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KAS implements the project together with five local partners:

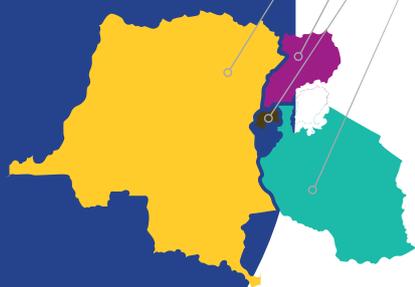
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The project is implemented in the DRC, Rwanda, Uganda, and Tanzania, and focuses on the following cross-border regions and provinces:



DR Congo (North Kivu, South Kivu, Ituri, Tanganyika provinces)

Uganda (Western Region, Central Region)

Rwanda (whole country)

Tanzania (Kigoma, Geita, Mwanza, Kagera provinces)

The goal is to strengthen local youth groups and initiatives who engage in multiple sectors that contribute to peace in the region. These can be: gender equality, environment (including natural resources) and climate change, political representation, democracy and good governance, land and inheritance, economic stability and employment, media, education, culture and religion and forced migration

In general, the project focuses on the positive role that youth play as an agent in peacebuilding, which is recognized by the United Nations, the EU, the African Union, RECs and the national governments of the region, and on the observation that the youth often suffer from many internal and external challenges that limit their work.

During the three years, the project wants to



Strengthen the internal capacity of the selected youth groups and initiatives (in total: 80-100 groups in the 4 countries), such as: organizational capacity, project management, visibility, fundraising, advocacy, gender equality, non-violent communication; public speaking and debate; critical thinking



bring the selected groups and initiatives together with national and international stakeholders in politics, the private sector, development, civil society, academia, and the media



create cross-border contacts and contribute to dialogue and exchange between the groups



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