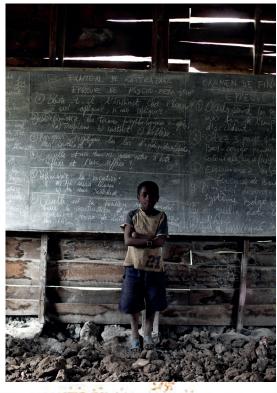*Look at photograph 24. There are three people: who are they? The person facing away from the camera has an image on their clothes. Have you ever seen that image before? You can see part of a name on the clothes: "Jesuit Refuge…". Do you know this organisation? Do you know its full name? Are you aware of it? Look at photograph 25. Where is this? What is the boy in the photo doing there? What about the women in photograph 26? What are these three generations doing?*

ALBOAN collaborates with the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) in Goma, the capital of North Kivu. We serve 156,000 people spread across seven camps, and we offer several services in the settlements: food aid and emergency supplies such as blankets and tarpaulins to build shelters, psychological support for people with trauma resulting from displacement and violence, and literacy camps that create opportunities to improve employability by training in trades and work tools, so that the participants can go on to have a stable income.

Education is a fundamental right, and it is essential in creating a hopeful future. Education is closely linked to dignity. Access to education helps reduce the harmful consequences of conflict. What is more, education provides normality and order for children who have fled their homes, who have seen family members die and who have lived under the constant threat of violence. Education teaches many things but it is also the key to creating a

different society in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

It is a big help in a displaced community if the children are schooled, partly so that they do not miss a school year but, above all, because it normalises their lives. The trauma of displacement for children is greatly reduced if they have some sort of activity that they are familiar with.

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