

**OTA BENGA ALLIANCE
FOR PEACE, HUMAN DIGNITY AND HEALING IN THE DRCONGO
AND THE USA**



**Mbongi Women's Retail for School Fees: an OBA Microcredit Project
How Individuals and Community Organizations Can Support this Project**

1. You can **make a donation** to advance this project.
2. Even more importantly, **you can become an advocate**. Help us spread the word, by email or word of mouth. Contact all the friends and family you know who might be interested in hearing about this unique program.
3. You can **hold a small gathering** in your home with four or five friends and invite a member of OBA to come and speak about the project and about the DRCongo. It could be informational only or a fund-raising party.
4. You can help us **educate the public** through letter-writing (to policy-makers, editors, requests to media for programs on the DRC). You can talk to teachers about having a guest speaker in their classes on the Congo—history, environmental issues, present-day conflicts, health and education, culture and music. You can help us organize a panel discussion or film screening, or book author's talk at your church or community organization.
5. You can **suggest other fund-raising or promotional activities**—e.g., designing a t-shirt or poster. What has worked well in organizations you have been involved with? We need to move forward with an awareness campaign and outreach, as well as raising funds.
6. Sign up to be notified about monthly conversations/dialogues we plan in 2008 to discuss specific aspects of the Congo, such as: Congo Basin natural resource politics—hydroelectric power for all of Africa and Europe too, equatorial forest and timber exports; control of the mineral resources of gold, diamonds, and coltan in the Congo; Great Lakes geopolitics and the specific interests of Uganda and Rwanda; Congolese music—a best-seller all over Africa; Congolese culture through films and music.

If you care about the issues we are addressing, about the fight against militarism and for peace and human dignity, about community-to-community links, about international collaboration and supporting the efforts of women to provide for their families' education, we urge you to become part of this grassroots effort.

Please check off which OBA activities you would like to be involved with:

- Hold an informational gathering or fundraiser at my home or school.
- Arrange for a speaking engagement.
- Receive information on the monthly dialogues about the DRC and other events.
- Donate \$150.00 to support one woman in the project.
- Donate \$1500.00 to support 10 women in the project.
- Donate \$_____ to help with the project.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____ email _____

*Tax deductible contributions may be made to the **Agape Foundation**, with a note on the check that the donation is for the Ota Benga Alliance, and sent to the Alliance at P.O. Box 2847, Berkeley, CA 94702.*