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**ENGAGE. EDUCATE. EMPOWER.**

**VISION**
A nation of empowered and dignified Rwandans

**MISSION**
To support the development of a healthy, educated and prosperous society

**VALUES**
Excellence, Integrity, Innovation, Solidarity and Commitment

**STRATEGY**
Imbuto Foundation’s work is aligned to national priorities and it fulfils its mission through advocacy, community outreach, mentorship, fostering partnerships and unleashing young talent.

**Our Guiding Principles**
We are guided by the following five principles, that are integral to the role we must play in catalysing growth in the education, health and youth empowerment ecosystems:

1. We invest first and foremost in people: Our mission is to empower individuals to take advantage of opportunities; fundamentally, our work needs to touch a person and consequently their communities.

2. We invest in challenges that are not being addressed by others: We like to be catalytic and sustainable. If other funding and implementing partners are adequately addressing a problem, we will move on. If it is not being addressed we will build a sustainable way to do so.

3. We invest with partners whose values resonate with ours: We appreciate that the challenges we seek to address cannot be solved by individual action but rather by collaborative action. However, we will only work with likeminded, value driven partners.

4. We invest in solutions that lead to the achievement of national, regional and global goals: We see ourselves as partners for the development of Rwanda, the region and the world at large. We therefore align our goals with the country’s National Strategy for Transformation (NST), Agenda 2063 and the SDGs.

5. We invest in harnessing the power of innovation and technology. Technology gives us, on a scale and speed never before possible, the opportunity to further our impact and tap into latest trends and developments.
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## ENGAGE. EDUCATE. EMPOWER.

## OUR PARTNERS
The two words that describes this past year at Imbuto Foundation are ‘transformational’ and ‘mindful’.

Our transformation can mainly be seen through the lens of our strategic operating plan; which is enabling us to upgrade our approach and maximise our impact, as we reach new horizons. Through our new approach, we seek to strengthen our collaborations and transition from primarily being project implementers, to building the capacities of our implementing partners.

Furthermore, our strategic plan reinforces our belief that developing and disseminating knowledge, as well as becoming a greater convener in the ecosystem in which we operate, are key to make this shift that we envision.

Our experience and close involvement have deepened our roots in the communities we serve. Thanks to the collaboration of the different stakeholders with whom we engage daily, we have gained a better understanding of the needs of our beneficiaries, and as such, we continue to develop, and implement suitable and sustainable interventions. As a result, some of our past projects have made a comeback and new projects have been initiated, to address the unique needs of the communities we serve.

For the most part, our beneficiaries have played an important role – their progressive ownership of the problem-solving process, continues to prove that once given the right tools and knowledge, they actively seek solutions to issues that affect them the most. It is in this light that the Innovation Accelerator has made its return for a second time, challenging youth to showcase their ideas on solving Sexual Reproductive Health issues, with a focus on teenage pregnancies. With the first phase of the iAccelerator bringing to light original and daring solutions, we at the Foundation, look forward to what this next phase has in store for us.

Indeed, this past year, we have been captivated by the many talents of Rwandan youth. For instance, the newly established ArtRwanda-Ubuhanzi project, held in partnership with the Ministry of Youth, the Ministry of Sports and Culture and the Rwanda Academy of Language and Culture, confirmed further our belief that a seed, well nurtured, will grow into a healthy plant. This annual project, which aims to identify and support young talented Rwandans within the creative industry, saw close to 70 finalists, in the fields of plastic arts, dance and music, fashion, acting and drama, cinematography and literature, nurture and use their talent to promote life-changing initiatives, across the country.

One such initiative is Baho Neza, a 3-year-long project, which was launched in November 2018, in partnership with the Ministry of Health and various partners in the health sector.

The Baho Neza project aims to contribute to national efforts for the increase of long-acting family uptake by 25%, and improve preventive and basic curative services provided through health posts nationwide. This project also includes a recurrent Integrated Health Campaign, striving for healthier families, through the promotion of Family Planning, Early Childhood Development, the empowerment of teen mothers, while addressing diverse health-related matters. To date, 40,000 people, in 7 districts, have been reached through these outreach campaigns, with key edutainment messages disseminated, thanks to the creativity of our ArtRwanda Ubuhanzi artists.

The Baho Neza campaign also served to highlight the important role strong partnerships continue to play in our achievements thus far. The activities described in this annual report are a testament to this truth. It is through sustained partnerships, and newly formed synergies that we can continue to realise the vision of a nation of empowered and dignified Rwandans.

Therefore, as we continue to build on the vision that sparked the creation of this Foundation, close to 20 years ago, it is my pleasure to welcome you to our journey this past year, and the numerous activities informing, inspiring and impacting Rwandan communities at large.

Sandrine Umutoni
In 2013, Her Excellency Mrs Jeannette Kagame launched the Early Childhood Development and Family (ECD&F) programme, to support the holistic development of children aged 0 to 6 years old. The goal of the programme is to ensure that children are intellectually stimulated, healthy and safe, while their families and communities are trained as caregivers.

The ECD&F programme is implemented in the following approaches:

- **ECD centres (3 to 6 years old)**
- **Home-based services (3 to 6 years old)**
- **Home visits (0 to 3 years old)**

In addition, parents receive training on Income Generating Activities (IGAs). Imbuto Foundation offers and delivers integrated Early Childhood Development services in 16 districts, namely: Gasabo, Nyarugenge, Kicukiro, Gicumbi, Gakenke, Nyamasheke, Ruhango, Nyamagabe, Nyabihu, Kayonza, Ngoma, Rwamagana, Rutsiro, Nyanza, Ngororero and Burera.

**ECD&F Project Beneficiary – Benisse Ateete**

Ateete Benisse’s parents, Louis Karenzi and Vestine Mukayiranga, enrolled her in Kibilizi ECD&F centre, in Nyamagabe District in January 2015. She received ECD services while attending baby class in 2016, middle in 2017 and upper class in 2018, after which she graduated to primary school. Benisse performed extremely well in P1 in GS Kiraro as shown by her school report where she is the first of the class scoring 98%. Her parents have also attest that her high performance at school resulted from the ECD integrated services she received.

**ACTIVITIES AND IMPACT TO DATE (SINCE 2013)**

- **16 Functional ECD Centres of Excellence in 16 Districts.**
- **20,614 Children aged 0 to 6 years old enrolled in ECD Centres.**
- **16 Community ECD Centres established (June 2019).**
- **18,411 Families benefited from ECD services.**
- **690 Home-based ECD established (June 2019).**
- **191 Caregivers trained on delivering integrated ECD and other basic social services delivery.**
- **4 Civil Society Organisations (Église Anglicane du Rwanda, The Association of Volunteers in International Services, Help A Child, Rwanda Interfaith Council on Health) trained on delivering integrated ECD services.**
This initiative aims to improve access to remedial learning support services for underperforming students. Imbuto Foundation, collaborating with United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and the Ministry of Education, have established learning clubs in 50 primary schools across 10 districts: Nyagatare, Ngoma, Kirehe, Rulindo, Gakenke, Nyabihu, Ngororero, Huye, Nyamagabe and Rusizi.

Twige Neza Dutsinde engages struggling learners at the upper primary level who are at risk for dropping out. It aims to improve both their learning outcomes (literacy and numeracy), as well as their attitudes and practices towards gender and the empowerment of girls.

This initiative has been successful in meeting its programme objectives, with reports of students performing better academically, being more respectful of diversity, more enthusiastic about school and learning and developing strong group working skills. The initiative works with the families of its beneficiaries, whose support is essential in instilling positive values, such as politeness and respect in the classroom, cleanliness and punctuality.

Twige Neza Dutsinde Project Beneficiary – Gerard Nsabimana

“Under the Twige Neza Dutsinde, we received tablets with different educational apps to help us improve the learning outcomes of our students. When using these apps, especially the most popular one called Khan Academy, we realised that other students beyond our class and school could also benefit from them.

As more and more teachers showed interest, we not only trained them on how to use the tablets, but we shared the useful app, so that they too could use them via their mobile phones and devices with their students. Apps such as ‘Maths Papa,’ for example, are useful for maths teachers and secondary school students. There are also language apps that help teachers on issues such as pronunciation of words. The teachers we have trained so far are also sharing the app and training other teachers.”

**ACTIVITIES AND IMPACT TO DATE (SINCE 2017)**

- **50** Learning Clubs for struggling learners established in 10 districts.
- **933** Boys and **1080** Girls supported by learning clubs.
- **104** Teacher mentors trained in remedial learning approach.
- **Over 12,000** community members were mobilised to support children education through community theater sessions in partnership with Urunana DC.
In 2005, under the leadership of Her Excellency Mrs Jeannette Kagame, Imbuto Foundation launched the Promotion of Girls’ Education Campaign (PGEC). Each year, parents, teachers, local leaders and students, interact with inspirational role models and hear their testimonies on the importance of education.

The campaign also awards the Best Performing Girls (BPGs), or Inkubito z’Icyeza, in different school cycles across the country.

Promotion of Girls’ Education Project Beneficiary – Annualitte Ishimwe Iradukunda

“My brother and I lost both parents when we were very young. Growing up, I lived a very modest life with one of my uncles in Ruhango District. It was not easy for us because of not being able to meet all our basic needs. My brother was among the best students in the school where we studied, and I used to compete with him because I believed that if he could excel, I too could excel - our aim was to study and do well.
I was in Groupe Scolaire St Joseph Kabgayi when the First Lady of Rwanda herself awarded me. It was one of the best moments in my life. Later on, I became an Imbuto Foundation scholarship recipient, which helped me be more focused about my studies, as I did not have to worry about school fees. It enabled me to pass with good grades, and always aim for the highest.
After graduating from secondary, I was awarded a Government scholarship to the former KIST, where I enrolled in Electrical Engineering, and during that time I got another scholarship opportunity under Rhenanie Palatinat partnership and moved to Germany. I am one of the 6 students who were awarded that scholarship among 30 candidates. I went to Germany in August 2015 and took 1 year of German classes (which is our medium of instruction), and continued with my courses in Electrical Engineering from November 2016.

ACTIVITIES AND IMPACT TO DATE (SINCE 2005)

- 5,088 BPGS REWARDED FOR THEIR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE.
- OVER 67,100 PEOPLE MOBILISED IN ANNUAL CAMPAIGNS.
- 257 GIRLS HAVE RECEIVED IT TRAINING.
This scholarship programme was initiated in 2003 to financially support secondary school students from economically vulnerable backgrounds, in their pursuit of education.

Beneficiaries of this programme receive assistance of up to USD 300 per year to help pay for their living costs, health insurance and school supplies. Each year, Imbuto Foundation holds a holiday camp, where the scholars are taught how to manage their health, finances and receive the necessary tools to be successful in both their professional and personal endeavors. Since its launch, more than 8,000 scholarships have been awarded to secondary school boys and girls.

Edified Generation Project Beneficiary – Thierry Uwanyirigira

“Before joining Imbuto Foundation’s Edified Generation programme, my family couldn’t cover our education school fees since my 2 siblings and I were all in high school. With these finance issues, I couldn’t regularly attend classes and of course I used to miss some courses and seldom lead to poor performance. In short, I didn’t have any hope to successfully end my studies. I cannot forget the time when I was told that Imbuto Foundation will sponsor my studies up to the last year of secondary school. It was a great moment for my family and I. The Scholarship greatly changed my life and my studies. I started working hard and planning my journey to university. I, therefore, performed very well in the high school final examination and got the one of the highest scores (46/55) at my school. When I was in S6, my vision was to use this opportunity and get to postgraduate level of education I set this goal because I love research and wanted to give back by creating helpful tools to solve some of the issues faced in my community. Nowadays, as a Revenue Assurance Analyst at a telecommunication company in Rwanda, I can say the goal is at 95% of success since I am helping Rwanda’s people accessing the affordable telecommunication products.”

ACTIVITIES AND IMPACT TO DATE (SINCE 2003)

- **8,961 Scholarships Awarded** to 4,057 Boys and 4,904 Girls.
- **11 Annual Holiday Camps** have been conducted since 2003.
- **36 Girls Awarded University Scholarships**, and 15 girls completed a tertiary short course through different partnerships.
- An Alumni network of former scholarship beneficiaries was established, and implements projects in the areas of education and youth empowerment.
- It costs $300 on average to support one student for a year.
Since 2010, the ASRH&R project has been promoting positive behaviour among adolescents aged 10 to 24 years old. The programme targets adolescents both in and out of school, pairing schools and out of school clubs with youth organisations and health centres to provide youth-friendly services. The ASRH&R project also trains peer educators to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and teaches adolescents to reduce the risk of unplanned pregnancies.

**Activities and Impact to Date (Since 2010)**

| 262 | Active members of in and out of school clubs. |
| 420,785 | Young people aged 10-24 reached ASRH messages and services. |
| 108,947 | Youth aged between 16-24 were reached with messages on puberty, sex and pregnancy, HIV/AIDS, STIs and contraceptive methods – through the Mobile for Reproductive Health (M4RH). |
| 100 | Teacher mentors from Gicumbi and Nyarugenge districts equipped with knowledge on ASRH related topics and how to facilitate ASRH dissemination |
| 493 | Adolescents and 987 parents reached through parents – adolescents communication sessions. |
| 146 | Umugoroba w’ababye (parents gatherings) representatives trained in facilitating parents – adolescents communication. |
| 694 | Parents – adolescents communication booklets disseminated in umugoroba w’ababye at village level. |
| 187 | National women council coordinators trained in ASRH youth-friendly service delivery. |
| 999 | Health care providers trained in ASRH youth-friendly service delivery. |
| 73,700 | Young people sensitised to be voluntarily tested for HIV. |
| 104 | Students peer educators trained in ASRH and HIV prevention in all nine- and twelve-year basic education schools in Nyabihu district. |

**ASRH&R Project Beneficiary – Isaac Mutagurirwa**

“We used to have major conflicts within our family before joining the Parents-Adolescents Communication sessions. During the sessions we were taught about positive dialogue especially around sexual reproductive health related issues, which also triggered other conversations around important topics. This has improved how we interact with each other and has brought about peace in our home. Now, as a parent I make time to discuss issues that matter to us the most – as a family, and my partner and I, involve our children and give them an opportunity to express their views.”
This programme is a continuation of the original Mountain Movers programme, which was launched in 2011. Mountain Movers III was launched in 2018 as a programme aimed at reducing HIV infections among youth aged between 15 and 24 years, as well as creating awareness about tuberculosis (TB).

The programme uses awareness campaigns to provide information about HIV and TB prevention and treatment, through services provided in health centres and is implemented in the following Districts: Rusizi, Karongi, Nyamasheke, Ngororero and Rutsiro. Parents and children are involved in special communication forums that help them to have open and constructive conversations about sexual matters.

Mountain Movers III Project Beneficiary – Marguerite Mukaburanga

“We have a group of teen mothers called Young Mothers Initiative (“YOMI”) in Nyamasheke District, Kanjongo sector. This group meets every month to share experiences, discuss about sexual reproductive health, HIV, and their small businesses. It started with 20 members (some are HIV positive), who now have created a network of teen mothers in each cell and have reached 140 members so far. The group is very much involved in empowering other teen mothers in the community through peer education, and experience sharing. Among this group, 4 teen mothers have returned to school, and others have small businesses, like farming, selling vegetables etc.”

ACTIVITIES AND IMPACT TO DATE (SINCE 2011)

- 739 adolescent mothers trained in parents - adolescents communication guide, positive parenting and ASRH.
- 270 peer educators successfully trained in peer education approach.
- 276 parents successfully trained in parents - adolescents communication guide.
Launched in 2001 by Her Excellency Mrs Jeannette Kagame, the Family Package programme was offering comprehensive HIV/AIDS services to families infected with and affected by HIV. This programme was created as a response to the severe HIV/AIDS epidemic affecting Rwandan society as a result of rape during the Genocide Committed Against Tutsi.

Family Package services included family planning, Elimination of Mother to Child Transmission (EMTCT) of HIV/AIDS, nutritional balance, and psychosocial support. The EMTCT component was implemented in 32 health centres through peer educators, who helped sensitise beneficiaries on proper care and treatment of HIV.

In 2017, the Family Package project extended its reach to cater to teen mothers, under its new component - First Time Young Mothers.

Family Package Project Beneficiary - Germaine Zawadi

“I studied until when I got in my second year in Secondary School and dropped out because my mother did not have enough means to pay for my school fees. I got pregnant when I was 16 years old. My life changed since then because my mother now had to feed my baby and I. During my pregnancy, I came to meet a nurse from the Health Centre who introduced me to a group of teens mothers - I started joining them every week at the Health Centre for experience sharing. It was also an opportunity for us to learn important lessons on mother and child health, nutrition, sexual reproductive health, as well as Family Planning. During these sessions, I felt understood and empowered. Together as a group, we started a saving account where every week, each one of us would contribute 200 Rwf and an additional 50 Rwf for social activities. This saving group is very helpful; many of us are now able to buy basic things such as soap, lotion and baby clothes, without waiting for parents to us give money. I was able to start my own small business selling rock salt (igikukuri) and contribute to my family wellbeing.”
3,058 of the 3,692 children born from HIV positive mothers were tested for HIV.

166 community health workers were trained to identify, refer and provide friendly services to teen mothers in their respective communities.

5,850 community members participated in 6 community awareness campaigns addressing issues of social discrimination, stigmatization and violence against teen mothers.

411 teen mothers received psychosocial support counseling and were also trained in HIV prevention, ASRH, family planning and peer education approach.

32 health care providers were trained to provide friendly services to teen mothers.

892 parents participated in parents-adolescents communication (PAC) forums for reintegration of teen mothers in their families.

175 teen mothers have saved 6,644,730 RWF, through 7 saving groups, in Umurenge savings and credit cooperatives.

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Burera Iwacu Project is a health project launched in 2018, with the partnership of the Ministry of Health, Burera District and Butaro District Hospital.

Through integrated mass campaigns, Burera Iwacu has proven that if different innovative strategies are used to bring health services closer to the community, quality health services provision and mindset shift can be attained.

**Burera Iwacu Beneficiary**

After conducting Parents-Adolescents Communication One, for teen mothers and their parents in Burera District, 32 parents decided to start a peer support group meeting on every first week of the month, to discuss issues around teenage pregnancy, to teach other parents the impact of having open and constructive dialogues in their homes, in preventing teenage pregnancy. This group will begin teaching other parents during community gatherings; such as umugoroba w’ababyeyi (parents gatherings) and other channels to reach all parents.

**ACTIVITIES AND IMPACT TO DATE (SINCE 2018)**

- **210** representatives of parents gatherings were trained to train other members of the community on ASRH, ECD and PAC.
- **314** youth, local leaders, religious representatives and private sector federation were reached with special sessions, discussing sexual reproductive health, early childhood development and parents-adolescents communication, prevention of teenage pregnancy.
- **634** outreach campaigns activities were conducted at cell and village levels across Burera District.
- **23** radio talk shows were aired on community radios to create awareness and increase knowledge on various health related subjects among Burera district residents.
- **34,553** under five years old children screened for growth monitoring in Burera district.
- **341** mothers under 19 years old were trained on early childhood development and sexual reproductive health.
- **3,814** residents of Burera District and neighbouring areas received information by messages related to sexual reproductive health, maternal-child health and early childhood development.
- **653** pregnant women had their first ANC, 344 completed their 4 standard visits and 443 had their postpartum visits at 6 weeks.
- **2,814** individuals received long term contraceptive methods, 1,047 for short term contraceptive methods.
BAHO NEZA PROJECT

Baho Neza project is a Family Planning project launched in 2018, in partnership with the Ministry of Health and various partners working in the Health Sector.

The project aims to increase long acting family planning uptake by 25%, over the next three years, by improving the access to services at all levels of the health system. More specifically it aims to improve the services provided by health posts, for universal access to health services by ensuring all preventative services and basic curative services are provided at cell level, including Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC), post abortion care and safe abortion, when indicated (as provided by the Law).

Baho Neza Project Beneficiary - Donatha Nyiramategeko

“I am happy about the new Health Post that was recently open in our neighbourhood. For us as parents, especially looking for Family Planning services, we had to travel far to get them. The fact that the Health Post is close to us now makes me happy. I would like to especially thank the Baho Neza Campaign organisers for their efforts in helping us to improve our health and teaching us to aim to live healthier lives.

ACTIVITIES AND IMPACT TO DATE (SINCE 2018)

- **52 HEALTH POSTS BUILT AND 52 TRAINED NURSES TRAINED.**
- **2,413 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS TRAINED IN COMMUNITY BASED PROVISION OF FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES.**
- **553 YOUTH AND OPINION LEADERS WERE REACHED WITH SPECIAL SESSIONS, DISCUSSING SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH, EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND PARENTS-ADOLESCENTS COMMUNICATION, PREVENTION OF TEENAGE PREGNANCY.**
- **18 COMMUNITY RADIOS WERE USED TO INCREASE AWARENESS ON FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES.**
- **OVER 749 PEOPLE RECEIVED LONG ACTING REVERSIBLE CONTRACEPTIVES.**
- **OVER 40,000 PEOPLE WERE REACHED, AND PROVIDED WITH LIFE CHANGING INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE ON FAMILY PLANNING, ANTE-NATAL AND POST-NATAL CARE.**
- **8,614 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS TRAINED IN NUTRITIONAL BASED HYGIENE.**
- **14,673 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS TRAINED ON COMMUNITY BASED MATERNAL AND NEONATAL HEALTH (ANTE-NATAL CARE, POST-NATAL CARE AND POST ABORTION CARE).**
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YOUTH EMPOWERMENT
AND MENTORSHIP
PROJECTS
The YYAS Programme builds and strengthens the capacity, knowledge and access to information for African students to US College admissions procedures and policies. Through workshops tackling the college application process, essay writing tips and SAT Test preparations, YYAS scholars are assisted with preparing themselves for college admissions abroad.

In addition, each scholar is paired with a mentor, preferably with US college admission experience, who guides a scholar on the role of extra-curricular activities prior to joining a university, choosing what to study for a career path as well as handling international student culture shock in university.

**Yale Young African Scholars Project Beneficiary**  
Jean Lambert Niyomugaba

“Before joining YYAS, I was a student. I always wondered where my life would take me and how I would reach there. It was not easy for me and always created all kinds of debates in my mind. In my search for different opportunities, I came across YYAS. Through the YYAS workshop, I met so many other talented and brilliant young people, all of whom are future community leaders. We studied together, shared experiences, and exchanged knowledge and ideas. This instilled in me an incredible awareness of self and an understanding of new cultures as a common tool for leadership.

In YYAS I learnt how to be a servant leader just from the observation of how Yale Students and other staff members. The lessons I learnt from them continuously guide me in all things I do related to studies and social life. I am the first student from my village who has gone to study outside Rwanda. Thanks to the YYAS programme that taught me how to fill out an application and introduced me to colleges I would have never heard of in life. I cannot stop sharing the YYAS opportunity with others, because I wish for them to have their lives changed too.

**ACTIVITIES AND IMPACT TO DATE (SINCE 2018)**

- **90 scholars in the programme.**
- **30 mentors in the programme.**
- **69 recent graduates from secondary school admitted to universities.**
- **9 workshops for SAT mock test preparation, college application & readiness and personal essays conducted and attended by 90 scholars.**
MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

Launched by Her Excellency Mrs Jeannette Kagame in 2013 with the girls mentorship programme, the main activity consisted of coordinating and facilitating the mentorship of young women - survivors of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi and members of the Students Association of Genocide Survivors, AERG, on critical thinking, decision-making, and confidence building.

This programme later evolved to also cater for boys and young men from the same background. It consisted of a mentorship and leadership youth forum themed ‘Strong and Dignified’ and focusing on the psychological issues experienced by young men in AERG, as a result of their experiences in the Genocide against the Tutsi.

Mentorship Project Beneficiary - Jean Norbert Iyamarere

“After the tragic history of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi we faced as a nation, from education received as a child to opinions; it held a lot of consequences. The Mentorship Programme is an initiative where a young person (mentee) is provided with guidance by a more experienced person (mentor). In other words, they (mentor) share with you important knowledge and skills, that you would not have known otherwise.

Most importantly, your mentor rebuilds your confidence in your life plans; seeking for employment as well as guiding you on how to start your own project. The programme shows you that it is possible, so you start to have faith in yourself once again. Another benefit from the programme is that we are continuously empowered, to a point where we are confident to mentor others.”

ACTIVITIES AND IMPACT TO DATE (SINCE 2013)

325 YOUNG WOMEN BENEFITED FROM THE MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME.
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214 MENTORS UNDER THE MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME.
The Youth Forum Series (YFS), brings together different segments of youth in Rwanda including university students, Genocide survivors, young professionals, entrepreneurs and those living in the diaspora, and features exceptional speakers to address a unique theme, relevant to their needs and aspirations. The project aims at giving youth a platform to discuss and identify common solutions; by engaging them on national policies and strategies as well as orienting them towards personal development.

This year, as Rwanda commemorated 25 years after the Genocide against the Tutsi, Imbuto Foundation in partnership with the Ministry of Youth, organised a National Youth Forum named Kwibuka25 Youth Conversation, engaging 200 Youth representatives from all 30 Districts. The forum discussed two main topics: ‘Notion of a Nation’, and ‘Sustaining Rwanda’s Growth’. The forum was preceded by a Kwibuka25 tour during which young people visited Elders - Genocide survivors living in Impinganzima hostels - countrywide.

In Kinyarwanda, we say “One should endure their pain without complaint”. Indeed, we should uphold this, but our efforts not to display our feelings and pain should not consume and destroy us. We need to accept that it is difficult and allow ourselves to talk about our internal and external wounds, in order for us to truly heal.

Her Excellency Mrs Jeannette Kagame, First Lady of the Republic of Rwanda

**Activities and Impact to Date (Since 2007)**

- **20,000** Youth reached.
- **32** Forums have been organised, on various topics ranging between financial fitness, leadership, career guidance, patriotism and public speaking among others.
- **138** Speakers invited.
ArtRwanda – Ubuhanzi, a nationwide talent search project, launched in 2018, with the aim of identifying and supporting young and talented Rwandans within the Cultural Creative Industry and promoting job creation.

It consists of a televised search for creative youth in six different categories (plastic arts, music & dance, fashion, acting & drama, photography & cinematography and literature).

ArtRwanda–Ubuhanzi is implemented by Imbuto Foundation in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth, the Ministry of Sports and Culture and the Rwanda Academy of Language and Culture.

ArtRwanda-Ubuhanzi Project Beneficiary – Clement Umuhoa

“I am a University graduate in Journalism, but before I joined ArtRwanda-Ubuhanzi I was jobless. Since last year when I decided to participate in the ArtRwanda-Ubuhanzi competition, my life changed radically. It was a great occasion for me to demonstrate my talent of writing and illustrating long and short stories.

From the beginning of ArtRwanda-Ubuhanzi project, I gained a lot of additional knowledge about my career through different workshops. We also had various opportunities to generate an income using our talents. I now have a monthly income that ranges between 200,000 Rwf and 300,000 Rwf per month.”

ACTIVITIES AND IMPACT TO DATE (SINCE 2018)

- **Auditions conducted in 6 sites.**
- **587 artists selected at province level and 70 artists at national level.**
- **2400 youth auditioned under 6 art categories across the country.**
- **Boot camp organised for 70 best artists who reached the grand finale.**
- **Top 6 artists per category awarded with 1 million Rwf.**
- **Top 3 business projects per category awarded with 10 million Rwf, each.**
- **68 finalists created health-related art pieces used during community sensitization activities nationwide.**
SUPPORT TO FAMILY INITIATIVE
In 2001, the Support to Family Initiatives (SUFI) project was launched to help improve the lives of widows and child-headed households through the use of psychosocial support and income-generating activities.

In 2007, SUFI was extended to cater to other vulnerable groups and was renamed Imali project. Today the project is implemented with the support of Rwanda Governance Board, UNDP, UN Women and Rural Women Economic Empowerment.

Through the project, these vulnerable people are grouped into cooperatives where they are taught how to grow tomatoes in greenhouses and how to manage cooperatives. Once the tomatoes have been harvested, the cooperatives have enough money for members to be financially independent and to enter new business ventures. Beneficiaries receive start-up funds and greenhouses for agricultural activities.

**Imali Project Beneficiary - Laurence Mukashema**

Laurence Mukashema, a 45 year old woman, is a resident of Ngoma District. She is married and is now providing basic needs for her 6 children. She has been a member of Terimbere Mugore wa Sake since 2014.

Before she joined the project in 2017, Laurence was doing tailoring in Gafunzo market located in Sake sector using a rented sewing machine. On average, she was getting 2,500 Rwf per day, she said: “I was not spending my income wisely”. After joining the Imali project, Laurence bought a sewing machine, and joined other tailors in the sewing workshop. She improved her financial management and negotiation skills, resulting in an increased number of clients. She therefore set up her own tailoring workshop which increased her daily income.

In 2018, Laurence became a supplier for a PPMR, a project supporting youth in vocational training, where she trained for 6 months, 6 young people in tailoring. For each student she was paid a monthly fee of 10,000 Rwf, gaining 360,000 Rwf, which she invested in other business ventures.

As of June 2019, Laurence is getting an average income of 210,000RWF monthly.

**Activities and Impact to Date (Since 2001)**

- **37 Cooperatives in 16 Districts.**
- **2,313 Female and 543 Male Beneficiaries.**
- **87,163 Kgs of Tomatoes Sold Since 2011, Generating an Income of US $ 54,705.**
- **152 Men and 442 Women Trained in Management, Maintenance, of Greenhouses in Kirehe, Ngoma and Nyaruguru Districts.**
- **18 Cooperatives Trained in Entrepreneurship Skills.**
FINANCIAL REPORT
JULY 2018 - JUNE 2019

INCOME
Total income: Rwf 6,848,727,273
($ 7,624,239)

- Other Receipts: 0.13%
- Individuals: 0.21%
- Corporate Companies: 6.1%
- Academia & Research Institutions: 6.6%
- Line Public Institutions: 7.0%
- Development Partners: 13.4%
- Foundations: 66.5%
FINANCIAL REPORT
JULY 2018 - JUNE 2019

EXPENDITURE
Total Expenditure: Rwf 6,709,114,164 ($ 7,468,814)

- 91% - PROGRAMMES
- 8% - MANAGEMENT COST
- 1% - OPERATIONS
Her Excellency First Lady receiving UNFPA Executive Director, Dr. Natalia Kanem - Kigali, 13 November 2018

Imbuto Foundation participating in a Special Umuganda - Rulindo, 18 May 2019

David and Lucille Packard Foundation President and CEO, Ms. Carol S. Larson visit to Cor-Urum Health Centre - Nyarugenge, 12 November 2018

Imbuto Foundation team participating in ICFP 2018, Knowledge is Power session - Kigali, 14 November 2018

Akissa Kuyahangana, a Best Performing Girl speaking at a 2019 rewarding event - Gisagara, 16 March 2018

Celebration of World Population Day and Baho Neza Campaign - Rusizi, 11-12 July 2019

Star Leadership Academy in a learning visit to Imbuto Foundation offices - Kigali, 13 June 2019

Imbuto Foundation Transform Africa Summit 2019 session, Investing in Digital Health for Family Planning - Kigali, 18 May 2019

Imbuto Foundation participating in a Special Umuganda - Rulindo, 18 May 2019

OUR PARTNERS
**ADULTHOOD**
(30 years old and above)

**CHILDHOOD**
(0-15 years)
- Twige Neza Dutsinde

**YOUTH**
(16-30 years)
- Promotion of Girls Education
- Edified Generation
- Yale Young African Scholars
- Rwanda Speaks!
- ArtRwanda-Ubuhanzi
- Youth Forum Series
- Mentorship Programme
- Celebrating Young Rwandan Achievers

**ADULTHOOD**
(30 years old and above)

**HOLISTIC MODEL**

- Early Childhood Development & Family
- Family Package
- Promotion of Reading Culture
- Support to Family Initiatives
- Mountain Movers
- Kacyiru Community Knowledge Centre
- Burera Iwacu Project
- Baho Neza Project

- Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health & rights