

NEW WOMEN'S SHELTER IN THE REPUBLIC OF CONGO



New Age has recently partnered with the Ministry of Hydrocarbons in the construction of a women's shelter in the city of Madingou, in the southern part of the Republic of Congo. The shelter will assist women who have suffered abuse and sexual violence at the hands of militia during the civil wars of the 1990s. The shelter aims to provide advice, assistance and training to promote social integration.

A fundamental part of our investment strategy is that local communities benefit from our presence and our decision to invest in community projects is based upon direct consultation with local governments and communities, focussing on addressing their most pressing needs.



The construction of women's shelters across the Republic of Congo is part of the Government's post-civil war programme, undertaken in conjunction with oil operators. Once the building is furnished, the Government will take over the running of the shelter.

Our shelter in Madingou targets a population of circa 15,000 women and young mothers, and is due for completion in October 2017 at a cost of US\$450,000. The shelter covers an area of 2,500 m² and comprises a multi-purpose building with a sewing room and a library, an office annex and a covered recreational area.



Secondary benefits have included the use of local construction contractors and a civil engineering representative acting as a NewAge project Manager overseeing the construction project.