



*“People’s empowerment through a liberating education is the best way to fight poverty in the context of a systemic poverty in Africa. I want to learn from Coady’s over 50 years of experience how to enhance community participation in our struggle for a better life for all through my advocacy work.”*

## Pascal Sundi Mbambi

*Secretary General*

*Forum of Congolese Organisations in South Africa (FOCAS)*

I work as an administrator, responsible for human resources management; I design project proposals, liaise with the organisation’s stakeholders (board of directors, donors, management committee, members, etc.). I oversee the general activities of the organization, monitor and evaluate ongoing projects.

The main goal of my organization is to strive for peace and stability in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) through the promotion of human rights, advocacy and lobbying for good governance. We also promote community development through the integration of Congolese immigrants to South Africa by facilitating their access to healthcare services, education, genuine immigration documents, etc. This initiative is building self-confidence among our community members. As a result more and more Congolese feel that they can rely on themselves to effect change rather than relying on external assistance.

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