**Organizational Background**  
PEPA acronym stands for Plaideurs des Enfants et des Personnes Agees AND in English: Pleaders of children and Elderly People At risk, founded in May 2007 in Goma in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo with the aim to promote the respect of human rights, protect and support vulnerable children including war orphaned children, children living in streets, children in poor living condition, provide assistance to women victims of rape and human rights violations and advocating for freedom of expression.

**Since January, 2017** PEPA/ngo is in a Special Consultative Status within the United Nations ECOSOC

**And awarded** the 2017 regional HIV, TB and Human Rights Award in East and Southern Africa by the regional organization called Aids and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa (ARASA)

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**Problem Statement**

Project: STOP Stigma of Drug users and People living with HIV/AIDS

Given that the community discriminates against drug users, they use them in hideouts using unsterilized materials that expose them to different infections such as HIV, TB and they do not have a supervisory center that can follow them in Detoxification.

When drug users commit the offenses, the judicial authorities do not take into account the drug effect by judging them.
**Project Goals:** Bring the community and the authorities/judiciary to understand the effects of drugs and reduce harm reduction and stop discrimination and poor judgment,

- Encourage decision makers to adopt policies and allocate a background consisting of the national budget to promote the access to health services,
- Raising awareness drug users finally to reduce the facts and the risk of infection,

**Activities:**

- Workshop on the harmful reduction and effects of drugs,
- Capacity building of policy makers and Drug users on HIV/AIDS and Human Rights
- Proposition of the drug policy review
- Press conference.

**Project Budget:**

**BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION:**

**PEPA- RDC BANK A’ CCOUNT:**
Name of the Bank: ACCESS BANK
Name of the bank account: PEPA ASBL
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