



Annual Report

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**Celebrating over 10 years
of working to create
a dignified society**

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acronyms

AGI Adolescent Girls Initiative	OAFLA Organization of African First Ladies against AIDS
ANC Ante-Natal care	OTF On The Frontier (Consulting Firm)
ARV Anti-retroviral	OVC Orphans and other Vulnerable Children
ASRH & R Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights	PAC Parent & Adolescent Communication
BCC Behavior Change Communication	PE Peer Educator
BPG Best Performing Girls	PLWHA People Living with HIV/AIDS
CAFS Center For African Studies	PMER Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation and Research
CBHI Community Based Health Insurance	PMTCT Prevention of Mother To Child Transmission
CBO Community Based Organisation	PO Project Officer
CEW Community Education Workers	RS! Rwanda Speaks!
CHW Community Health Workers	RTV Rwanda Television
CYRWA Celebrating Young Rwandan Achievers	RYN Rusizi Youth Network
DVD Digital Versatile Disc	SEDU Socio Economic Development Unit
ECDF Early Childhood Development and Family	SFB School of Finance and Banking
EEAGYW Economic Empowerment of Adolescent Girls & Young Women	STI Sexually Transmitted Infections
EMTCT Elimination of Mother To Child Transmission	SUFI Support to Family Initiative
FP Family Package	TM Toastmasters
FPP Family Package Project	TOT Training Of Trainers
GBV Gender Based Violence	UN United Nations
HC Health Centers	UNAIDS Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
HH HouseHolds	UNDP United Nations Development Programme
HIV/AIDS Human Immunodeficiency Virus/ Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome	UNFPA United Nations Population Fund
ICIPE African Insect Science for Food and Health	UNICEF United Nations Children's Fund
ICT Information Communication Technology	UN WOMEN The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
IEC Information Education and Communication	US United States
IDP Intergrated Development Project	USAID United States Agency for International Development
IF Imbuto Foundation	WHO World Health Organisation
IGA Income Generating Activities	YEMP Youth Empowerment and Mentorship Program
IRST Institute of Science & Technology Research	YFS Youth Forum Series
IT Information Technology	
IZIFE Inkubito Z'Icyeza Forum for Excellence	
KAP Knowledge Attitude and Practice	
KCKC Kacyiru Community Knowledge Center	
LLIN Long Lasting Insecticide Nets (Mosquito)	
M&E Monitoring and Evaluation	
MIGEPROF Ministry of Gender and Family Promotion	
MIS Management Information System	
MM Malayika Murinzi	
MMN Malayika Murinzi Network	
MoH Ministry of Health	
MUSA Mutuelle de Santé	
MVU Mobile Video Unit	
NGO Non Governmental Organization	



Message from the Director General

Dear Partners, Friends of Imbuto Foundation and Colleagues,

We welcome you to our 2012/2013 Annual Report. 2012 marked ten exciting and productive years, since the inception of the PACFA initiative which today is known as Imbuto Foundation. It was a year to reflect on and celebrate a decade of commitment and hard work, towards uplifting the lives of Rwandans. It has also been a year to harness the gains of the past and ensure success in the years ahead. In this report, we are proud to show you key achievements and also some powerful testimonies and stories of how our programs continue to transform the lives of the Rwandans.

A new baby was born in Imbuto Foundation - an Early Childhood Development & Family Centre (ECD&F) was constructed in Kayonza. The program consists of an integrated community-based ECD model centre, addressing cognitive stimulation and school readiness of 0-6 year olds. The ECD&F is a model that will be replicated and scaled up throughout the country. Imbuto Foundation looks forward to constructing and implementing an additional 4 ECD&F centres this coming year.

The Mubyeyi, Tera Intambwe initiative is yet another one of our innovative projects that was launched this year and aims to curb school dropout rates. Its goal is to reduce the number of students who are dropping out by changing the perceptions of parents towards education, forging a national alliance; and mobilizing, engaging, and empowering parents through a national campaign. The interesting part of this initiative is the use of volunteers who are trained to become Community Education Workers (CEW).

As Imbuto is aiming to be a financially sustainable organization, we will continue to strengthen Community Based Organisations (CBOs) to ensure sustainability and ownership of our projects. Imbuto Foundation continues to build capacity and work with peer educators to form peer to peer networks within our target audience. This year we successfully trained 14 CBOs in the area of project and finance management, M&E and leadership skills.

Imbuto Foundation is planning to continue to engage leaders from national to grassroots level and the whole community to create awareness in fighting child and youth abuse. Imbuto Foundation will particularly strengthen its partnership with the National Commission for Children to ensure the integration of the Malayika Murinzi (Guardian Angel) approach in the national integrated child policy.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the tremendous support from our Board members and Imbuto members who continue to voluntarily offer their expertise and valuable time to the organization. I would like to thank the team for the dedication and zeal to strive for excellence throughout the year. In addition, my appreciation goes to our partners and supporters who, despite the current challenging global financial situation, maintain their unwavering commitment to fund our activities. We remain dedicated to delivering on our stated goals.

We look to 2013 with a lot of energy and hope for yet another period of renewed commitment to work for the dignity and empowerment of Rwandans that we directly and indirectly reach through our programmes. We know that when we work with local partners, donors and stakeholders to build on what they know and leverage our "niche", extraordinary change is possible.

**Director General,
Radegonde Ndejuru**

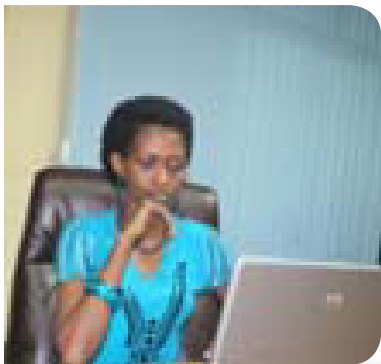
Socio Economic Development Projects



Socio-Economic Development Project

These programs focus on three key domains;

- 1) Education,
- 2) Youth Empowerment and Mentorship Program,
- 3) Economic Empowerment of Vulnerable Families



Head of SEDU Unit,
Cecile Murumunawabo

Domain	Program	Overview
Education	Promotion of Girls' Education Campaign	Is a community mobilization campaign that aims to motivate primary and secondary school girls to excel in their studies. The campaign also raises awareness across Rwanda on the importance of girls' education and encourages communities to support girls to successfully complete and perform well in school.
	Scholarships	Provides scholarships to academically proficient but disadvantaged youth to complete secondary school. The project also supports the reintegration of adolescent girls and young women who have dropped out of school and wish to resume.
	Innovation for Education Program	A new innovative project that aims to fight school drop outs in Gasabo, Ngororero and Musanze with support of community education workers, parents and teacher associations.
	Promotion of Reading Culture	Is a nationwide campaign to raise awareness on the importance of reading and writing at a young age.
	Early Childhood Development	Is an integrated community based ECD model center for cognitive stimulation and school readiness of 0- 6 year olds.
Youth Empowerment and Mentorship Program	Youth Empowerment and Mentorship	Aims to strengthen leadership capacities of youth by encouraging youth to foster positive value systems; equipping youth with public speaking and communication skills; life-skills development through mentorship, encouraging innovative solutions and entrepreneurial development.
Economic Empowerment of Vulnerable Families	Support to Family Initiative	Provides support to vulnerable families, particularly Youth Headed Households, widowed genocide survivors, and disadvantaged families. Through advocacy and resource mobilization, this project encourages populations who live in extreme poverty to garner the development potential offered by resources within their communities.

Promotion of Girls' Education:



The Promotion of Girls' Education Campaign is implemented in partnership with One UN. The project aims to encourage young girls to stay in school and perform well, under the theme "BA INKUBITO Z'ICYEZA N'ISHEMA RY'ABAKOBWA" (Be all you can be and make us proud). We raise awareness in the community and reward Best Performing Girls who have excelled in primary and secondary school. To continuously empower the girls, various trainings and workshops are offered. These include the "Dream Big and Act" workshop and IT training where girls receive basic IT skills. We also facilitated the creation of clubs where girls can mentor one another and those younger than them.

Project Achievements:

- More than 9,000 people in the country, including local and opinion leaders mobilized and sensitized on the importance of girl education.
- 408 primary and secondary girls awarded for their achievement.
- IT Essentials training organized for 19 girls.
- Girls clubs strengthened in 10 secondary schools, through mentorship sessions by university girls. During these sessions, debates and discussions were conducted.
- One career guidance workshop on job searching and CV writing organized for university girls.

Looking Ahead:

- Organize "Let us dream" work shop for 200 best performing girls.
- Organize 2014 rewarding campaign
- Facilitate mentorship for 10 secondary schools.

Promotion of Girls' Education:



“We are conducting mentorship sessions for our younger sisters studying at a neighboring primary school. We give advice to these girls and share our knowledge and experience with them. We participated in the debates organized by Karongi District and won”.



“We have not only acquired computer skills, we are also determined to begin with an end in mind when we go to university.” Kayitesi Jescah IT training graduation

Scholarship Project:



The Scholarship Project began in 2003. The project aims to support children with strong academic potential who cannot afford to pay for secondary. The project provides a package of scholastic materials, school fees, uniforms and health insurance.

In conjunction with Ministry of Gender, the project also supports the reintegration of adolescent girls and young women, who have dropped out of formal education and wish to resume their studies. The girls receive scholastic materials, school fees, transport fees, health insurance, psycho social support and mentorship.

Progress achievements:

- 982 students (400 boys and 582 girls) received the scholarship package, including 102 adolescent girls.
- Discussions held with parents and school authorities on how to gain their support and own the project.
- Life skills training at Maranyundo School: The objective of this training was to equip adolescent girls and young women with knowledge on different life skills; goals setting, personal development, financial responsibly and adolescent reproductive health.

Scholarship Project:



“IMBUTO FOUNDATION made my dreams come true. My family could not afford school fees. I struggled through school with no money. One day the headmaster called me to his office and asked if I knew Imbuto Foundation. I said no because it was my first time to hear about it.

He told me that God has heard my cry, and Imbuto Foundation is here for me. Through the support of Imbuto Foundation, I have been able to get to university. I am a student in the faculty of agriculture. This has been my dream. Today, I appreciate what Imbuto has done for me, and all they do to support and empower youth; my future is bright.

The seeds that are being sown by the First Lady are bearing fruit; talking about Imbuto requires a decade because it has done so much for the youth and it is visible both in Rwanda and abroad.”

Looking ahead:

- Meet school authorities and donors to strengthen the partnership
- Provide psychosocial support
- Provide mentorship sessions
- Conduct the Youth Holiday Camp to empower beneficiaries on life skills

Reading Campaign: “Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader”

The Promotion of reading as a culture is implemented in partnership with One UN, under the theme: “Today a reader, tomorrow a leader”.

This campaign encourages learning in a more fun and engaging way. A campaign is conducted to raise awareness among teachers and parents on the importance of reading. Parents and teachers are taught how to help students cultivate an interest in reading.

Project Achievements

- Reading campaign involving 200 primary students and 100 parents per site organized in Gicumbi, Nyanza, Nyagatare and Kigali districts.
- Reading competitions organized at Kigali public library and Gicumbi District. Top 3 students were awarded with books, scholastic materials, educational games, and sportswear.
- Reading has been added to the curriculum as a valuable learning tool. Students read books along the weekend and present the outcomes to their classmates.

Looking ahead

- Organize reading day and reading competition in 4 provinces



Reading Campaign: “Today a **Reader**, Tomorrow a **Leader**”



Students at Ecole Source du savoir



Minister Mitali with winners of reading day competition at Gicumbi district



Early Childhood Development & Family Center



The Early Childhood Development and Family (ECD & F) project is implemented in partnership with One UN / UNICEF. The project aims to promote the holistic development and well-being of 0-6 year olds, through delivery of integrated and community based services.



Early Childhood Development & Family Center



The First Lady at Early Childhood Development & Family center launch in Kayonza district



Kitazigurwa Village, part of the integrated Development program that includes ECD & F.

Project Achievements:

- A model of ECD & F center was constructed and fully equipped with 2 stimulating rooms, community hall, administrative office and playground in Kayonza District, Mukarange sector.
- 15 caregivers, local leaders and a parents' representative were trained in positive parenting, play based approaches, health and nutrition.
- ECD services are delivered for 135 kids and 120 parents. Home visits are conducted to follow up with families

Looking ahead

- Continue delivering services and conducting home visits
- Provide refresher training for caregivers
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Construct 4 new ECD&F centers in Gasabo, Nyarugenge, Gakenke and Naybihi
- Provide ECD & F services in those districts



Innovation for Education

MUBYEYI TERA INTAMBWE! INITIATIVE



Mubyeyi, Tera Intambwe! is the newest project and initiative in collaboration with DFID. This two - year project is funded through the Innovation for Education Fund. It aims at curbing high school dropouts in Musanze, Ngororero and Gasabo districts. It is innovative in sense that it empowers volunteers, known as Community Education Workers to sensitize and mobilize the community on dropout issues and mitigation strategies.

Project achievement:

- Launching the initiative at national level
- Launching of the project in 3 districts.
- Launching the initiative at national level,
- Delivering behavior change messages,
- Identifying and training Community Education Workers,
- Organizing empowerment sessions for PTAs,
- Creating a national alliance.
- Develop a training module

Planned activities include:

- Baseline survey conducted to assess drop out status in Ngororero, Musanze and Gasabo districts.
- Launching of the project in 3 districts.
- Recruitment, training and equipping of 214 Community Education Workers
- Training of 233 PTAs Committee Members
- 3909 drop out cases identified by CEWs, 315 children reintegrated in schools
- More than 790 households visited

Looking ahead:

- Monitor and evaluate the CEWs activities
- Collect data quarterly to generate evidence
- Air behavior change messages on dropout issues on radio and television
- Conduct a mid-term evaluation
- Delivering behavior change message
- Creating national dialogue
- To support 3000 students to reintegrate school

Kacyiru Community Knowledge Center.

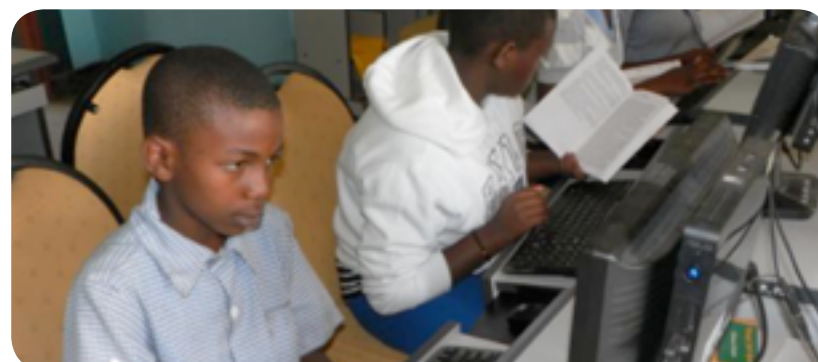
The Kacyiru Community Knowledge Center (KCKC) project is dedicated to empowering the local community of Kacyiru and Primary 6 students in Kacyiru Primary School with ICT knowledge.

The expected outputs are technology savvy P6 students and community members, and easy access to technology and knowledge within the local community. The project began in March 2013 and the center is based in Kacyiru Primary School.

ORA Christian, a KCKC P6 student



"Before I did not know how to use computers like others, but now I do and I teach my young brother" Ora Christian



"I like the way I discover things we learned in classes on a computer." Rwantagatare Laurent, a P6 student at Kacyiru 1 Primary School

Kacyiru Community Knowledge Center.



Knowledge CENTRE

Project Achievements:

- 307 P6 students can use Microsoft Word, search using online encyclopedias.
- 12 community members trained to train others.

Looking ahead

- Starting a KCKC cyber café and TV room.
- Conducting 4 TOTs for community members.
- Receiving a new intake of primary students in January 2014.



Students sharpening their computer skills

Youth Empowerment & Mentorship Project (YEMP):



The Imbuto Foundation Youth Empowerment & Mentorship Program aims to equip the youth with the skills to make them responsible, proactive and engaged citizens.

This program is divided into 3 parts: the Celebrating Young Rwandan Achievers (CYRWA), the Youth Forum Series (YFS) and Rwanda Speaks! (RS!).

Project Achievements::

Rwanda Speaks!

- 5 debate cohorts created in 5 secondary schools.
- 6 mentorship clubs each established with 20 mentors and 125 mentees.
- 2 toastmaster clubs in leading universities comprising of student leaders & high achievers set up.
- 10 teachers trained and are now debate coaches 7000 youth impacted through towns

Youth Forum Series

Ndi Umunyarwanda I & II:

A youth forum aimed at reminding 300 young Rwandans to uphold their inherent values.

Edified Generation:

A 3 day holiday camp for 500 Imbuto scholarship beneficiaries aimed at equipping them with life skills.

“Begin with the End in Mind.”

The first of its kind forum held for first and second year university Female students. A panel of accomplished women leaders led the forum and sought to inspire the young university girls.

YouthConnekt Dialogue:

A youth forum in partnership with other stakeholders in the youth sector held to discuss the challenges faced by post-genocide youth. A tour of 15 districts gathering a total of about 5000 youth was conducted

Youth Empowerment & Mentorship Project (YEMP):



Looking ahead:

- Create alumni run mentorship clubs
- Launch Phase II of “Ndi Umunyarwanda”
- Conduct Inter- school debates
- Organize competitions with 5 established cohorts
- Organize 4th edition of CYRWA Awards



“During my last years of secondary school at St. Andre, I joined the mentorship club established by Imbuto Foundation and my mentors were from ALCP. From those sessions, I gained more life skills, which helped me in my studies and in my day-to day life. It is from these sessions that I was inspired to start my own initiative to help other young students from my village. I try to teach my mentees how to set goals, be disciplined and avoid drugs.”

Support to Family Initiatives:



The Support to Family Initiatives (SIFI) project aims to improve the livelihoods of vulnerable groups. The project provides support to vulnerable people, particularly Youth headed households, widows and disadvantaged families.

Beneficiaries are organized into cooperatives. Through advocacy and capacity building, this project empowers the beneficiaries to be self-sufficient, to enable them live with dignity.

Imali Project strives to harness the potential of female-headed households by training them in horticulture of tomatoes and mushrooms, with the aim of equipping them to become self-sufficient. 'Imali' translates to prosperity and increased income.

Currently, the Imali Project works with 10 cooperatives in the following districts: Gasabo, Huye, Kayonza, Musanze, Kamonyi, Kicukiro and Rubavu.

Project achievements:

- Trained 237 clients in cooperatives, value chain and greenhouses and Basic business skills
- Produced 19542 Kg of tomato worth RWF 10 767 495 and the harvest is still on going
- RWF 41 362,026 provided as seed capital to buy farming inputs and equipments



Support to Family Initiatives:



“Story: “Planting the seeds of Self-Sufficiency”

“I am Habarurema David, the president of Twubakane Association, based in Gasabo District. I appreciate the role Imbuto Foundation has played in our lives. We started our association in May 2012 with 20 members composed of 3 women and 17 men. We are an orphan headed household, and our living conditions were dire.

In May 2012, Imbuto Foundation came to us and we had a meeting where we decided to grow tomatoes. We were trained in tomato growing in a greenhouse and had a study tour at Mulindi in Nyarugunga Sector. We started harvesting in August 2012 and we were getting an income of 2,260,000 Rwf. We had a motorcycle used to transport our produce from the greenhouse to Chez Lando Hotel and Woodland Supermarket, who are our main clients.”



Project Achievements:

- 4 new Greenhouses installed
- Business skills and greenhouse management training provided to 10 cooperatives

Looking ahead:

- Continue training and providing technical support to cooperative members
- Organizing mentorship sessions
- Start a new component to empower youth in “a life and professional skills to young survivors.”

health Projects



The Health Projects:

The Health Unit is responsible for projects geared towards helping reduce the prevalence of HIV and AIDs as well as health education and the prevention of malaria.



Head of Health Unit
John Ntigengwa

The following are projects under the Health Unit:

Domain	Program	Overview
EMTCT - HIV & Aids Reproductive Health	Family Package – EMTCT	Extends basic care and economic support to families living with HIV and AIDs and contributes to their socio economic development,
HIV and AIDS	Adolescent Reproductive Health and Rights	The project aims at using schools and Health centers as agents of change for Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (ASRH). The project focuses on the partnerships and peer education approach,
	Mountain Movers – HIV Prevention in Youth	This project aims to improve knowledge, attitude and practice of young adolescents, especially girls between 15-24 years, on prevention of HIV/AIDS,
	Malayika Murinzi – Guardian Angels – Child protection	The Malayika Murinzi “Guardian Angels” initiative is a continuation of the First Ladies Campaign known as “Treat Every Child as Your Own” targeting adults to protect children against HIV/AIDS, breaking taboos by sexual education and speaking out against adults infecting children,
Malaria Prevention	Malaria Project	Mobilize communities to improve health status and reduce mortality among the population at high risks of malaria in 6 districts ,

Mountain Movers Project



Week for True Love Campaign

The SSF/HIV Mountain Movers Project promotes HIV prevention among youth aged between 15 and 24. This initiative is based on the fact that Rwanda's wealth is its population (15-24). There is also a challenge of high HIV prevalence in youth: 2.5% urban and 0.5 in rural areas. Girls aged between 15-24 are five more likely to be infected by HIV (2.5% girls/0.5% boys) and 16% of Pregnant young women aged between 15-19 are HIV positive (DHS 2010).

The overall objectives of the initiative are: to increase knowledge on HIV prevention and sexual reproductive health, to promote positive behaviors by highlighting Rwandan values and to create a network of Peer Educators aged between 15-24.



Peer Educators in training



Training and outreach activities

Mountain Movers Project

Project Achievements

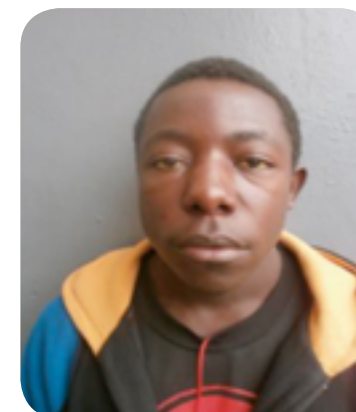
- Training of Peer Educators: 2294 over 1467 Peer Educators trained in HIV prevention and around 6172 youth reached through community outreaches.
- Social mobilization- Awareness Campaigns: "Week for true love campaign" PAC forum: 450 Parents and 350 young people attended.

This year an assessment of our intervention has been conducted, to evaluate its effectiveness, gaps and needs of the youth in order to redesign the project based on the key recommendations from the assessment.

Project success stories

All CBOs improved their project and finance systems and some of them now testify to win other grants due to their robust systems for finance and M&E. This is the case of Rusizi Youth Network, a CBO from Rusizi which won a grant from Society for Family Health Rwanda (SFH/Rwanda) that focuses on malaria prevention, promotion of the use of "SURE EAU" and condom use in partnership with 1 community health workers (CHW).

Training of Peer Educators has been a channel to create a network at CBO level. ADSPCR is one of the CBOs working in schools in Kicukiro District where at least 3 Peer Educators have been trained and they created a group of girls Peer Educators composed of 8-10 girls for Peer mentorship focusing on prevention of HIV and unplanned pregnancies. They meet every week to share experience and mentor each other.



Looking ahead

- Create a functional Peer Educators network at District and sector level
- Expand services from 86 sectors to 150
- Reach more youth with a focus on out of school and 9 and 12 YBE
- Ongoing capacity building of the CBOs
- Production of Peer Educators materials

Family Package Project:

“Helping Mothers and Couples save babies”



In order to fulfill its vision, and in accordance with the EMTCT National strategic plan (2011- 2015), the Family Package (FP) initiative was developed to build on the benefits of PMTCT (Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission) interventions by extending basic care and support to parents living with HIV/AIDS and their children; the project was launched in February 2002 by the First Lady of Rwanda, Mrs. Jeannette Kagame and is implemented in 27 Health Centers located in 6 districts.

In Rwanda, the HIV prevalence rate is 3% in the general population. (DHS, 2010). Approximately 27,000 children under the age of 14 are living with HIV as of 2011 (UNAIDS report 2011). Most of these infections are believed to be prenatally acquired, so services to prevent mother to child transmission (PMTCT) have rapidly scaled up at national level.

The services provided in the 27 health facilities are:

- Peer education through educational talks at health centers, sensitization of the community on HIV prevention, family planning, ART adherence and home visits for “lost to follow up” mothers.
- Psychosocial support through community support groups.
- Economic empowerment of clients through technical support on Income generating activities management.

Advocacy, Training and Awareness:

- Peer educators played a very important role in the follow up of pregnant women and their children regarding sensitization on health services utilization, provision of educational talks and testimonies during ANC, family planning and condom use, ART adherence, infant follow up and psychosocial support through home visits
- 2,118 pregnant women lost returned in PMTCT program.
- 7, 837 children under 2 years born from HIV+ mothers followed up by PEs.
- 214 discordant couples were reached by PEs and declared having adopted positive behavior using family planning methods, disclosure, ART adherence and positive living with HIV.
- 114, 993 condoms were distributed to family package members during home visits
- Matyazo health center was supported with a new maternity ward and was launched by the Ministry of health and is operational. Beneficiaries are happy to deliver in such clean and professional health facilities.

Family Package Project:

“Helping Mothers and Couples save babies”



Looking ahead

- Redesign Family Package projects for further integration into the national HIV and health care programs
- To improve the access and utilization of quality HIV prevention and ASRH information and services among 10- 24 year olds in- and-out-of-schools in 5 FP sites of Rubavu district.
- To improve access and use of quality Family Planning and ART services by PMTCT clients and their families
- To strengthen the coordination and M&E mechanisms for district EMTCT programs

“My name is Nikuze Hadidja, I’m 48 years old and have 5 kids and 2 grand children. Before joining Family Package, my life was full of sorrow; I joined Family Package in 2005 and became a peer educator in Kacyiru Health Center in 2012. Recently I was asked to become a Community Health Worker in the village where I live. This came in addition to what I do as a Peer educator in my community. In the market where I sell different vegetables, my colleagues elected me as their representative. Now I’m full of hope and I’m enjoying life by serving others, knowing that they trust me.

From the profits gained through IGAs, I have rehabilitated my house, I have electricity and next year. I am planning to have running water.”

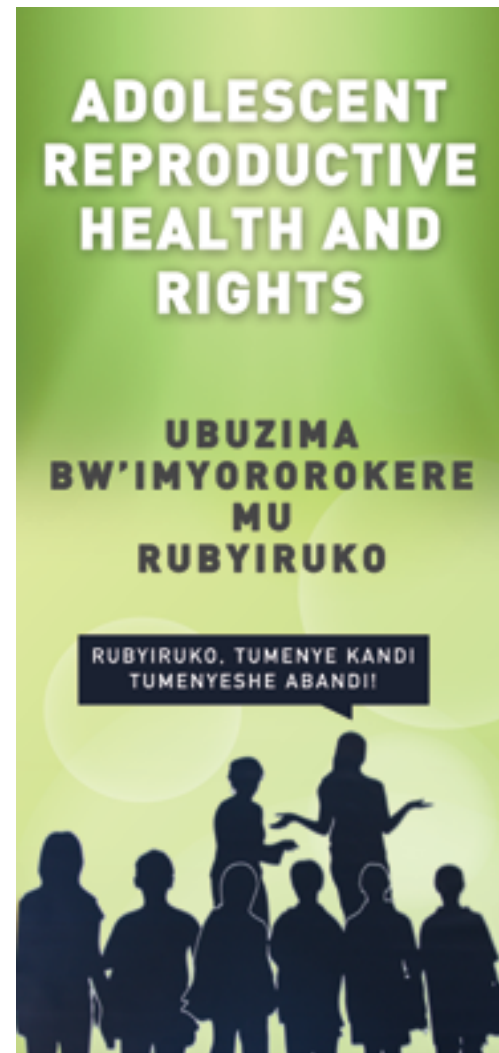


Advocacy meeting with local leaders for EMTCT campaign, Bugesera District, April 2013



EMTCT Campaign in Ngoma District, April 2013

Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health & Rights:



The Adolescent Reproductive Health and Rights (ASRH&R) project aims to mobilize stakeholders to support and strengthen Youth Friendly Reproductive Health Services, to enhance capacity of youth organizations to promote positive behaviour of adolescents (in and out of schools) towards reproductive sexual health in two Districts Nyarugenge and Gicumbi.

Project Achievements:

- Established ASRH&R clubs in schools (29 out of 107 schools) and in the community (in 156 cells out of 156 cells in the 2 Districts)
- Knowledge acquisition of Fifty Eight (58) nurses in all health centers of the 2 targeted districts in ASRH&R (2 per health center)
- Capacity building of 3720 youth peer educators (PE) in school on peer education approaches and on ASRH&R issues
- A total of 11,431 youth aged 10-24 received HIV and STI's testing, post abortion care, circumcision, provision of contraceptives, ante and post natal care, prenuptial consultation in 29 health centers of targeted districts.
- Provide financial support for the dissemination of the new policy at national and district level

Looking ahead:

- Establish new ASRH&R clubs in all schools and all sectors in the 2 Districts
- Conduct refresher trainings of PEER educators
- Conduct trainings for additional service providers
- Carry out sensitization events in the community, schools, youth centers and health centers
- Monitor youth friendly services at the health center



Youth after a training on ASRH&R

Malayika Murinzi: Guardian Angel



The Malayika Murinzi "Guardian angels" initiative is a continuation of the First Ladies Campaign known as 'Treat Every Child as Your Own' targeting adults to protect children against any form of violence, breaking taboos by sexual education and speaking out against adults infecting children. The strategy used in this campaign is rewarding adults who protect vulnerable children and provide them with a safe environment.

Malayika Murinzi are rewarded with certificates and badges in recognition of their exceptional work, as well as one dairy cow each. In the Rwandan culture, a cow symbolizes friendship, honor and prestige. Most significantly, the cow will serve as a form of economic sustenance to help improve the lives of the Malayika Murinzi and their families

Project Achievements

- Conducted MM campaign countrywide: Over 9,000 people in the country including local and opinion leaders were mobilized.
- 66 Malayika Murinzi were rewarded with exotic cows, certificates and badges. The women's parliamentarians forum provided 5 additional cows; hence more Malayika Murinzi's were rewarded.
- Malayika Murinzi Networks creation at district level, 30/30 are established but not yet functional

Looking ahead:

Establish project exit strategies:

- Participate in the elaboration of the Technical Working group on child rights.
- Conduct district field visits activities with National Children's Commission team to strengthen Malayika Murinzi Network activities.
- Advocacy is needed to make MM networks functional

Malayika Murinzi: Guardian Angel



First Lady with rewarded Malayika Murinzi Guardian Angels in Musanze-2013



Rewarded Malayika Murinzi-Guardian Angels at Muhanga-2013



Minister of Education with rewarded Malayika Murinzi Guardian Angels at Nyamirambo



Minister Mukantabana with rewarded Malayika Murinzi Guardian Angels at Rusizi-2013

“Success Story:”A role model to follow”

Ever since I started taking milk from the cow I received, I gained some weight, and everybody says that I am healthy ...”

Benedicte MUKAMUSONI has been a widow since 1995, and was left with 2 children but one died 8 years later. In October 1995, Benedicte saw a little girl without parents in a refugee camp in Congo, who was mistreated by the family she stayed with. She decided to take the child back to Rwanda with her. For her kindness Benedicte was rewarded as Malayika Murinzi in 2008 by IMBUTO Foundation

Malaria



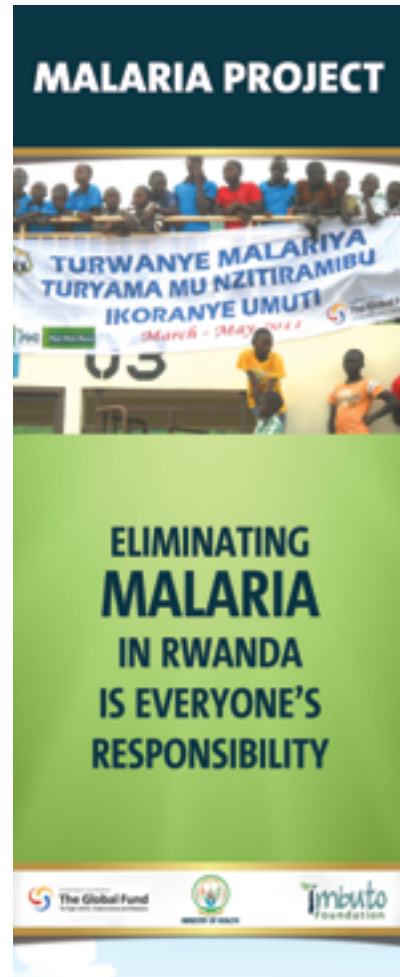
The Malaria project started in 2009 with the aim of reaching at least 90% of the population at risk of malaria, with long lasting insecticide treated nets by 2013. Malaria prevention and control would be achieved through behavior change communication strategies.

Health Centers and district hospitals are supported to carry out home based supervision, build capacity of community health workers as well as organize quarterly coordination meeting jointly with opinion leaders. District hospital staff is also facilitated to strengthen HC staff capacity in reporting and supervision.

Project Achievements:

- 2,515/2,529 home visits conducted by Health Center staff at village level, to strengthen the behavior change interventions made by Community Health Workers.
- Malaria Prevention awareness campaigns conducted through football and volleyball competitions, karate demonstrations, and Joint awareness campaigns with Urunana group in 6 districts with the theme: “Let us sleep under LLINs every night”. An average of more than 80,000 people were reached with the malaria prevention message.
- 18HCs and 18 Sectors in 6 districts were rewarded with 32” flat screen, DVD players and Malaria drama DVDs for performing well in BCC and IEC messages delivery.
- 1324/1404 Opinion leaders reached in malaria awareness sensitization meetings at cell level.
- 4,205/4,444 CHWs reached in Malaria BCC activities coordination meetings
- Started the phase 1 of the Mosquito repellent plant study.
- Extracted 16/20 essential oil from mosquito repellent plants for further laboratory essays.

Malaria



Looking Ahead

- Support 77 health facilities to conduct behavior change communication activities.
- Conduct Malaria Prevention awareness campaigns through sports.
- Organize an annual forum on malaria prevention experience sharing, challenges and way forward from all district hospitals and reward the best performers
- Conduct quarterly Mobile Video Unit Activities (MVU) to promote malaria prevention messages in six districts
- Conduct research on Mosquito repellent plants

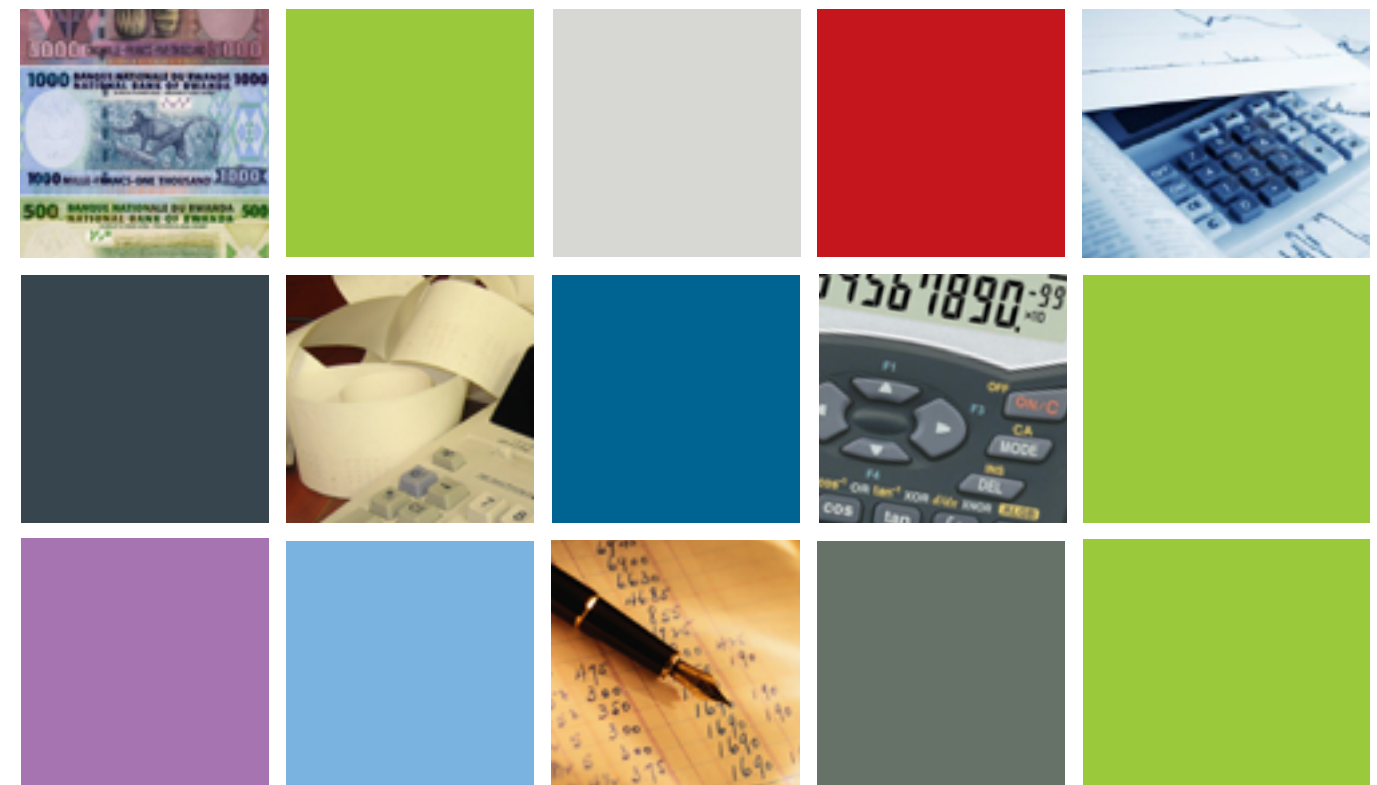
Success Story: "Wake up call"

We really thank you for the 32" flat TV rewarded to Masaka Health center. We want to express our gratitude for this tool that will help us strengthen our strategies and keep the population informed about Malaria prevention. Your support in the fight against Malaria is highly appreciated (Letter from Masaka Health Center, one of the best performing health centers, Kicukiro District)



Malaria prevention awareness campaign conducted in 6 districts of Rwanda

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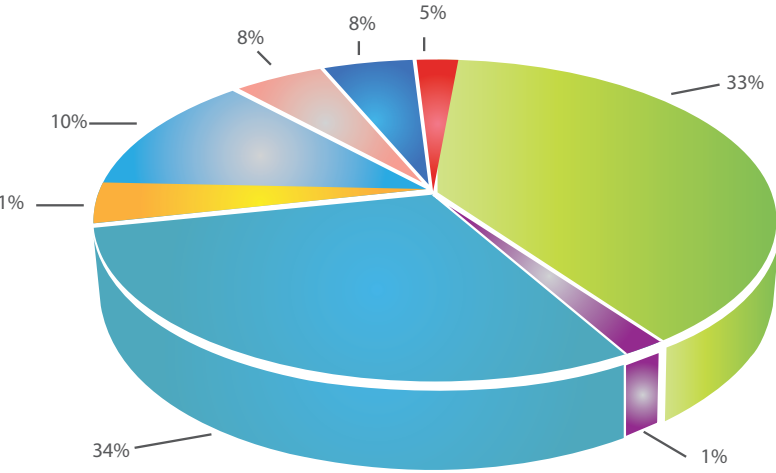


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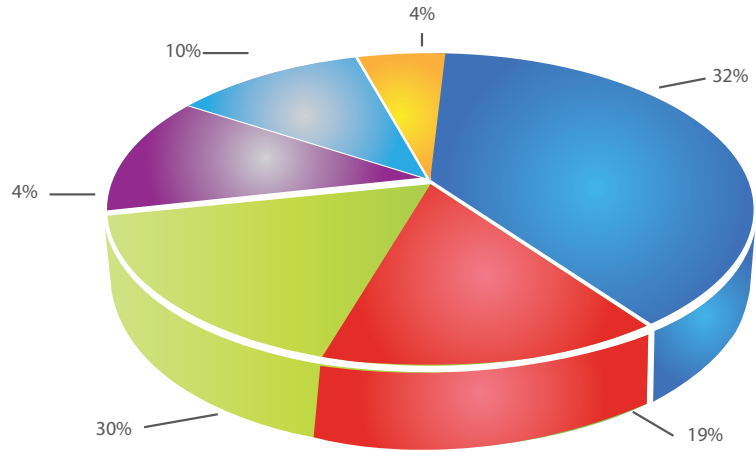


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