

## A LETTER TO SCOLMA – CAN ANYONE HELP?

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B.P. 44 Kamina – Shaba – Zaire

Subject: Request for documentation  
for our library.  
Dossier: Zairean Red Cross in Kamina

Dear Sir,

I have the great good fortune to be one of your readers. I have been prompted to write this first letter to you by the considerable reputation enjoyed by your journals.

I am only sorry that I did not know your address earlier; I have just been given it by a friend. Your journals and pamphlets fulfil a great need of ours here in the upper Lomami region, a thirst for knowledge about the world on both political and human levels. Your work is a truly great achievement, and you are to be congratulated for producing such important documents.

We are young Zaireans who are eager to read; we have a Red Cross library where people meet and are introduced to reading.

I am writing on this occasion to ask you if you would very kindly send us your pamphlets and any handbooks on medicine which you may have in stock. We have no reply coupons; we would like to be able to share the costs, but there are severe problems when transferring money in Zaire, and that is why we would ask you to send us the copies free of charge and thus help improve and enrich our environment.

Lwangu Mutumbe wa Kalamba