

## Who and what is a Mjenzi?

A Mjenzi is a peace and change maker, who with his or her actions helps his/her community to go forwards. Here, you can discover the criteria which make a Mjenzi. They all aim to one same goal: give attention to positive actions going on in DRC and inspire others thanks to practical and concrete realizations. A Mjenzi action has to be...

### 1. Youth-originated: initiatives from youth (18 till 35 years)

We believe that being wise is not a matter of age but of experience and inspiration, particularly in a country in which the population is in majority composed of young people. That's why the Wajenzi project is exclusively addressed to young people between 18 and 35 years old who offer a wonderful incubator of ideas and creation. Their energy and enthusiasm is contagious and may, from small initiatives lead to big changes. Young people are the actors of the future of DRC.

### 2. Personal : initiatives set up and led by individuals or small groups

Wajenzi believes that anyone can be the instigator of a great idea. NGOs and well-established organisations do a great job in the field, but they can also seem a little “far” from the everyday situations of populations. That's why our campaign is only centred on personal projects, in which a man or a woman is the main vector of change. The Mjenzi project aims to inspire others: if he or she did it, why wouldn't you?

### 3. Positive: initiatives that lead to a positive change.

Wajenzi is determinedly turned towards an optimistic future ! For this reason, a Mjenzi has to be at the origin of a positive action for his/her community. Improving living conditions, appeasing relations between tribes or factions, helping the development of one's city, these are the examples of the positive initiatives Wajenzi looks for.

### 4. Non-judgmental: initiatives that do not condemn or exclude others.

A Mjenzi initiative is characterized by its spirit of openness to others: everyone should be able to join the initiative the Mjenzi is working on, regardless of background or personal conditions. For example, being disabled or coming from a different quarter or tribe should not prevent someone to play a role or to beneficiate of the potential Mjenzi initiative. Let's be open and creative!

### 5. Inspirational: initiatives that incite peers to take action themselves no matter the resources or status, the actions are accessible and feasible.

Wajenzi is there to encourage a movement of positive actions, working towards a more peaceful society. That's why Wajenzi actions have to be concrete and practical, in order to be easy to grasp and to re-apply elsewhere by anybody. The Wajenzi project is all about inspire and convey change by making it easy to be taken over by someone else.

**In the end, Wajenzi should bring positive change by their own work as much as by inspiring other to do the same in their community.**