

## **ASSOVACO (Association de Vendeurs Ambulantes au Congo)**

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Formed in 2007.

Members: ASSOVACO is currently active in South Kivu (province) in districts of Uvira, Fizi, Walungu, Kabare and in the provincial capital cities of Bukavu and Goma. ASSOVACO has more than 650 active members, divided into organised sectors of shop owners (storages), and market and street vendors. Each sector is divided into organised cells based on their work speciality, for example: farm products, clothing, shoes, fish and other sea products, cross-border trade, butchers, milk products etc, and the door is open for more members to join. A sector is usually determined geographically, like sector Mulongwe market, sector Kalimabenge market etc. No of members: 1 348.

Objectives:

1. Defend the rights of street and market vendors;
2. Struggle to reverse the conditions of vulnerability
3. Contribute to socio-economic development of the sector

Mission:

Raise the standard of living of market and street vendors by struggling against poverty and injustice.

Promote the interests of the street and market vendors.

Leadership: Kasunzi Nabuchi; KabalaBisibura; Abigael Bitondo Aimée