

Democratic Republic of Congo Newspapers from Northwestern

Description and Rationale

Title

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Project Description*

1. Northwestern University Library proposes to arrange for the microfilming through CAMP of about 47,000 pages of two Newspapers and a supplement from the Democratic Republic of Congo
 - a. *La prospérité : journal d'actions pour la démocratie et le développement* (Prospérité (Kinshasa, Congo))
 - b. *La saga* (Saga (Kinshasa, Congo) – Supplement to *La prospérité*
 - c. *La Référence plus*

Reasons for Consideration*

The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is the second largest country in Africa and the largest in Sub-Saharan Africa. Though endowed with vast natural resources, the economy continues to perform very poorly. The DRC has experienced instability and conflict dating back to its first coup in 1965. *La Référence Plus* dates back to the 90s when Mobutu Sese Seko, who ruled the country for 32 years, was still the president. It was in the early 90s too that the country experienced great refugee inflow from fighting in Rwanda and Burundi. Both newspapers span the 2000s when there were a series of peace accords, constitutional referendum and elections.

These are two newspapers from a country with a varied history and which are not readily available elsewhere. Worldcat shows only Northwestern owns *La prospérité* and its supplement and only two other libraries own *La Référence plus*.

Publishers

Kin 1 i.e., Kinshasa : La Prospérité, Kinshasa, RDC : La Saga, Publisher not identified for *La Référence Plus*

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Details and Sources

Resource Types*

- Newspapers

Regions*

- Sub-Saharan Africa

Countries of Origin*

Democratic Republic of Congo

Major Languages

French

Source Format*

- Paper

Target Format

Microfilm

Identifiers

La Référence plus: OCLC # 70728819

Prospérité (Kinshasa, Congo): OCLC # 55533527

La saga: OCLC # 906170930

Links

Prospérité - <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/55533527>

La saga <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/906170930>

La Référence plus - <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/49605588>

Source and Holdings

Prospérité

Location	Format	Holdings/Range	Notes
Northwestern, Herskovits	Newspaper	2001:sept. - 2017:mars 2(inc.)	Yellowed, good

La saga

Location	Format	Holdings/Range	Notes
Northwestern, Herskovits	Newspaper	no 00 (2006:avril 24)-no 5 (2006:juin 10)	Yellowed, good

La Référence plus

Location	Format	Holdings/Range	Notes
Northwestern, Herskovits	Newspaper	2003-2012 (inc.)	Yellowed, good

Source and Holdings Notes

Physical Details

La Prosperite: Page Size= 17"x12"; 34,272 pages = 17,136 exposures

La Saga: Size=17"x12"; 72 pages = 36 exposures

La Reference Plus: Size=17"x12"; 12,500 pages = 6250 exposures

Existing Reformatted Materials

La Reference Plus, has some dates on film at Library of Congress. 1991:Nov.9-1996, 1998:Jan.-1998:Aug., 1999:Jan.5-Dec.30, 2000-2001, 2001:Jan.5-2003:Jan.29

Intellectual Property Considerations

Contact with the various publishers has not been made. To the extent that their approval may be needed to proceed with reformatting, an effort should be made to reach out to them.