



ISELIS PROJECT

The Iselis Project is the brainchild of the Argiolas Family, giving shape to our wish to create a garden of dreams where to cultivate – in addition to the two historical grapes of our area – dreams and hopes too.

We decided to link our project to the white and red Iselis wines, to renew year after year, harvest after harvest, our commitment to lend a hand to those in need

Each will be dedicated to a new charity project

For the label we asked a dear friend of ours, poet Pier Luigi Berdondini, to write a few verses conveying the soul of the wine and the spirit of our initiative.

ISELIS 2010 PROJECT FOR LUTENDELE (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO)

The Democratic Republic of the Congo is located in Central Africa, between 5° north latitude and 13° south latitude, and has a total area of 2,345,409 km².

Since 1996 the country has been ravaged by civil war, which has caused general insecurity and attempts to divide the county. The conflict has caused an estimated death toll of more than 4 million persons.

The large-scale migration towards other territories has led to situations of poor sanitation, malnutrition and poverty. Average life expectancy is 49 years for men and 52 years for women.

Despite the armed conflicts, the highest number of deaths is not caused by direct killings, but rather by malnutrition and disease, as a consequence of the collapse of the healthcare system. It is estimated that people are still dying at a rate of 38,000 per month, in total about 4,000,000 from the start of the conflict.

We decided to give our small contribution to help this country tormented by a war which has been dubbed the “African World War”. While we are aware that our help is only a drop in the sea, we feel it is an important start: we are supporting the construction of a healthcare centre that will assist many destitute persons needing care.

We are collaborating with Africadegna (a charity created in Sardinia by Rita and Giacomo Manna) and the Association Alerte Solidarité Santé, created by a group of doctors and nurses, working with them to build a Clinic at Lutendele (25 km from the country’s capital, Kinshasa, which has a population of 9 million).

The clinic will include a pharmacy, a laboratory, a physical therapy facility, a delivery room, an emergency room, an operating room for minor surgeries, a treatment centre for outpatients rooms and some rooms for inpatients.

Works commenced on 21 April 2010 with production of the bricks and laying of the building’s foundations.