

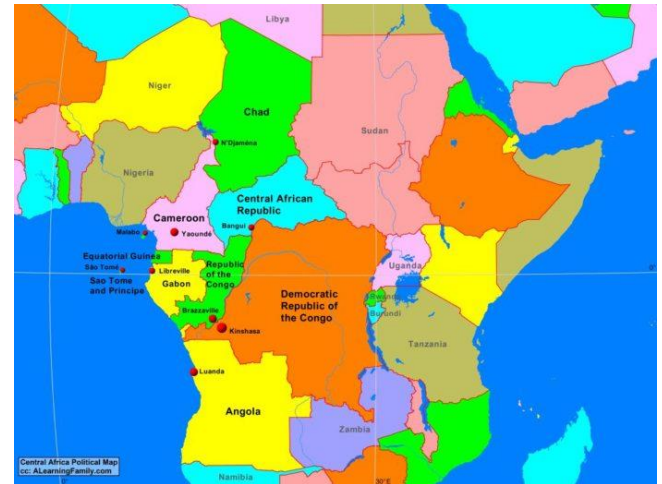


Creating Long-Lasting and Healthy Relationships Between Community Members of Kinshasa, Congo and Foreign Aid Workers

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My Study

- Overall objective is to address if foreign aid organizations in Kinshasa, Congo are having successful and long-lasting efforts towards community development.
- Conducting research in the Congo on how foreign aid organizations (local or international) provide assistance to communities.
- Research Questions:
 - How are aid workers interacting with Kinshasa locals and how do they incorporate locals into the planning and execution of their projects?
 - How do aid workers view locals and how does their understanding of them impact their work?





What is new about this project?

- Duncan Earle and Jeanne Simonelli tackle questions about the ‘ethical, ideological, and practical implications of NGOs in poorer communities. Both scholars intention is to search for new efforts to help those less fortunate in an increasingly global economy.
- There is a shared interest between this article and my research in terms of foreign aid organizations who contribute to a communities successes and or failures. However, I intend to have more conversations and build rapports with community members to see if their considerations are being voiced.

UNFPA in Kinshasa, Congo



UNFPAs goals are...

- Ending unmet needs for family planning
- Providing access to safe, voluntary family planning
- Ending preventable maternal deaths, and also gender based violent/harmful practices.



Conducting Research

- **Participant observation** will be used to focus on any possible interactions between locals and aid workers.
- **Interviews** will be conducted with both locals and aid workers on their preconceived notions on any development that is taking place in the community and whether it is helping or harming
- **Surveys** will be a way to gather qualitative information.





Why is this project important?

- Significance of research should bring awareness to people unfamiliar with foreign aid and the effect it has on communities.
- Results of the research could help aid organizations work better with local partners to succeed in community development together.
- By gathering information in the questions I have prepared, this could create better communication between locals of the Democratic Republic of Congo and foreign aid workers.

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