



# Tumba Community

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC  
OF THE CONGO

## PROJECTS

Pad Project

Programming for the  
Advancement of Women

Girls typically do not go to school in Tumba. That's because many families are impoverished, needing help with domestic chores and managing their subsistence-level farms. If a family can free up a child to go to school, a male typically is selected.

Fortunately, a Lasallian primary and secondary school offers tuition-free educational instruction to 385 children who live in this remote area of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. With remarkable sensitivity to the plight of girls, a group of religious Sisters partners with the Brothers to oversee a residence for girls. At this location, the Sisters mentor young girls, some of whom may have babies, and encourage them to continue their education.

Through the Pad Project, a Menstrual Hygiene Management program has been established for residents, and they have been provided personal hygiene supplies for a year. This LWH program helps to transform the girls' understanding of themselves positively and gives them a renewed desire to succeed in their academic pursuits.

“Thank you for everything you do for us. May God bless you and give to you whatever you lack. Live Jesus in our hearts, the daughters of Saint La Salle.”

—17 female students,  
Tumba Community,  
Democratic Republic  
of the Congo

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