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### **HEAL Africa: Fact Sheet**

#### **Mission:**

HEAL Africa is a Congolese-led organization in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, working to eradicate poor health, poverty and oppression of women.

To ensure effective assistance, we operate an innovative model for community-based health that works hand-in-hand with local communities and their cultures.

Together, we're creating a healthier, safer and brighter future for the people of the DRC.

#### **Co-Founders:**

Dr. Kasereka ("Jo") Lusi, MD – Orthopedic surgeon, citizen of DR Congo, husband of Lyn Lusi  
Gwendolyn (Lyn) Lusi – UK citizen, resident of DR Congo for 35+ years, wife of Dr. Jo Lusi

#### **USA Executive Director:**

Judith Anderson

#### **Focus areas and programs:**

- **Women**
  - Rape follow-up: triage, treatment, counseling, medical services, fistula repair, reintegration into communities and families, legal assistance, micro-grants and loans assistance, safe houses and women's community resource centers that include vocational training and literacy.
  - Gender and Justice – legal program that works to educate security sector, judicial sector and communities about what the new 2006 constitution and International law say about women's rights and human rights. Work with tribal leaders to change traditional laws to be more in line with rights of women and human rights.
- **Community**
  - Community rebuilding, conflict resolution, development and food security
- **Health**
  - HEAL Africa hospital is one of only three reference hospitals in Congo.
  - The hospital has services in general surgery, orthopedics, obstetrics and gynecology (including fistula repair), pediatrics, HIV/AIDS and internal medicine and more. In addition, trains residents and works with medical staff to conduct research.

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