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### Agenda

Hard	Subject	Communicators
13h30	Welcome participants, summary of the previous session + Presentation of the Sustainable Cities and Towns platform	Bernadette Ouattara, Rikolto
13h40	Experiment 1: Multi-stakeholder and multi-level governance for citizen participation in 60 Moroccan municipalities	Youssef Laraaj, Enabel
13h55	Experience 2: The case of the round table on water in Guaranda, Ecuador	Gerardo Oswaldo Patín Guaquipana, municipality of Guaranda
14h10	Case study 3: Multi-level collaboration to digitise the	Noël Richelieu Luenda Mambuene,

population register in Kinshasa, DRC City of Kinshasa

2.25pm -Questions and answers to speakers Bernadette Ouattara, Rikolto 2.55pm Conclusion and presentation of the next webinar; End of the 14h55-Bernadette Ouattara, Rikolto 15h00 event

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#### **VVSG**

Association of Towns and Municipalities of Flanders

#### **BRULOCALIS**

Association of Towns and Municipalities of Brussels

#### **UVCW**

Association of Towns and Municipalities of Wallonia

#### **RIKOLTO**

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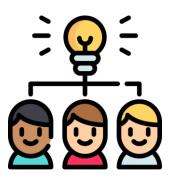
Session 1:

Multilevel
governance for
sustainable
cities



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Session 2:
Practical examples
of multi-level
governance for
sustainable cities



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Session 3 per language group:
Actions to mobilise national authorities around the theme of "Sustainable Cities".

### Speakers



 Youssef Laraaj, Thematic and Sector Expert in Citizen Participation - Tadafor Project at Enabel in Morocco



• Gerardo Oswaldo Patín Guaquipana, technician in sustainable water use and management in the municipality of Guaranda - Ecuador



 Noël Richelieu Luenda Mambuene, Head of the Civil Status and Population Office in the Urban Division of the Interior of the City of Kinshasa

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Multi-actor collaboration to strengthen citizen participation in 60 Moroccan municipalities

**07 November 2024** 

By Youssef Laaraj

**Expert in citizen participation - Enabel** 



برنامج دعم المشاركة المواطنة Programme d'appui à la participation citoyenne

#### **TADAFOR** in brief



Strengthening the participation of civil society in the development, monitoring and evaluation of local public policies







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- Casablanca-Settat
- Oriental
- Souss-Massa
- Tangier-Tetouan-Al Hoceima
- Béni Mellal-Khénifra



- Civil Society Organisations
- 60 local authorities
- Citizens
- Centres of excellence

## The ambitious context of citizen participation in Morocco



**Stakeholder dynamics** 



Capacity-building for elected representatives and local authority managers



Support for the legal framework



**Capacity building for civil society** 

## Stakeholder collaboration: Towards spaces for the co-production and co-management of public policies

Local and regional authorities:

towards learning spaces for co-creation with citizens and CSOs



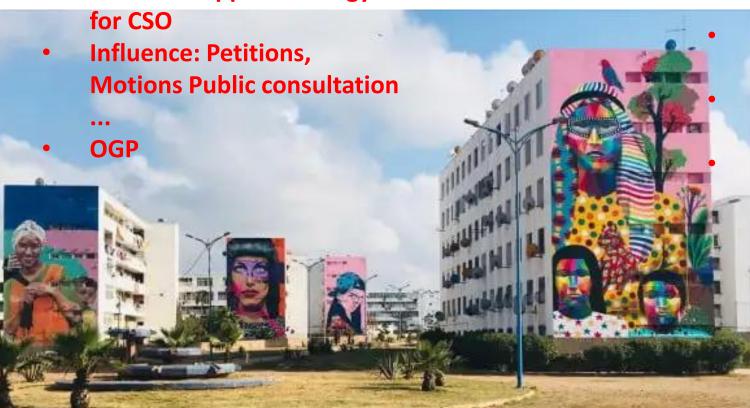
A new approach to decentralisation: the advanced regionalisation process and the new roles of local authorities

A new approach to devolution:

National charter for administrative devolution (2018) - Public services charter (2021)

#### Public authorities and civil society: an evolving relationship

- Government and civil society:
- Associations on the move
  - Dialogue with civil society (new issues)
  - National support strategy



- Local authorities and civil society:
- A new paradigm for participation at local level
  - Equity, equal opportunities and gender bodies
    - Participatory mechanisms for dialogue and consultation
    - Building local community space (forums, petitions, advocacy, etc.)
      Get citizens more involved (petitions, complaints, etc.)

# Collaboration between public players and civil society

#### Strengthening the players

**Training for all stakeholders** (elected representatives, civil servants, authorities, CSOs):



Roles and responsibilities of each party



**Co-creation** 



Gender and the inclusion of young people



Tools and mechanisms for citizen participation (petitions, consultative opinions, participatory budgeting, neighbourhood forums, etc.)



#### **Collaboration between players**

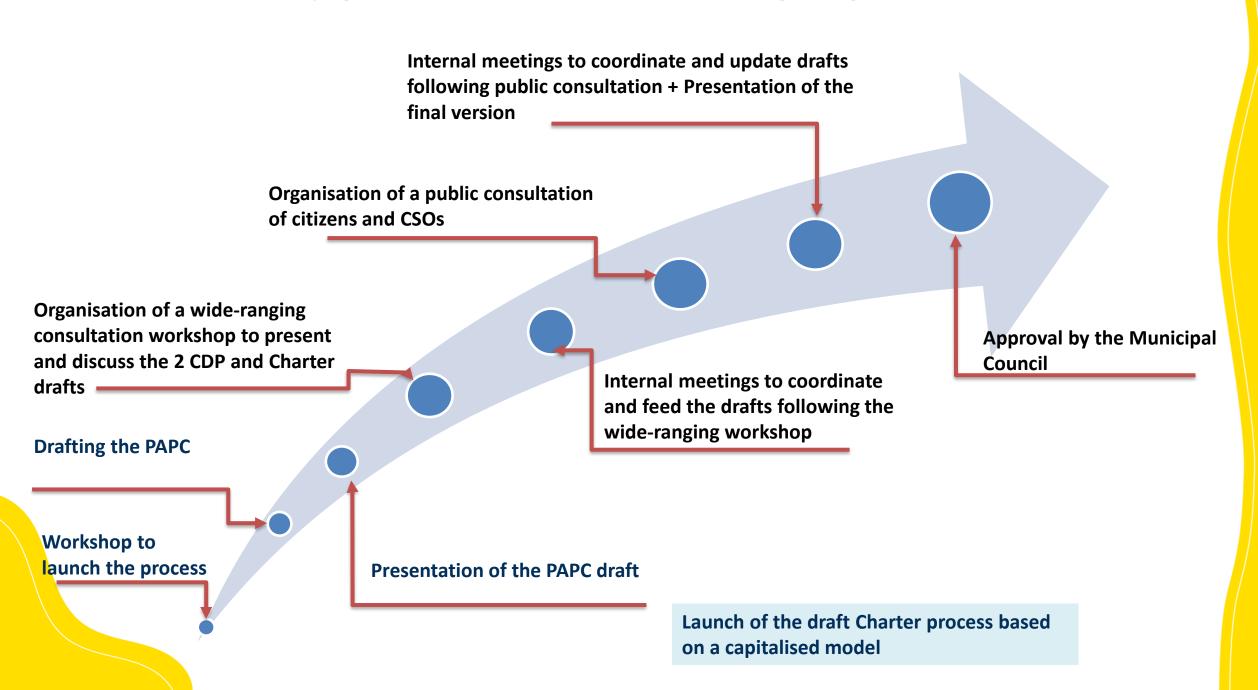
#### **Building confidence**

- 1 Strengthening exchanges and networking
- 2 Supporting forums for dialogue and consultation
- Testing innovative approaches: Citizen Participation Charter

- Responding to the concrete needs of citizens through their participation: participatory budgeting, co-created projects, etc.
- Developing digital tools: broadening the scope of participation



#### Process for setting up a Charter and Action Plan for citizen participation in local authorities





#### **Digital citizen participation**

#### Citizens

Access information on CAPs, charters, PAPCs and local authority activities

Submitting suggestions and comments, taking part in digital consultations and discussions

Take part in the co-creation of a project as part of the digital participatory budget

#### **CSO**

Distance learning using an e-learning tool

Improving CSO governance through dedicated platforms

**Submit suggestions and** comments, and take part in digital consultations.

### Municipalities

Digital consultation and concertation, collection of suggestions and comments from CSOs and citizens

**Monitoring CAPs, participation** charters, PAPCs and other action plans

> Setting up a digital participatory budget

**Organising citizens' meetings** 

#### Collaboration between public players and civil society:



#### **Multi-level projects**

**Capacity** 

building

**IEECAG** 

operational



Implementation of the approach in 56 municipalities (workshops, meetings, public consultations, etc.)



56 Charters and PAPCs drawn up



30 forums for dialogue and consultation have been set up on a range of topics and according to the priorities of local players



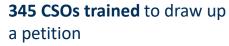
forum Target: elected representatives, civil servants, authorities, CSOS

Regional forum

Organisation of forums on citizen participation in the regions



Exchange and capitalisation between players





300 elected representatives and local authority managers strengthened



121 petitions drawn up



60 IEECAGs trained and supported



44 advisory opinions drawn up, 32 of which were submitted to the municipalities, 26 were approved following the most recent sessions held by the local authorities



**Charters** 

and PAPC

citizens



Support and guidance for 9 experiments in implementing a Participatory Budget in 9 local authorities (RDC and guidance approach) + 3 other experiments are planned as part of the implementation of cocreation projects.













Thank you!

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#### **Globe Ecuador 2022 - 2026**

Partnership Guaranda - Evergem Integrated water resources management

"Strong local governments implement integrated water management policies, which contribute to the protection of natural resources and enable sustainable agriculture."





# Strong local governments – local government Guaranda Good local governance: some case studies

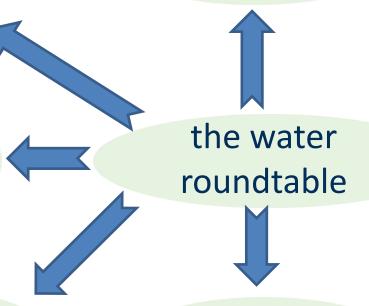
- Introducing a digital platform for information management
- Human Talent Management (e.g. recruitment process)
- Quality of service provided by the Water Boards Operators
- Development and implementation of regulations
- The water roundtable: multi-level governance

#### Multi-level governance: actors involved

Cantonal council of Guaranda

Municipal services involved

EMAPAG: drinking water company (urban area)



President of local parish governments

Technical Secretariat
Ecuador grows without
malnutrition

NGOs such as FEPP

Ministry of Environment Ministry of Health Community Water
Management Boards (JAAP)

Multilevel collaboration: the water roundtable for the sustainable management of water resources in Guaranda canton.

# Institutional support and intersectoral compromise

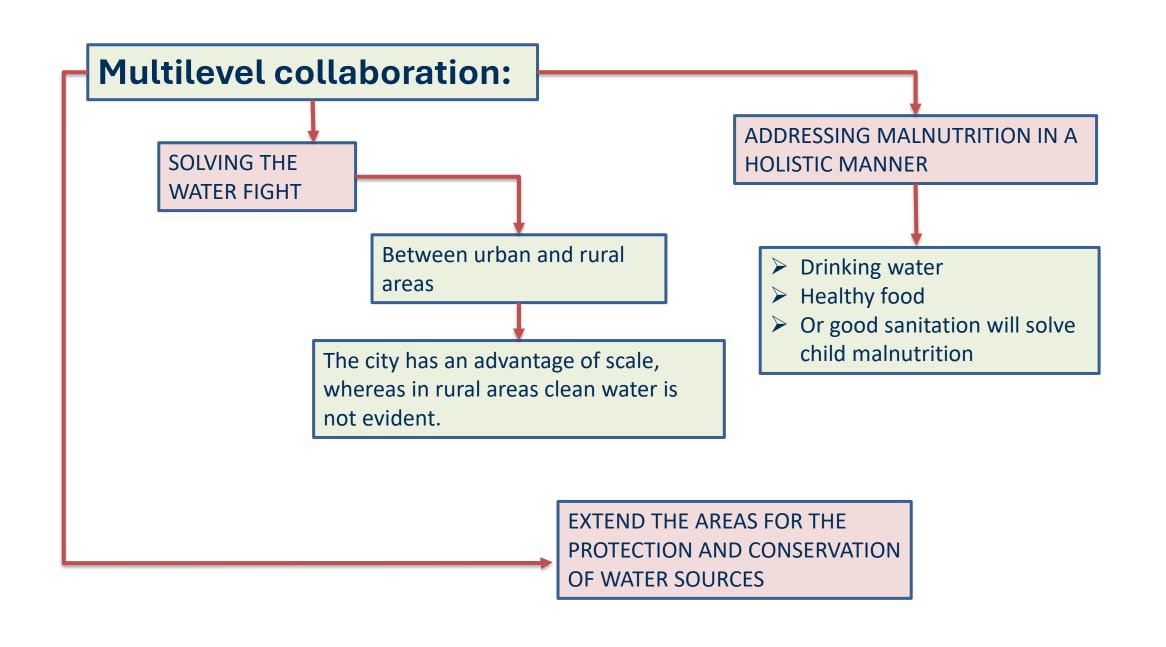
 The integration of various entities is essential for the success of the sustainable water management project.

## Strengthening the Water Unit

 The Water Unit has made it possible to carry out activities such as training and strengthening of the Water Management Boards (JAAP).

## Protection of water resources

 The need to care for the soil and avoid practices that affect water sources was highlighted.



Multilevel collaboration: the water roundtable for the sustainable management of water resources in Guaranda canton.

### Sustainable economic management

 It is important to establish adequate tariffs that reflect the real cost of distributing water, so that the Water Management Boards can be selfsustaining.

## Territorial management and conservation of moorlands

• Emphasis was placed on the regulation.

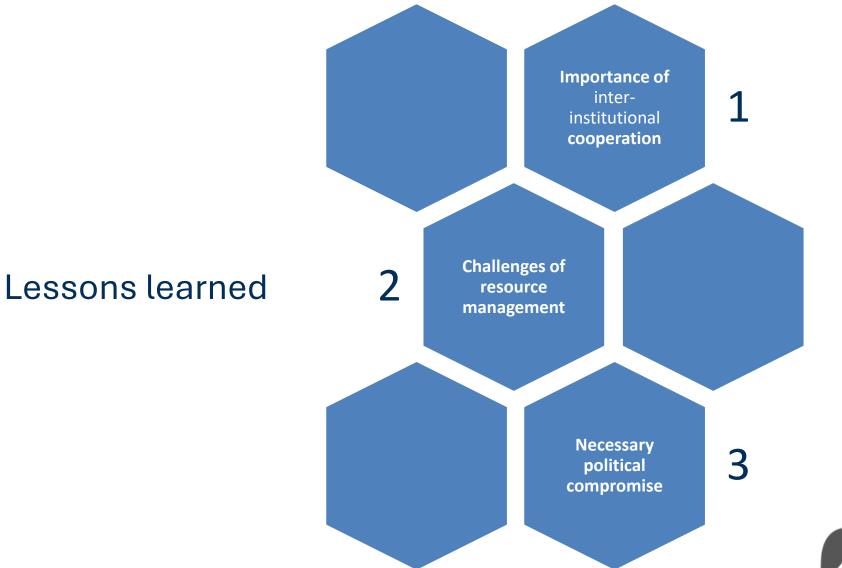
## Community participation and inclusive policies

Active user
 participation,
 coordinated through
 parish governments, is
 essential for
 sustainable water
 management.

## Focus points and challenges

- **Formalisation**: Giving a figure of great importance to the Water Roundtable is fundamental to structure and consolidate its functioning, which supports its activities.
- **Training y education**: Building and strengthening capacities in coordination with academic and municipal institutions.
- Strategic alliances: Establish effective public-community alliances, such as the signing of agreements between the Water Management Boards, to improve water management and quality.
- **Political commitment**: To organise a Water Forum for the Guaranda High Council, in order to include water management in its political plans and involving it in sustainability commitments.
- Water quality analysis: It is necessary to promote water analysis in the communities, in collaboration with public and community entities, to guarantee the quality and sustainability of the resource.







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République démocratique du Congo Coopération Internationale entre les Communes Région Bruxelles- Capitale Ville Province de Kinshasa Ministère Provincial de l'Intérieur, Sécurité et Justice Division Urbaine de l'Intérieur et Sécurité



# IMPLEMENTATION OF A TEST PROJECT ON THE DIGITISATION OF THE POPULATION REGISTER OF THE COMMUNE OF KINTAMBO

Divinter- Kinshasa

November 2024

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- 8. Plan for the future





## 1. Background

- 1. Mininter's National EC and Justice Plan 2020-2025
- 2. Promulgation of the ordinance law n°23-010 of 13 March 2023 on digital law
- 3. Kinshasa EC/POP 2024 roadmap including digitisation

- 4. Partnership agreement between the Province of Kinshasa and the Brussels Region since 2016
- 5. Under the leadership of Brulocalis, Kinshasa presented 1 test project to the Brussels-Capital Region.
- 6. Choice of the Commune of Kintambo (size, Cic assets, budget, etc.)
- 7. This project aims to solve the problems of manual work: archiving, loss of data, errors, etc.

## 2. Objectives, duration and budget

#### **Objectives:**

To have 1 digital population register interconnected with the Province

- 1. Develop the administrative census methodology with a view to creating a digital population register
- 2. Study the needs and existing software solutions and choose the one best suited to the City of Kinshasa.
- 3. Identify a pilot local authority
- 4. Training and equipping enumerators
- 5. Raising awareness and informing authorities at all levels
- 6. Assess and study the extension of the project

#### **Duration:**

2 years (2023-2024)

#### **Budget**:

314,000 (\$114,000 Congolese Government and €200,000 Brussels-Capital Region)

### Why?

- A. The project concerns people's identity: local, provincial, national and even international issues.
- 1. Effective public policy planning. The population register provides governments with precise information on the demographic composition of a country essential data for forecasting infrastructure needs (hospitals, schools, transport, housing), planning health services and social programmes tailored to the population...
- 2. Monitoring migratory movements, both internal (change of address) and international (immigration and emigration). This helps to manage the reception of new arrivals, plan their integration and the necessary services....
- **3. Guaranteed individual rights:** a population register ensures that every individual is registered and recognised by the State, facilitating access to civil, political and social rights.
- **4. Combating fraud and crime**. By registering citizens and residents, a population register helps to prevent identity-related fraud (false documents, tax fraud), social fraud, etc.

- **5.** Managing public resources. Thanks to the population register, local and national authorities can better manage public resources by adjusting budgets according to the real needs of each region (funding for schools, hospitals, transport, etc.) ....
- 6. Support for censuses and demographic statistics. The population register makes it possible to produce reliable and up-to-date demographic statistics that are crucial for drawing up population projections and preparing future policies, conducting demographic, social or economic studies in real time, and supporting researchers and decision-makers in their long-term planning work.
- **7. Rapid response to crises.** In the event of a crisis, such as a natural disaster or pandemic, an up-to-date population register is essential for locating people in need and organising relief more efficiently, distributing emergency resources (food, medical care) fairly...
- 8. Tax fairness. By having an overview of the population, the State can ensure that every citizen is properly registered to pay tax and social security contributions. This helps to reduce tax evasion and distribute the tax burden more fairly between citizens and businesses.

### Why?

- B. Regalian competence shared between different levels of power.
- C. Sensitive issue requiring multi-level coordination and information exchange:
  - Ensure the legal framework (and/or promote changes to the framework);
  - To avoid wasting energy and resources by duplicating tools and methods, by putting forward a tool that meets the expectations of the various stakeholders (local, provincial, national);
  - Testing a solution locally, but aiming in the long term for a global approach at the level of the Province and the Country, avoiding the implementation of incompatible methodologies and tools.
  - Ensuring that the various levels of authority are in agreement with the methodology and keeping them informed throughout the project.

#### Who?

- 1. National authorities
- → Mininter, Minijustice and MinNumérique
- $\rightarrow$  Roles:
- Setting standards for the digitisation of EC/POP services
- Preparation of the Mininter and Justice National EC Plan 2020-2025
- **\*** ...





#### Who?

- 2. Provincial Authority
- → Divinter
- $\rightarrow$  Roles:
- Preparation of the Kinshasa EC/POP 2024 roadmap, including digitisation
- Project coordination (development, selection, monitoring and coordination)
- Centralising and exchanging information
- **...**





#### Who?

- 3. Communal Authority (Kintambo)
- → EC/POP Services
- $\rightarrow$  Roles:
- Agent management
- Implementation of activities and monitoring in the form of a pilot test





#### Who?

#### 4. Other partners

UNICEF? - World Bank? - UNFPA? - EU? - Brussels
 International? - Brulocalis? - Municipality of Uccle? - ...?



- Information and exchanges of experience
- Financial support
- Support for coordination and consistency between the various programmes and projects
- Analysis of extension to other municipalities
- **\*** ...





#### What's it like?

- → Setting up a Copil (key ministry managers, department managers, Kintambo Commune staff and partners):
- Exchange of information
- Programming activities
- Follow-up
- Evaluation
- Recommendations





### 4. Methodology

- 1. Use of various paper tools: cleaning sheets, communication, awareness-raising leaflets, ....
- 2. Use of IT tools: server, tablets, lap top, printers, etc.
- 3. Monitoring the CE's recording of facts with birth and death proxies



### 5. Activities carried out

- 1. Carrying out a study of software solutions applied in DR Congo, coupled with a field mission in the Province of North Kivu (City of Goma).
- 2. Organisation of the public awareness campaign on the importance of the activity and use of tablets
- 3. Organisation of training sessions for coordinators and field workers
- 4. Digital administrative census
- 5. Various meetings held at zonal and Copil level



### 6. Results obtained

- 1. Digital population register connected to the Province and Commune
- 2. 7,000 households counted with 45,000 Congolese and foreign inhabitants
- 3. Registration of more than 1,500 children using substitute judgments and power of attorney
- 4. Registration of more than 100 deaths using the power of attorney







### 7. Identified strengths and weaknesses

1. Strengths:

- Involvement of the local authority and coincidence with the election of the local council interested in monitoring this activity
- Public understanding of the process thanks to high level of awareness
- Regular monitoring by the coordination team
- Taking account of the needs of each authority concerned when identifying the data to be collected
- Consistency with national policies encouraging digitalisation
- Support for the experience gained by the municipalities and the Province as part of the Belgian CIC programme focusing on EC and the Population
- Project proposed, managed and cofinanced by the Congolese authorities: a guarantee of ownership and sustainability



### 7. Identified strengths and weaknesses

#### 2. Weaknesses

- Weak capacity of certain neighbourhood agents to master the tool
- Our working hours (9 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.) meant that we were unable to reach certain heads of household.
- Lack of data from parents and grandparents
- Technical and financial sustainability of the project / Extension
- **\***



# 8. Plan for the future (Project extension)

#### 8.1 General objective

To provide the 24 Communes with a secure and dynamic digital population register interconnected with the Province.

#### 8.2 Specific objectives

- Raising awareness among the authorities, stakeholders and the general public;
- Train and equip enumerators in 415 neighbourhoods in 23 municipalities;
- Organise data collection in the 23 Communes with a plan to revise the file;
- Organise coordination and evaluation meetings at provincial and zonal level with follow-up actions

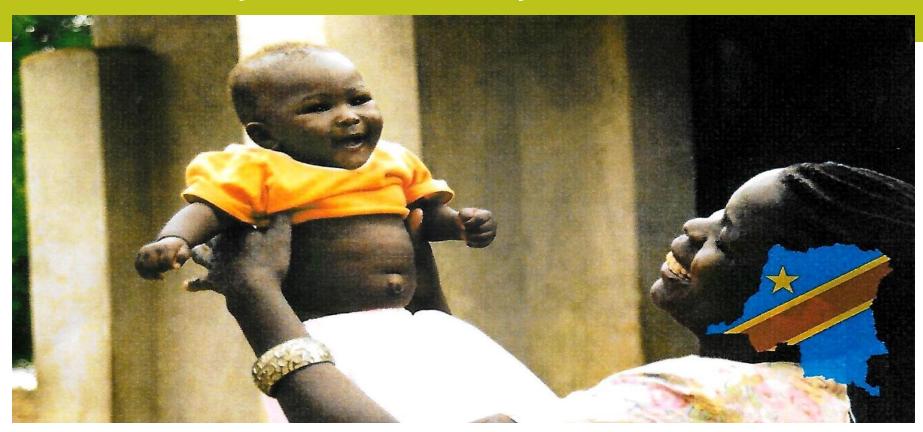
#### 8.3 Test achievements

- Existence of standards on digitisation (the Digital Act of 2023)
- Existence of standards on the census (constitution and provincial text organising the census)
- Server at Divinter
- Existence of census software with the possibility of extending the licence
- Existence of a joint committee
- Existence of awareness-raising material
- CIC and Unicef programme funds

#### 8.4 Budget

3 million, i.e. around 35,000/ Commune

# Many thanks for your attention



### Save the date!

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