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The Foundation Humanité ASBL has taken major steps to intensify her activities during this current year 2024, the third one of her existence, notably by opening itself to the outside world. After the approval of its annual Working Plan by the General Assembly, a number of activities has already been realised in this regard. This document serves as a mid-term report on the FH's major achievement.

## 1. Closing of the 2023-2024 school year

***“Ignorance is the root cause of mischief, which is why we must hold fast to the instruments of perception and knowledge.”***

Built and launched in September 2023, the Complexe Scolaire Humanité completed successfully her first School Year early July 2024. This elementary and primary school is located in Ngomba-Kinkusa, one of the Kinshasa neighbourhood facing the challenge of inadequate educational infrastructure. It is a landlocked neighbourhood with difficult access, located on the outskirts of the Ngaliema Commune in Kinshasa, where the majority of the population is of modest means and kids were obliged to walk 5 to 10 miles to found a good school.

As an excellency and quality school, the Complexe Scolaire Humanité (CSH) promotes values such as fraternity, discipline, excellency and selfless service to the community, creating a new breed of men who will work for the advance of the World materially and spiritually prosper. Many parents attended the closing ceremony of this first School Year 2023 - 2024, among them the Foundation Humanité Chairperson, Mr Justin KAMWANYA KALEMUNA Lem's.



*Parents and audience at the announcement of the students*

*As shown in the picture below, Mr Justin KAMWANYA congratulating a couple of pupils who have completed their 3<sup>rd</sup> grade of elementary school and receiving their certificates.*



## 2. Trip to Geneva by the Foundation Humanité Chairperson

With the aim of ensuring follow up, strengthening the relationships and relevant contacts established on the side-lines of the 34<sup>th</sup> EBBF Annual Conference held in Lisbon in May 2024, the Chairman of the Foundation Humanité travelled to Geneva in July 2024.

In Geneva, he has fruitful discussions with Mr Marc River, Head of ICRC Financial Department, Mrs Noemie Kirbhapour working for UNICEF, as well as some representative of UNESCO and World Health Organisation. Furthermore, he had the opportunity to visit the Office of the Baha'i International Community in Geneva, before attending a consultative meeting of Baha'is working in different Organizations in Geneva.



All expressed interest in the Humanité Foundation's holistic approach and commend the achievements accomplished by the Foundation Humanité during those two past years. Some of them take the commitment to support and accompany the Foundation, notably in the perspective of partnership with some organization.

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### 3. Capacity-building training for teachers and administrative staff

July 2024 was an eventful month for the Humanité Foundation. In Kinshasa, where the headquarters of this non-profit association are located, and in the provinces, there were a large number of activities, both in terms of number and relevance, mainly in the field of education. The impact of these activities is expected to be very high among pupils, who are the biggest beneficiaries.



*Family photo at the end of the teacher capacity-building course in Lukalaba*

Capacity-building courses for teachers were organised in the following provinces: Kinshasa, Haut-Katanga, Kasai Central, Kasai Oriental, Nord-Kivu and Sud-Kivu. In total, 9 training sessions were attended by 499 teachers from 59 schools, supporting around 20,000 pupils. Forty facilitators were also trained at the same time.

### 3. Momentum international conference

As a Economist and Financial Expert, Mr Justin Kamwanya began his professional career in higher education, as University Teacher, then working for private sector and in one local Unity of the World Bank in Kinshasa. For 15 years up to now, is working in public Sector where he held the position of Chief of Staff at the Ministry of Transport before becoming Chief Executive Officer of OGEFREM, a public company managing all the DRC freight imported and exported. In the side-lines of his professional activities, he created schools and promotes a commercial company. He is currently Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Fondation Humanité ASBL, a Baha'i-inspired organisation whose main mission is to facilitate access to quality education for vulnerable categories of society.

Considering this background, Mr Justin KAMWANYA was invited to share his experience with the youth



On 22 August 2024, he addressed Congolese youth at the Momentum International Conference. His speech focused on the theme: 'The keys to financial sustainability'.

He spoke about freedom and/or financial sustainability, the classic criteria for financial sustainability, the keys to financial sustainability and concluded with recommendations.

***"The company's profits should be shared with all stakeholders (shareholders, the State, all employees, customers) and also with charitable organisations, especially the vulnerable. This is a spiritual factor that does not impoverish the company but enriches it and ultimately ensures its financial sustainability",*** he said. Because giving is the very foundation of prosperity!

***"Think of man as a mine rich in precious stones of inestimable value. Only education can help to bring out the pearls and enable mankind to benefit from them".***