

## Semiliki Trust Annual Report 2024 – 2025



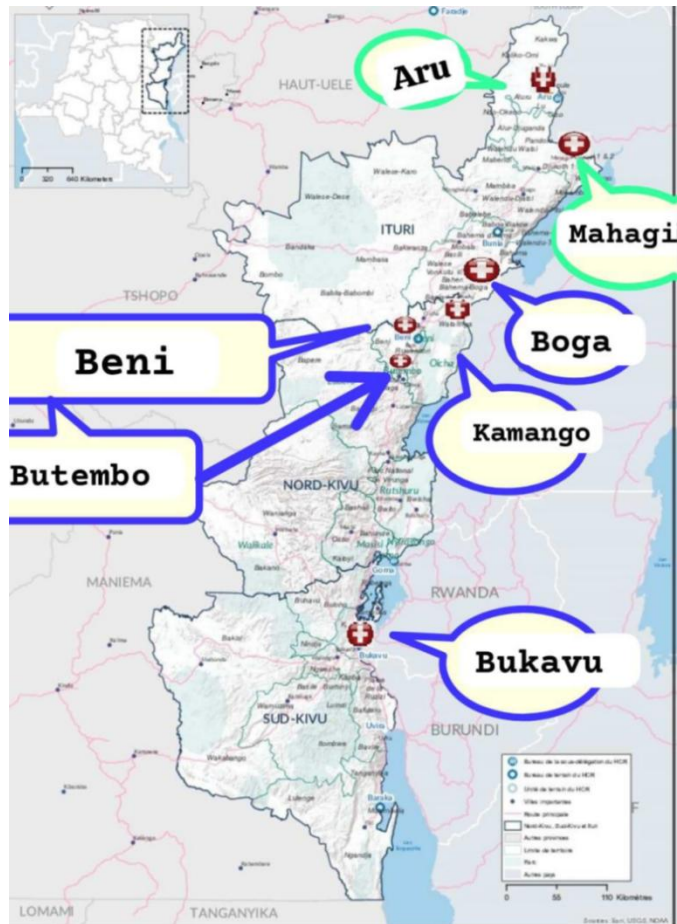
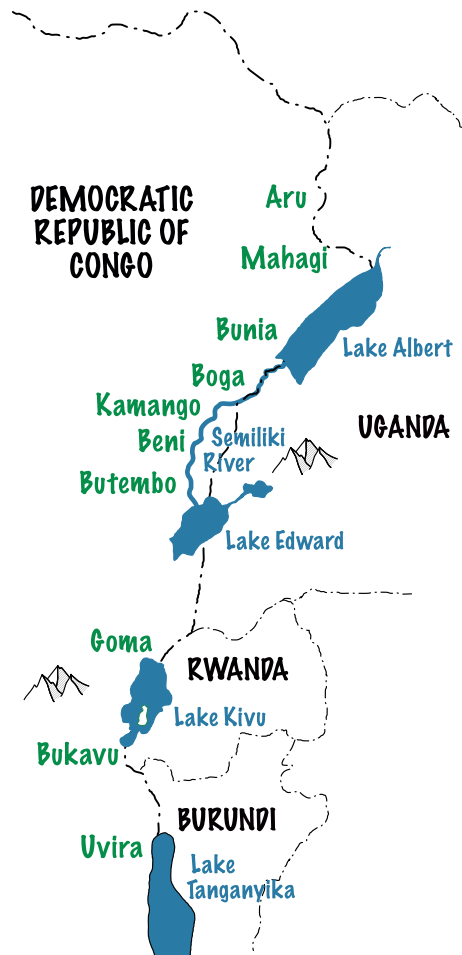
*Dr Olivier (Rt), Director, with Dr David, Aru medical coordinator (centre) in lab, Mahagi Hospital.*

Semiliki Trust continued to flourish in 2024 – 25, impacting the work of our partners in north eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. The total income of £127,264, up 50% on the year before, was used provided regular support for seven medical coordination teams, three nursing colleges, university studies for nine students, support for an orphanage, a school for orphans, tailoring and other livelihood projects, and church growth – an incredible array and diversity of activities supported by Semiliki’s relatively modest inputs. Running costs in the UK are paid out-of-pocket by the Semiliki team, so all the money raised was spent on projects in the DRC (except for bank charges on transfers totalling £405 in the UK), and Semiliki continues to be **one of the best value-for-money charities**. Our total expenditure in 2024 – 25 was £104,879, with a healthy balance in the bank of unrestricted funds.

### Activities in 2024 – 2025

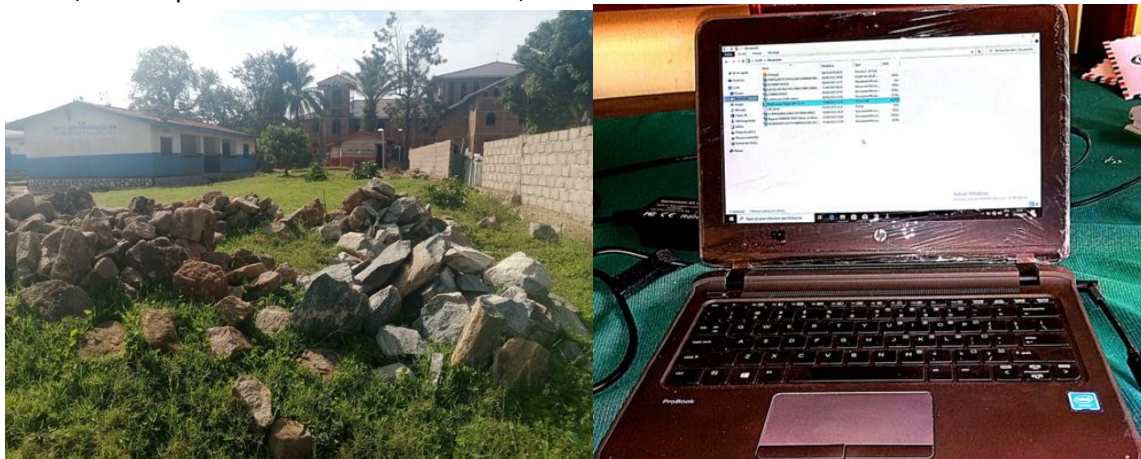
#### Medical Coordination

We support seven medical teams based along 1,500 km of northeast Democratic Republic of Congo (bordering South Sudan, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi), who show incredible bravery working in this most dangerous part of DRC where over one hundred armed militia groups are active. We send tranches of \$1000 to each team three times a year. They use this according to their priorities, buying medicines, small items of equipment, spare parts for vehicles and motorbikes. We send additional funds for purchase of larger items, and it is the coordination teams that oversee the larger building projects (see below).



Map showing principal sites of our partner projects. The places circled are where the medical coordinations are based as well as some of the main hospitals. From each of these centres there is a network of 5 to 15 health centres and hospitals.

Beni medical coordination used funds to build a wall to protect the Kasabinyole Hospital site, and bought a laptop. We also sent money for essential food and soap for peoples displaced when their villages were attacked and burned, who found refuge in Beni, North Kivu and at Bushusha, Idjwi Island, and displaced from Goma to Bukavu, also in South Kivu.



We increased support to the national coordination team to allow them to increase travel and supervisory activities, doing on site control of accounts, promote better quality diagnosis and treatment and care for patients.





*Amongst many other essential needs, Aru coordination bought chairs for Mahagi Hospital.*

### **Construction and equipping hospitals and health centres**



*Dr Moïse (Lt) in new operating block at Masiki Hospital, Butembo. Semiliki contributed \$10,000 to the project. The operating block is above the diagnostic block.*



## Maternity, St Matthieu, Bukavu



*Nearly completed maternity at St Matthieu Hospital*

This year Semiliki supported construction of a maternity block at St Mathieu, Bukavu, an operating block at Masiki, Butembo, a laboratory in Kamango along with rehab of the op theatre struck by lightning and a lightning conductor, rehabilitation of Aru Cité operating block and construction of an intensive care unit, and a new admin block for Aru Nursing University. The maternity at Cirunga health centre was renovated.





Dr Antoinette inside room blackened by lightning attack at Kamango Hospital. Semiliki has financed a new lightning conductor, and rehab (Rt).



Construction of new lab for Kamango Hospital. Biochemistry machine purchased with ST money

Bukiringi Hospital bought a solar system for the rehabilitated outpatients facility.

## Bukiringi hospital– solar lighting



DATE	LIBELLES	PIECES JUSTIFIES	ENTREES	DEPENSES	SC
31/01/2025	Semiliki-trust/coordination Service Med.	BSC SM 63	500\$		50
14/01/2025	2 pièces prises	Fact. N0220		35	49
14/01/2025	1 Rallonge	Fact. N0220		105	48
14/01/2025	15 pièces Sockets	Fact. N0220		7,55	47
14/01/2025	10 pièces Interrupteurs	Fact. N0220		155	46
14/01/2025	15 pièces Ampoules de 3w	Fact. N0220		155	44
14/01/2025	5 pièces Ampoules	Fact. N0220		55	44
14/01/2025	1 pièce Régulateur 30w	Fact. N0220		255	41
14/01/2025	2 pièces Isolants	Fact. N0220		0,65	41
14/01/2025	2 Sachets Attaches	Fact. N0220		25	41
14/01/2025	10 Boîtes carrés	Fact. N0220		3,45	41
14/01/2025	2 Panneaux Solaires de 100w x2	Fact. N0220		805	33
14/01/2025	1 pièce Batterie 100 Amp.	Fact. N0220		115\$	21
14/01/2025	3 Rouleaux fil électrique	Fact. N0220		1205	98
14/01/2025	2 Rames de vitre	Fact. N0202		565	42
14/01/2025	2 pièces Cylindres Serrures	Fact. N02202		105	32
14/01/2025	2 pièces Ampoules projecteurs 50w	Fact. N0133		10,55	22
14/01/2025	1 pièce Serrure	Fact. N0133		225	00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>500\$</b>	<b>500\$</b>	<b>00</b>





*Renovation of maternity and Ekanga health centre, Aru coordination.*



*New intensive care block, Aru Cité Hospital*



*New outpatients unit, and rehabilitation at Kindia Health Centre*

### **Nursing Universities**

We support three nursing universities in Aru, Butembo and Bukavu.



## Butembo Nursing school



### Student study grants

We sent study grants for nine students, 3 doing medicine, 4 nursing, 1 biochemistry, 1 anaesthetics and one doing a masters in accountancy, and a further 4 students at Boga nursing college.

### Study grants – Dr Denise



*Dr Denise, Director of St Matthieu Hospital, Bukavu is also doing her specialisation at Panzi hospital in surgery – many of the techniques learnt there she is hoping to bring to St Matthieu.*

### Compassion Family Centre, Butembo

The Compassion Family Centre supports children orphaned by conflict. Our transfers of \$1,500 three times a year are used to buy food, including formula milk for babies, for medical care of children, washing soap, firewood, support for education and much more. Semiliki is supporting Compassion's programme of adoption with wider family members or local families and to provide skills for young adults to set up independent livelihoods. Because many of the orphans experienced such extreme trauma when their parents were killed, they will still need time at the centre to recuperate and get nutritionally and physically healthy before they are ready to move to adoption homes (when these can be found).



*Mbambu and Kasereka going out to find family members of the children for repatriation with the wider family ,and talking to an aunt of one of the children after a muddy ride. The motorbike was financed by Semiliki*



*At Compassion's car workshop where adults and older children learn valuable mechanics skill. This car will be completely rehabilitated ... these guys are geniuses!*

### **Orphans and vulnerable women in Goma**

Our support helps give a cooked meal to vulnerable 366 children twice a week at the school in Goma and pays for small incentives to the nurse, nutritionist and cook.



## Goma orphan school



*Rehab of the nutrition centre at Goma orphan school, supported by Semiiki*

### Church growth

In Aru, Rév Etsegeri used funds to repair a motorbike, to equip the Christian education office and print materials, and payed for transport for a training conference up in Kumuru for Christian teachers. Rév Nzua trained many pastors in sharing the Christian message at a conference in Goma, and organised Christian outreach visits with a choir to villages in the Zaki and Kaliko.



*Cathedral choir 'Visionaires' in concert.*



*Mini market set up in enclosure of Aru Cité Hospital*



## Annual Financial report for Trustees 31 March 2025

*NB Figures for 2023-24 are shown in brackets*

1. NB These are the final accounts for Semiliki Trust, reg charity number 1138989. At midnight on 31/3/25 all assets were transferred to Semiliki Trust CIO, no. 1206399.
2. Total income for 2024-25 at £127,264 was substantially up on the previous year (£75,214), thanks mainly to some very generous individual donations. Regular standing orders came to £22,447 (£21,335), general unrestricted giving was £79,108 (£13,003), expected tax reclaim is £20,187. Restricted giving totalled £5,344, (£33,792); this was mainly for Goma (£4740).
3. Total project expenditure was £104,879 (£58,820). Of this £17,269 (£15,439) was restricted, of which £11,925 (£8,075) went to the new Bukavu Maternity unit and £4,704 (£3,324) went to Goma. Unrestricted expenditure to our regular partners and projects was £87,610 (£43,381).
4. We paid out £405 (£449) in bank charges (a monthly fee of £5 a month plus £6 for making overseas payments plus £17 per payment).
5. The total paid in the UK as expenses and wages by Trustees and supporters was, once again, £0. As ever, every pound donated to Semiliki Trust went to overseas projects apart from unavoidable bank charges.
6. The end of year balance in the bank is £55,217 (£47,364), of which none is restricted for projects. A further £20,187 is anticipated from HMRC.
7. Following our normal pattern, we sent tranches of money in April, August and December to our regular partners. The bulk of the £ sent is for medical coordination in Aru, Butembo, Bukavu, Boga, Beni and Kamango dioceses, and the National coordination team.
8. We also supported 9 individual students with studies in medicine, nursing, and anesthesiology.
9. For a detailed account of all the projects supported please see the coordinator's report. As ever, Semiliki Trust is showing a big impact for a small charity.
10. Transfers were made directly to Aru, North Kivu, Goma, South Kivu, Beni and Kamango dioceses and Dr Raymond Gbombo, the National coordinator based in Beni. Dr Gbombo passed on funds to Boga diocese as well as monitoring and coordinating all our work with health centres. The invasion of Goma and Bukavu (South Kivu) by M23 forces in January 2025 will mean we will need to find alternative routes for passing funds to those areas.

Peter Pearson      Treasurer      14 July 2025,

<b>Semiliki Trust</b>				
<b>Income and Expenditure for Year Ended 31 March 2025</b>				
	General	Restricted	Total	Total
<b>Income</b>			y/e 31.3.2025	y/e 31.3.2024
Standing Orders	22,447		22,447	21,335
Donations	79,108	5,344	84,452	46,796
Gift Aid	20,348		20,348	7,084
<b>Total Income</b>	121,902	5,344	127,246	75,214
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Project Costs	87,610	17,269	104,879	58,820
Bank charges	405		405	587
<b>Surplus of Income over Expenditure</b>				
	33,887	-11,925	21,962	15,806
Balance at 1 April 2024			53,442	37,636
Surplus in Period	33,887	-11,925	21,962	15,806
Balance at 31 March 2024	33,887	-11,925	75,404	53,442
<b>Semiliki Trust</b>				
<b>Balance Sheet 31 March 2025</b>			31.3.2025	31.3..2024
Represented by				
Cash			55,217	47,365
Debtors - HMRC			20,187	6,078
<b>Total Assets</b>			75,404	53,442
Restricted for projects			0	11,925
Balance for general expenditure			75,404	41,517
<b>Semiliki Trust</b>				
<b>Restricted Funds Note Year ended 31 March 2025</b>				
Restricted Funds	Income	Payments	Balance	Balance
			31.3.2025	01.04.2024
op appeal/anti covid				
red whale	604	604	0	
For Goma	4,740	4,740	0	
Bukavu Maternity		11,925		11,925
<b>Totals</b>	5,344	17,269	0	11,925



# Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Semiliki Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the Semiliki Trust for the year ended 31 March 2025.

## Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

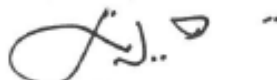
I have carried out my examination in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 of the Act. My examination was carried out in accordance with the applicable Directions and involved a review of the accounting records kept by the charity, and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. My role is to state whether any material matters came to my attention causing me to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

## Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Sheldon".

Simon Sheldon ACA,

Independent Examiner, 8a HamHaugh Island, Shepperton, TW17 9LP 26 January 2026



## Introduction to Semiliki

Semiliki Trust supports entrepreneurial projects in the Democratic Republic of Congo, including a network of over 70 health Centres and hospitals, an orphanage, a tailoring skills project for victims of violence, three graduate nurse training colleges and church growth. Eight to ten students are supported in higher studies each year. The Trust provides resources to local leaders and social entrepreneurs who have initiated projects that build the capabilities of local people and allow them to transform their lives.

The Trust channels resources to the people in the most efficient and cost-effective way. We do not run any projects but support our Congolese partners in their inspirational work. The majority of our resources come from individual gifts (and gift-aid) from you, our supporters. We are incredibly thankful to you for your generosity and to see how the small gifts we give seem to be multiplied via our partners projects. We also receive money from trust funds and church congregations.

## Structure, Governance and Management

Semiliki Trust was established in 2010. Semiliki's seven **trustees** are responsible for maintaining the direction, integrity, probity and prudence of the Trust. They meet twice a year, chaired by Jonathan Saunders who has overall responsibility for ensuring that the trustees fulfil their functions and the trust runs smoothly. The trustees have responsibility for management, administration and governance as well as ensuring that activities are consistent with the overall objectives of the trust. They ensure there is financial accountability and that accounts are audited to required standards. Trustees ensure compliance with charity law and regularly review safeguarding and privacy in trustee meetings. **Trustees:** Jonathan Saunders (Chair), Peter Pearson (Treasurer), Katherine Goodacre, Robert Wendover, Lucy Saunders, Ruth Lockley, Sam Pearson

The Trustees are supported by an **Advisory Board** who provide professional expertise and advice to the Trustees. Principle members of this board are Nigel Pearson (health adviser), Tim Goodacre (surgical adviser), Simon Cockerill (web-based communication manager).. Whilst members of the advisory board regularly attend meetings, they contribute through informal communication with Trustees and other board members, generating ideas and following through activities that benefit the growth of the Trust. Trustees and advisers make ad hoc visits to projects in Congo at their own expense, providing further oversight. The accounts are scrutinised annually by an Independent Examiner, Simon Sheldon.

## Charitable objectives

Semiliki Trust is a charity established to:

- Relieve sickness and human suffering and to promote health
- Prevent and relieve poverty
- Advance religion and promote reconciliation

**Public benefit statement:** The trustees of Semiliki Trust continue to have due regard for public benefit at all times in the exercise of their duties.

All our annual reports can be found, along with the annual financial reports and the Independent Examiners Report on the Charity Commission website. <https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-search/-/charity-details/4050457>

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