe, it was decided to direct this contribution toward the procurement of medicines to address the population's urgent health needs.

3. Official Handover Ceremony

The official handover of the donated medicines took place on August 12, 2026, at CEPAC /

Shalom Nguba in Bukavu. The event was attended by several dignitaries and representatives from civil society and local communities, including:

- The President of the Shikama Mutual Association of Bukavu;
- Pastors representing various churches operating in Bukavu;
- Members of the Network of Ambassadors for Peace; as well as several other guests

This ceremony served as a moment of solidarity and mobilization regarding the humanitarian needs of the populations of Minembwe.

4. Address by Pastor Joseph Mbarushamahoro of the Nazarene Light Church (Bangor, ME, USA)



Speaking on behalf of the Nazarene Light Church (Bangor, ME, USA), Pastor Joseph Mbarushamahoro explained that the church's congregation had decided to mobilize in order to contribute to providing aid to the people of Minembwe.

He noted that this contribution was organized in collaboration with the organizations AHEAD and ASADI, with the aim of ensuring that the affected populations received rapid assistance, particularly in the healthcare sector. Pastor Joseph Mbarushamahoro also expressed his gratitude to the leadership of MRDP/Twirwaneho for providing guidance in identifying the priority needs that this contribution was intended to address.

He thanked the pastors and leaders of the various churches present in Bukavu for attending the ceremony and encouraged them to strengthen their commitment to the "DUSANE INKIKE Z'I MULENGE" campaign. This campaign aims to contribute—in a spirit of solidarity—to the reconstruction and recovery of communities affected by the consequences of conflict.

Furthermore, he highlighted other initiatives undertaken by the Nazarene Light Church (Bangor, ME, USA)—notably in Goma—focused on women's empowerment through sewing and English language training.

5. Message from representatives of Bukavu churches

Pastors representing various churches in Bukavu expressed, in turn, their gratitude to the Nazarene Light Church (Bangor, ME, USA) and to the organizations AHEAD and ASADI for their contribution to assisting the populations of Minembwe. They welcomed this solidarity initiative and encouraged religious leaders, organizations, and people of goodwill to further support the "DUSANE INKIKE Z'I MULENGE" campaign, so that it might address a greater number of humanitarian and social needs.

They also emphasized the importance of solidarity, fraternity, and collective commitment in seeking solutions to the difficulties faced by populations affected by conflict.

6. Message from the Ambassadors for Peace Network

The team from the Ambassadors for Peace Network (REAP) also spoke to thank the Nazarene Light Church (Bangor, ME, USA) and its partner organizations for this aid initiative benefiting the people of Minembwe.

In its message, the Ambassadors for Peace Network called on all stakeholders to continue promoting the values of peace, love, solidarity, forgiveness, dialogue, and reconciliation.

The Network emphasized that humanitarian aid serves not only as a response to the immediate needs of the population but also as a significant contribution to the process of social reconstruction and the restoration of trust between communities.

It encouraged all people of goodwill to join forces to help rebuild destroyed infrastructure and, above all, to mend social ties and heal hearts wounded by violence and conflict.

7. Message from the President of Mutualité Shikama Bukavu

The President of Mutualité Shikama Bukavu, the ceremony's guest of honor, expressed deep gratitude to the Nazarene Light Church (Bangor, ME, USA) and its partner organizations for the donation of medicines.

He highlighted that this assistance addressed a real and urgent need among the people of Minembwe, particularly given the difficult humanitarian situation they are facing.

He encouraged the initiators of this project to continue their efforts and called upon other organizations, churches, associations, and individuals of goodwill to mobilize as well.

He noted that humanitarian needs remain extensive and require a collective, sustained response.

8. Scope of the Activity

This activity represents a concrete act of solidarity with the vulnerable populations of Minembwe. It demonstrates the importance of collaboration among churches, humanitarian organizations, community groups, and peace actors in addressing the needs of populations affected by conflict. The "DUSANE INKIKE Z'I MULENGE" campaign thus serves as a framework for mobilization that could be strengthened and expanded to further support humanitarian, social, and reconstruction initiatives.

9. Recommendations and next steps

The handover of medical supplies event took place in a spirit of solidarity, fraternity, and commitment to the affected populations.

The Nazarene Light Church (Bangor, ME, USA), the organizations AHEAD, ASADI, and the Network of Ambassadors for Peace (REAP), along with the various religious and community leaders present, reaffirmed the importance of continuing solidarity efforts and contributing—each according to their means—to improving the living conditions of vulnerable populations.

The event concluded with a prayer, placing the initiative under the banner of peace, hope, solidarity, and a commitment to helping rebuild communities affected by conflict.

Recommendations and next steps include:

- Explore possibilities for spreading the word of God by opening the Nazarene church in Bukavu. This will facilitate sustaining the missionary work in DR Congo
- Strengthen networking with churches's missionaries to avail additional support to many population groups internally displaced who are in need of shelters, food, health services, clothing and education
- Initiate the program of Literacy, ESL and Sewing skills development in the City of Bukavu
- Plan for a missionary trip in earlier 2027 to the Eastern of DR Congo,
- Expand net working with churches in the USA to support the spreading of the word of God
- Convene an annual conference gathering around the theme of the Global campaign to rebuild the Haut plateau of South Kivu.

