



SANTA CHIARA SCHOOL PROJECT
Djiri, Congo Brazzaville

A PLACE FOR REBIRTH

Let's complete the construction of *Santa Chiara School*

to guarantee the children and kids of Congo Brazzaville the chance
to study and build a future of hope.



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CONGO BRAZZAVILLE: CHILDREN AND KIDS NEED YOUR HELP

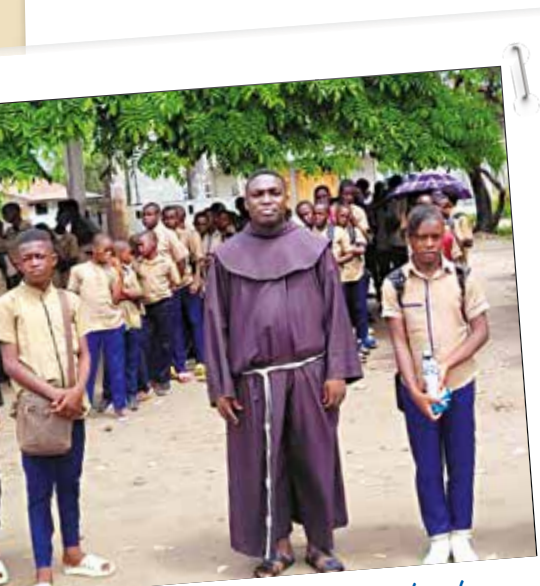
Despite the Country's enormous wealth of resources, more than 50% of Congolese people live below the poverty line. The current government — in power for over 30 years now — **continues to invest more in the army than in education or in support for the weaker sections of the population.**

FRANCISCAN FRIARS MISSION

For more than 20 years, the Franciscan Friars, in their mission of faithfulness to the Gospel and nearness to the poorest ones, **have cared for the children in Congo Brazzaville.** They are doing their best to meet children's needs and, above all, **help them study and learn a job.** Education is indeed the only key to development and **and the only opportunity these kids have to elude misery and build a better future** for themselves, their families and their Country. That is why the Franciscan Friars, always working in this sense, have decided to build a new school **to host kids and needy children** who cannot afford education.



Children alone on the outskirts of Brazzaville



Fra Allan, responsabile e coordinatore della scuola, insieme ad alcuni studenti



SANTA CHIARA SCHOOL

To give these children a decent future and hope, the Franciscan Friars **are building Santa Chiara School at Djiri, on the outskirts of the capital city district** where there is already a Franciscan parish.

The new school will host the children, with a particular focus on the needy ones and those who are in the Franciscan community homes.

The friars will be responsible for the training offer. They have been trained in Rome and Jerusalem and will be able to teach and be role models for the students.

Santa Chiara School **has received approval from the State as a licensed exam branch.**

THE PROJECT IN DETAIL

The construction started in 2019, and in the last years, the Franciscan Friars have decided **to enlarge the project to host up to 500 students** who will be looked after until high school.

The project includes a **total of 17 classrooms** as per below:

- > **2 classrooms for kindergarten**
- > **6 classrooms for primary school**
- > **5 classrooms for secondary school**
- > **3 classrooms for high school**
- > **1 classroom for office**

PROGRESS OF THE WORK

Four classrooms have been completed and are already in operation. But, on the other hand, they only laid the foundation and built the perimetral walls for the other 13 classrooms.

For this reason, the students have to operate shifts for classes, using only the classrooms available and the patio. This precarious situation leads the student to miss school, especially the neediest ones and those who live far away. **It is crucial to complete the construction as soon as possible to give them a chance for rebirth and a safe place to grow up.**



Kids at school in one of the new classrooms



WORKS STILL TO BE FINANCED

We need funds to complete the 13 classrooms still pending (roof, wiring, floor)

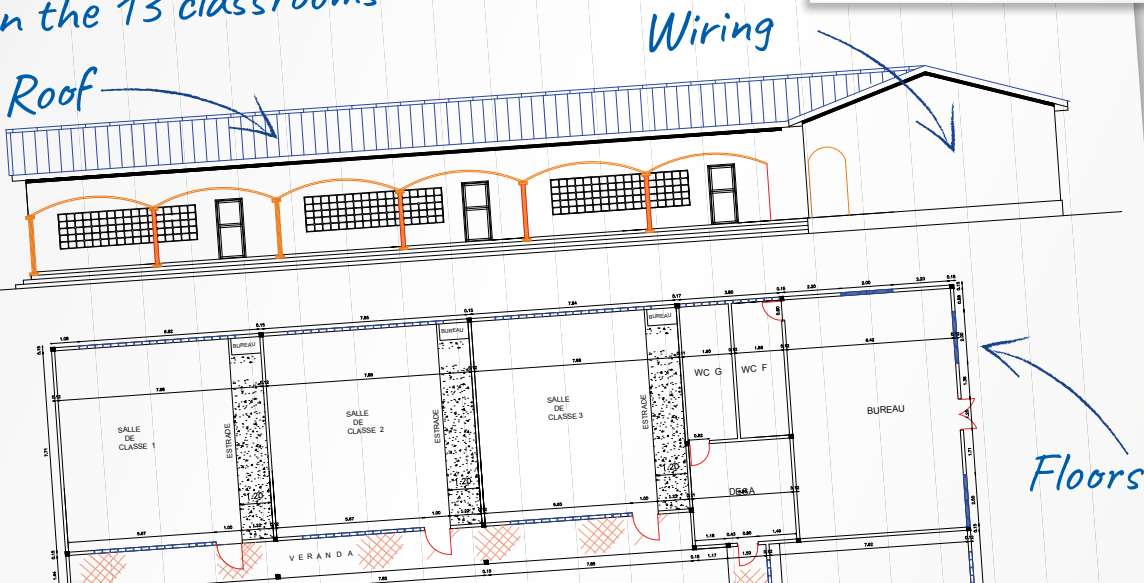
The total amount of the expenses is

100.000 €



Brother Severin and Brother Nicodemo at the working site, in front of the work-in-progress classrooms.

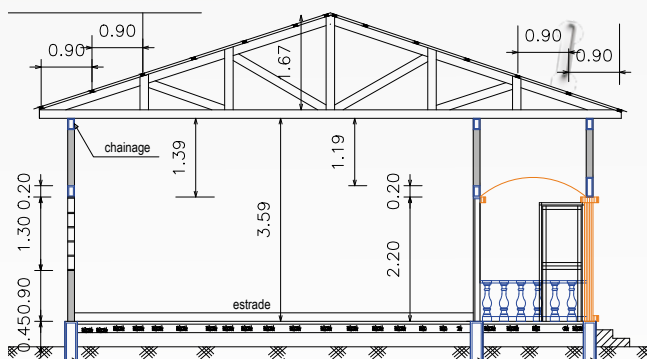
Below is the list of the works still pending in the 13 classrooms



Help the Franciscan Friars to complete the Santa Chiara school construction: gives children in the Djiri district the chance to reborn.

Help the Franciscan friars to finish building the Saint Clare school and give hope to the children and young people of Congo-Brazzaville!

Donate now and help us realise the **wiring, the floors and the roof** in the 13 classrooms still pending of the Saint Clare school .



Here's how to support the Franciscan friars in Congo

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Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



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