



Development and promotion of jazz in the DR Congo and Central Africa

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REGIONAL HUB:	Central Africa
CULTURAL SECTOR(S):	Music
BENEFICIARY (IES):	Jazzkif Founders, JKF ASBL
COUNTRIES COVERED BY THE ACTION:	DR Congo
PROJECT DURATION:	09/2022-10/2023 (14 months)
BUDGET:	EUR 64 577 – EU FUNDING: EUR 51 652 (79 %)
WEBSITE:	N/A

The project **Development and promotion of jazz in the DRC and Central Africa** aims to develop and promote jazz to a wide audience, considering that only 5% of the population in the DRC has access to cultural activities, and learning infrastructure is non-existent.

In this context, the Kinshasa Jazz Festival has been established and has led to the purchase of equipment and materials to professionalise the activities of the Jazz Headquarters. This will ultimately improve the quality of creations and production by local artists and lead to a 50% increase in the number of artistic projects over a two-year period.

The IYOFUND platform, dedicated to fundraising for artistic projects, was launched in October 2022. As a result, eight live jazz concerts were organized.

Simultaneously, a series of training sessions were organized with three seminars on music reading and writing, as well as three workshops for jazz artists at intermediate and professional levels, along with two masterclasses and two artistic creation residencies.

Furthermore, a series of seven programmes titled 'Jazz station', dedicated to jazz promotion, was created.

Finally, networking meetings took place in Brazzaville with Central African jazz players and in Kinshasa with the head of Universal Africa.

