

# Dikembe Mutombo

## Quotes

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Food - there's no greater gift.

~Dikembe Mutombo

When you take the elevator to the top, please remember to send it back down so someone else might use it.

~Dikembe Mutombo

God put us here to prepare this place for the next generation. That's our job. Raising children and helping the community, that's preparing for the next generation.

~Dikembe Mutombo

I cannot forget the place that I come from. The Congo is much in need.

~Dikembe Mutombo

When an elevator brings u upstairs, you better send it back down in order to bring others up!

~Dikembe Mutombo

I've always felt obligated to help those less fortunate than me. It's an obligation that anyone who has a chance to be in the NBA should feel and act upon.

~Dikembe Mutombo

After spending more than 17 years playing for the NBA, in the summertime, I always came back to community service and different basketball clinics.

~Dikembe Mutombo

It's not easy to teach a child how to win.

~Dikembe Mutombo

Me as a backup center? Hell no.

~Dikembe Mutombo

I believe in the Democratic party, and their philosophy and what they stand for - for the poor people.

~Dikembe Mutombo

My decision leaving the Nuggets was based on the organization not saying they had the cap room to sign me.

~Dikembe Mutombo

It's easy to be a spokesman and ambassador for a great organization like the NBA. I thank Commissioner David Stern for putting that trust in me to serve the NBA around the globe.

~Dikembe Mutombo

The doctors and nurses at the Biamba Marie Mutombo Hospital are saving lives every day and helping improve health care in the DRC which has been ravaged by more than a decade of war and disease.

~Dikembe Mutombo

I'm so glad I didn't become a doctor, because I do more than any doctor can do. I am an administrator, a CEO, doctor, psychiatrist, an activist, a campaign funder. I think I did well.

~Dikembe Mutombo

The NBA is becoming a global game.

~Dikembe Mutombo

I was not very strong growing up, and my uncle used to look at me, like, This kid is not growing up, he is growing tall but he can be broken like a banana.

~Dikembe Mutombo

My favorite memory is my five years with the Nuggets. From my first day to my last day is a great memory. There wasn't a year that I was a Nugget that I didn't think we succeeded.

~Dikembe Mutombo

Scores of Congolese die each day unnecessarily due to the lack of access to healthcare and modern medicine.

~Dikembe Mutombo

When I was born, my dad and my mom gave me names, but in Africa, when your child is born, especially close family members can suggest names they want to add on.

~Dikembe Mutombo

There are people out there dying every day, so when you wake up, you just have to thank the Man Upstairs for another day on this planet. There's not much else we can ask for.

~Dikembe Mutombo

As a matter of fact I've been asked to come when I'm free to play at the White House.

~Dikembe Mutombo

I come from a large family, but I was not raised with a fortune. Something more was left me, and that was family values.

~Dikembe Mutombo

It took a long time for me to walk. I was falling down all the time. But I ended up being one of the dangerous men, who broke so many people's noses, which is bad.

~Dikembe Mutombo

I usually just speak in English when I'm on the basketball court. For some reason, my mind never even tried to cross any other language when I'm playing basketball.

~Dikembe Mutombo

I am not in politics. 'President Mutombo?' No, no, no. There has never been a politician in my family, and I am not going to try to be the first one.

~Dikembe Mutombo

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