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Message from the Director General



Dear partners,

At Imbuto Foundation, the past year has been defined by change, thought-provoking lessons and most importantly the growth of ideas and staff to carry our vision forward.

As the newly appointed Director General, I was privileged enough to follow in the footsteps of Radegonde Ndejuru, my respected and hardworking predecessor. Her accomplishments gave me the hope that I too could play a role in fulfilling the mission of Imbuto Foundation. With our thriving team spirit, we have been able to move one step ahead in that purposeful direction.

We have seen incredible advancements in the lives of our beneficiaries and this continues to be an encouragement to reach out and do more across the country. We yearn to further engage, educate and empower Rwandans through well-structured programming.

Back to our achievements, our Early Childhood Development and Family (ECD&F) project and holistic platform continue to show great promise to positively impact children. ECD&F works in 3 components, namely through ECD centres, home-based care and home visits. To date, **over 5,000 children** from 10 districts have received ECD&F services. The project has also proven to be crucial to the empowerment of parents with programmes that encourage their financial autonomy. **Over 1,000 parents** participated in income-generating activities worth more than **11 million Rwandan Francs**.

For many years, Imbuto Foundation has been considered as the torchbearer of girls' promotion. In education, our Chairperson and First Lady of Rwanda Mrs Jeannette Kagame launched a campaign that awarded 183 school girls for their remarkable performance at national exams. Our 12+ initiative, which teaches young girls about socio-economic and health topics, has also kept that fire burning. **Over 13,000 girls** recently graduated from the programme with sensible knowledge to guide them through the next stages of their lives.

With that same inextinguishable passion for youth issues, we successfully launched the '**True Love Campaign**' in 35 sites across 30 districts, with over 30,000 youth, parents, the community and local leaders in attendance. These outreach campaigns equip young Rwandans with information on HIV/AIDS, gender-based violence (GBV) and the importance of being conscious of one's actions, while taking responsibility in personal relationships, to prevent the spreading cycle of HIV.

We know that our programs have made a difference in the Rwandan society. Men and women, young and old, urban and rural continue to remind us of our impact at every event. For that reason we are overjoyed to have made it to **our 15th year**. This 2016 anniversary proudly marks over a decade of dedication to Rwandans.

Our commitment remains to catalyze initiatives that propel young Rwandans forward to reach their full potential in every possible way. We will continue to aim for the highest impact in youth empowerment in education, health and other new domains. We want to see them take firm steps towards their own bright future and that of their country.

Under the tutelage and leadership of our Chairperson Mrs. Jeannette Kagame and unwavering support of donors and partners, we are certain to touch more lives in the coming years.

On behalf of Imbuto Foundation, we welcome you to join us in celebrating our journey so far.

Urujeni 'Feza' Bakuramutsa



1 EDUCATION PROJECTS





Early Childhood Development and Family (ECD&F)

In 2013, Her Excellency Jeannette Kagame launched the Early Childhood Development and Family (ECD&F) programme, as a means to support the holistic development of children aged 0 – 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 to become nurturing caregivers.



The ECD&F programme is implemented in the following approaches: ECD centres (4 – 6 years old), home-based services (0 – 3 years old) and home-visits (0 – 6 years old), in addition parents are trained on Income Generating Activities.

Imbuto Foundation currently offers the ECD programme in 10 districts, namely Gasabo, Nyarugenge, Gakenke, Nyamagabe, Nyabihu, Nyamasheke, Kayonza, Rwamagana, Ngoma, Gicumbi located in the City of Kigali, Southern, Western, Eastern and the Northern provinces.

ACTIVITIES AND NUMBERS REACHED TO DATE

10
FUNCTIONAL
ECD
CENTRES

6,067 
CHILDREN AND
6034 PARENTS
BENEFIT FROM
CENTRE, HOME-BASED
AND HOME-VISIT
ECD SERVICES

1,082
PARENTS INVOLVED
IN INCOME
GENERATING
ACTIVITIES WITH
AN INCOME OF
32,517,741 RWF



ACTIVITIES AND NUMBERS REACHED TO DATE

- 81 caregivers were trained in ECD&F package.
- 272 home-based ECD centres have been formed and trained in using the Rwanda Educational Board ECD curriculum.
- 2,867 families are actively involved in home based ECDs services provision as caregivers on a rotation basis, each group having 10 to 15 children taken care of by 2 parents.
- 240 home based ECDs are involved in Income Generating Activities (IGAs).
- 1,082 parents from 10 centres are involved in IGAs through 49 groups.
- Through IGAs, the 49 groups have a total income of 32,517,741 Rwf which is used for investments, providing loans and savings.



Promotion of Reading Culture

Launched in 2010, the **Reading Day Campaign** was a project piloted by Imbuto Foundation. It has since become a recurring nationwide campaign themed “**Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader**” with around 4 annual Reading Day events in which Imbuto Foundation develops media and promotional campaigns to raise awareness among children, parents and teachers on the importance of reading.



This initiative works with parents and teachers by equipping them with knowledge on how to create love for reading among their children and students, while also acquiring writing skills. The campaign also involves reading competitions and rewards for the best performers.

ACTIVITIES AND NUMBERS REACHED TO DATE

14 READING DAY
EVENTS

2400
CHILDREN AND
1500 PARENTS



Promotion of Girls' Education

Started under the leadership of the First Lady in 2005, this project encourages high academic performance through the mobilization of the community, parents, teachers and local leaders. The campaign rewards “Inkubito z'Icyeza” or Best Performing Girls (BPG) at different school cycles, while spreading awareness messages to encourage support for girls' education. Imbuto Foundation also calls on 'role models', a group of diverse and accomplished girls and women, to share inspirational experiences with BPGs.

For a continuous empowerment, rewarded girls are divided into 3 chapters that regularly meet to learn basic IT, social and life skills through organized conversations, mentorship sessions and workshops. Girls in secondary schools have excellence clubs, while those in university and young professionals formed an alumni association that mentors younger girls.

ACTIVITIES AND NUMBERS REACHED TO DATE

4,438

GIRLS REWARDED
FOR ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE

60,100

PEOPLE REACHED
THROUGH AWARENESS
CAMPAIGNS

20 INKUBITO
Z'ICYEZA CLUBS
FOR EXCELLENCE
CREATED AT
SECONDARY SCHOOL LEVEL

226 GIRLS
RECEIVED
IT TRAINING



4 “Let us dream big and act”
workshops in 4 districts

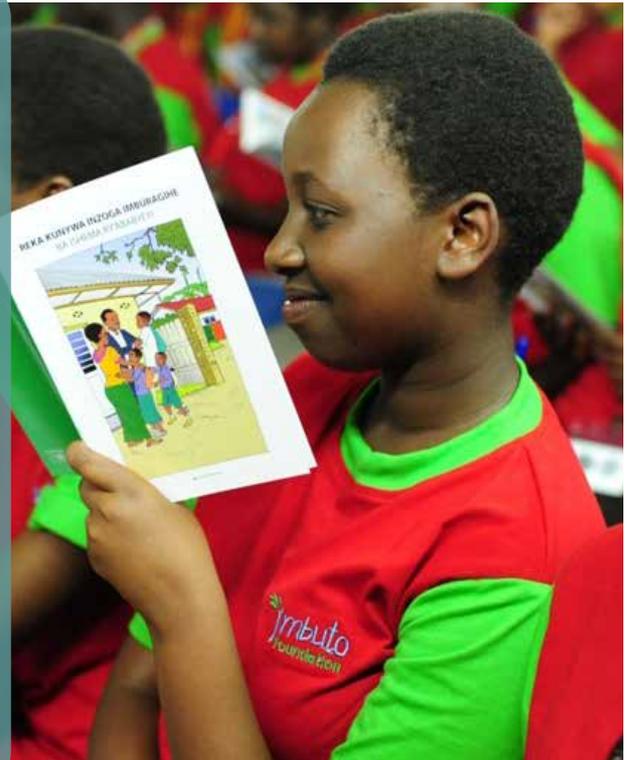


Edified Generation

The scholarship programme was initiated in 2003 with an objective to financially support secondary-school students from economically vulnerable backgrounds, in their pursuit of education.

Beneficiaries of this programme receive assistance of up to \$300 per year, to help pay for their living costs, health insurance and their school supplies¹. Each year, through a holiday camp, the scholars are equipped with health and socio-economic knowledge, to prepare them for their professional and personal well-being.

Since its launch, more than 7000 secondary students have been awarded scholarships.



ACTIVITIES AND NUMBERS REACHED TO DATE

7,289
SECONDARY
STUDENTS AWARDED
SCHOLARSHIPS

\$300
COST TO SUPPORT
ONE STUDENT
PER YEAR

In Rwanda, 9 and 12-year basic education schools are tuition-free. With boarding schools, exclusively at the secondary-level, fees apply for living costs, exams, supplies and uniforms.



Kacyiru Community Knowledge Centre Project (KCKC)

Launched in 2012, the Kacyiru Community Knowledge Centre Project (KCKC) organises trainings to empower the community with various information and communications (ICT) skills. The centre is equipped in such a way that it can be used as a library, but also as a for-profit internet café providing ICT services to the public, while using earned revenues for diverse community projects.



ACTIVITIES AND NUMBERS REACHED TO DATE

643 P6 STUDENTS
TRAINED
TO USE MICROSOFT
WORD, EXCEL
CONDUCT RESEARCH ONLINE

229 TRAINED
COMMUNITY MEMBERS
TO USE MICROSOFT,
WORD, EXCEL,
CREATING BUDGETS
WRITING CVs AND
OFFICIAL LETTERS



2 HEALTH PROJECTS





12+

Launched in 2014, the 12+ project provides girls with information on sexual reproductive health at an early age, equips them with social, economic and leadership skills, along with career development advice. This government project targets the most vulnerable 10-12 year old girls nationwide, but is implemented by Imbuto Foundation in 10 districts, namely Burera, Gakenke, Gicumbi, Karongi, Musanze, Ngororero, Nyabihu, Rubavu, Rulindo and Rutsiro.

Young women mentors aged 18-25 are selected and trained to empower the girls in an innovative and youth friendly approach using “safe spaces”.

A recruited district supervisor oversees the project implementation in each of the 10 districts.



ACTIVITIES AND NUMBERS REACHED TO DATE



17,660
GIRLS AGED
10 - 12 MENTORED
BY 554 YOUNG WOMEN



17,488
GIRLS GRADUATED
FROM 12+
PROGRAMME

284
SAFE SPACES IN
10 DISTRICTS

15,329
GIRLS HAVE
KITCHEN GARDENS

6,292
OPENED BANK
ACCOUNTS

31,259
PARENTS REACHED
THROUGH COMMUNITY
OUTREACH



Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (ASRH&R)

Started in 2010, the ASRH&R programme promotes positive behaviour among in and out of school adolescents aged 10 to 24 years old.

The project pairs schools with health centres that provide youth-friendly services, and works with trained Peer Educators to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, as well as reducing the risk of unwanted pregnancies.



ACTIVITIES AND NUMBERS REACHED TO DATE



1,015 FAMILIES
EQUIPPED WITH KNOWLEDGE
ON PARENTS AND
ADOLESCENTS
COMMUNICATIONS FORUMS

5,367
TRAINED
PEER
EDUCATORS

124
HEALTH
CARE
PROVIDERS TRAINED
IN ASRH

107 SCHOOLS
AND **156 OUT**
OF SCHOOL
CLUBS

33 HEALTH
CENTRES PROVIDING ASRH
YOUTH - FRIENDLY
SERVICES

224,957
YOUTH RECEIVED
ASRH
YOUTH - FRIENDLY
SERVICES

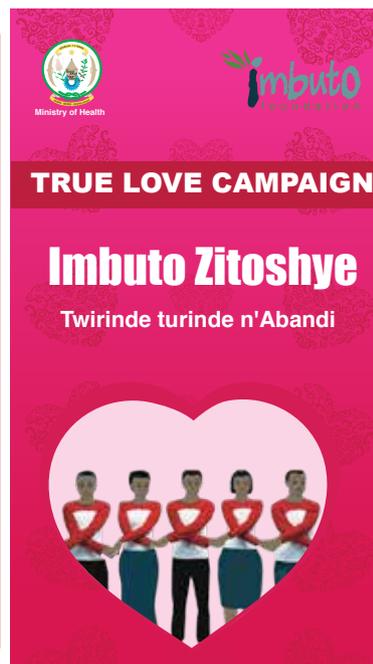


Mountain Movers II

This programme is a continuation of the original Mountain Movers programme, which was launched in 2011.

Mountain Movers II was launched in 2015 as a programme aimed at reducing HIV infections among youth aged between 15 and 24 years old, as well as creating awareness on tuberculosis (TB). Parents and children are involved in special communication forums teaching them to have open and constructive conversations on sexual matters.

The programme uses awareness campaigns to provide information on HIV and TB through services provided in health centres.



ACTIVITIES AND NUMBER REACHED TO DATE

13,152

YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 15-24 PARTICIPATED IN HIV VOLUNTARY COUNSELLING AND TESTING

1,080 PARENTS & 971 ADOLESCENTS PARTICIPATED

IN PARENTS & ADOLESCENTS COMMUNICATION FORUMS

36,000

COMMUNITY MEMBERS REACHED IN 35 AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS ON HIV PREVENTION

A PEER EDUCATORS NETWORK OF 704 MEMBERS WAS CREATED

992

IN SCHOOL AND OUT OF SCHOOL PEER EDUCATORS TRAINED IN SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH, HIV AND STIs, GBV, LIFE SKILLS

155

PEER EDUCATORS TRAINED IN INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION, HIV AND STIs PREVENTION



Family Package

Launched in 2001 by the First Lady, this project was a response to the severe HIV/AIDS epidemic affecting the Rwandan society. This public health crisis was heightened by mass rapes during the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi.

Family Package provides various services such as elimination of mother to child transmission (EMTCT) of HIV/AIDS, family planning, nutritional balance, and psychosocial support, among many others. The programme is implemented in 27 health centres through peer educators who help sensitise beneficiaries on proper care and treatment of HIV.



ACTIVITIES AND NUMBERS REACHED TO DATE

58 PMTCT NURSES

AND 376 MEMBERS OF THE RESEAU RWANDAIS DES PERSONNES VIVANT AVEC LE VIH SIDA TRAINED AS PEER EDUCATORS

40 NURSES  TRAINED ON YOUTH FRIENDLY SERVICES PROVISION FROM 6 HCs OF RUBAVU AND 14 HCs OF NGORORERO DISTRICT

9,342 SENSITISED TO VOLUNTARILY BE TESTED FOR HIV

5 HCs EQUIPPED TO ESTABLISH YOUTH CORNERS

48,895

YOUTH RECEIVED ASRH INFORMATION FROM THEIR HEALTH AND YOUTH CENTRES IN RUBAVU AND NGORORERO DISTRICTS

THE ASRH COMPONENT HAS A PEER MENTORSHIP PLATFORM GATHERING 349 GIRLS FROM 12 SCHOOLS FOR THE PREVENTION OF UNPLANNED PREGNANCIES AND STIs

120

STUDENTS AND 235 PARENTS ATTENDED PARENT-ADOLESCENTS COMMUNICATION FORUMS FOR IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL YOUTH



3 YOUTH PROJECTS





Youth Empowerment and Mentorship Programme

In Rwanda, the youth constitute the largest demographic, with the 16-30 age category representing 40% of the population.

Launched in 2007, the Youth Empowerment and Mentorship Programme (YEMP) organises an array of activities on a national scale, to fully engage, educate and empower the Rwandan youth.

This is done through programmes that help groom the future leaders of Rwanda through the development of their critical thinking, communication and entrepreneurship skills.

Programmes developed over the years under YEMP include Rwanda Speaks! Mentorship programme, Youth Forum Series and Celebrating Young Rwandan Achievers (CYRWA).



ACTIVITIES AND NUMBERS REACHED TO DATE

23

YOUTH FORUM SERIES AND 2 YOUTH EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOPS

105

EMERGING LEADERS ENGAGED IN DEBATE AND TOASTMASTERS SESSIONS

18

DEBATE CLUBS

8

HOLIDAY CAMPS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS' BENEFICIARIES SPREAD OVER 3 DAYS

300

YOUNG FEMALE GENOCIDE SURVIVORS PAIRED WITH 100 MENTORS

22

YOUNG WOMEN & 15 MEN AWARDED FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL ACTIVITIES



ACTIVITIES AND NUMBERS REACHED TO DATE

- 18 debate clubs in the following sites and youth hostels: Huye, Nyanza, Nyamasheke, Muhanga, Rusizi, Bugesera, Ngororero, Ngoma, Rubavu, Rutsiro, Rulindo, Kabuga, Kayonza, Kiramuruzi, Nyamagabe, Kimisagara and AERG One Dollar campaign Hostel.
- 8 holiday camps for scholarship's beneficiaries involving sessions with various speakers for topics ranging from discipline, adolescent sexual reproductive health, financial fitness, to leadership skills and public speaking, spread over 3 days.
- Under our mentorship programme, 300 young female genocide survivors paired with 100 mentors, continued to be equipped with practical life skills reinforced through youth conversations.
- 8 AERG (Association des Etudiants et Elèves Rescapés du Genocide) conversations promoting various practical life skills, with a focus in career guidance, financial fitness, patriotism, preventing drug and alcohol abuse, public speaking and leadership skills.
- Through CYRWA and Youth Connekt Champions held in partnership with the Ministry of Youth and ICT, 10 new young men and women have joined the group of 27 accomplished youth who have been awarded for their exceptional activities in their respective communities and careers.
- 105 emerging leaders engaging in Debate and Toastmasters sessions.



4 Support to Family Initiatives



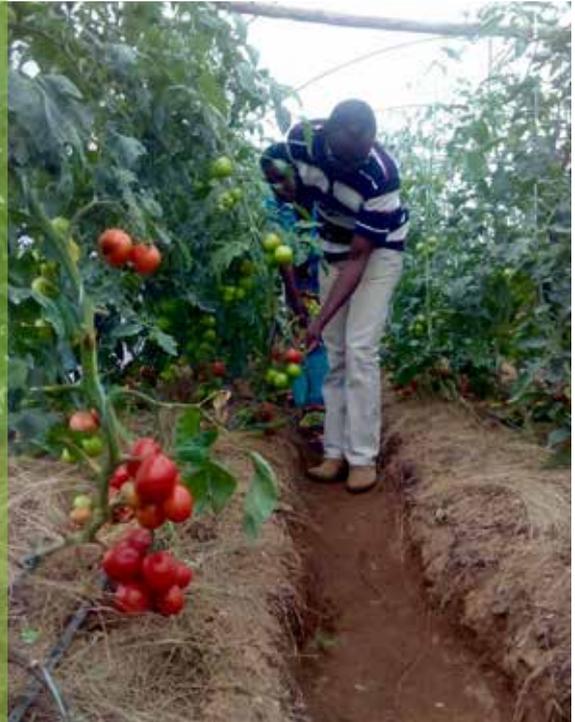


Support to Family Initiatives

In 2007, the Imali project was launched as a means to improve the lives of widows and child-headed households through the use of psychosocial support and income-generating activities.

Beneficiaries receive start up funds, seed funding and greenhouses for agricultural activities.

The Imali programme groups these vulnerable people in cooperatives and trains them in growing tomatoes in greenhouses, and cooperative management. Once harvested, the cooperatives make enough money for members to be financially independent and enter new business ventures.



ACTIVITIES AND NUMBERS REACHED TO DATE

22

COOPERATIVES
WITH 206
MEN AND 877
WOMEN MEMBERS
ESTABLISHED IN
16 DISTRICTS

420

BENEFICIARIES
TRAINED IN
GREEN HOUSE
MANAGEMENT
AND MARKETING SKILLS

18

FUNCTIONAL
GREEN HOUSES
IN 12 DISTRICTS



Imbuto Foundation in the News

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[PHOTOS]: First Lady: It is every community's duty to ensure children attend school

By **ATHAN KAGAME**
 PUBLISHED: April 16, 2016

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The First Lady, Jeannette Kagame, has called on parents, leaders, and all other adult members of every community to do what it takes to ensure that children stay in school.

Mrs Kagame said this while giving a keynote speech at the ceremony of awarding best performing girls in the 2015 national examinations.

The event, which took place in Ngororo District, yesterday, marked the closure of the 2015 series of successful best performing girls under a

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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
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Dear All,
 We welcome you to our latest quarterly newsletter. We thank you for your continued support and readership.
 The Communications Team

THE CHAIRPERSON'S ACTIVITIES

7 July - First Lady Jeannette Kagame launched the 'All in' Campaign to end adolescent AIDS.

Launched under the theme "Ending adolescent HIV/AIDS in Africa for sustainable development", this continental campaign is championed by the Organization of African First Ladies Against HIV/AIDS (OAFLLA), with the support of the ONE UN family and the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR).

Supporting the mission of Imbuto Foundation

By **MAUREEN RUETTIGERS**
 PUBLISHED: March 16, 2016

Dear Rwandan friends,

My name is Maureen Ruetters. I have the honour of being the first Chair of Friends of Imbuto Foundation, an organization established in Boston, Massachusetts, with a mission to support the vision of Imbuto Foundation through networking and fundraising initiatives.

With the 15-year anniversary in full swing, I am excited to reflect on how my family and I became interested in Rwanda, this little country lodged in the heart of Africa, and involved with Imbuto Foundation a few years into its launch by Her Excellency, the First Lady of Rwanda, Mrs. Jeannette Kagame.

From the onset, like so many others, our family knew Rwandans just simply, as special people. Committed, resilient, visionary and dignified, even while facing the immense and daunting task of nation-building, I still vividly remember my first encounter with Rwandan women in 2001, at a Harvard's Kennedy School of Government forum called Women Waging Peace. A short few years only after the genocide, the extent of their responsibilities and range of expertise, were impressive – Girl Scout leader, hotel owner, health worker, Minister of Gender, journalist, judge and Mayor. In ensuing years, I would reach the same conclusion when working with the Rwandan First Lady and her team.

On her end, my daughter Polly Ruetters Fields also echoed these thoughts. She had been working in Rwanda with the Clinton HIV/AIDS Initiative and Partners in Health, in collaboration with the Government of Rwanda and the First Lady's Protection and Care of Families against HIV/AIDS program. Polly often marvelled at Rwanda's vision and vanguard touch in leading such a comprehensive family health approach, which saved countless lives from the AIDS epidemic.

The beginning of our family's more than a decade long friendship with the First Lady and Imbuto Foundation, started when she hosted the first meeting of the Organization of African First Ladies against HIV/AIDS (OAFLLA) many years ago. As a founding member and then President, her Excellency worked diligently to mobilize resources and gain consensus on priorities.

IGIHE

"Umugisha ukomeye uba mu bujyanama n'ubufasha ku rubyiruko"

Yanduruye kuya 30-04-2016 saa 11:42 na Roane Mukabagorora

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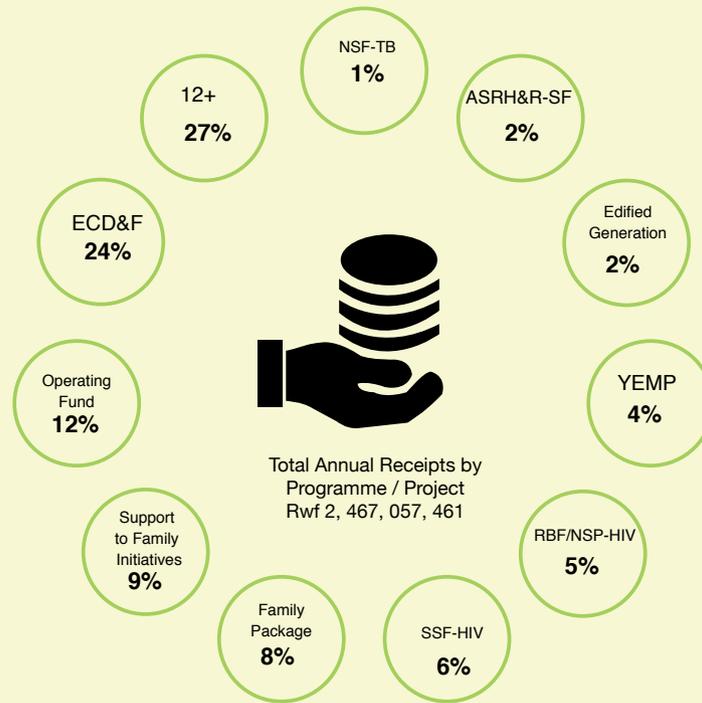




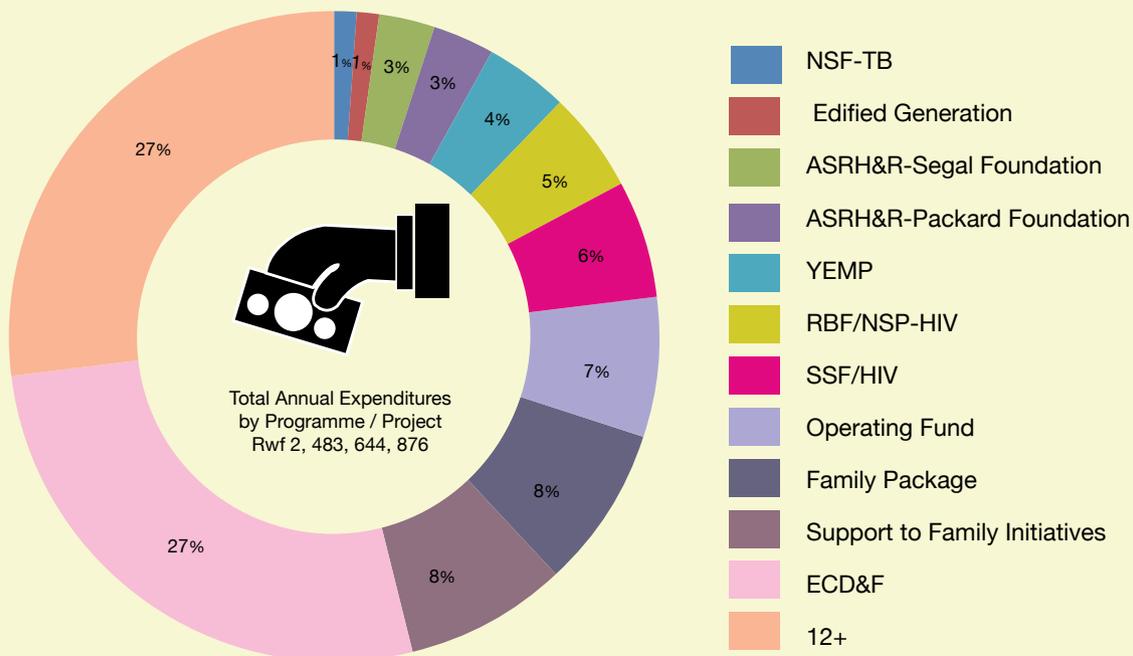
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INCOME



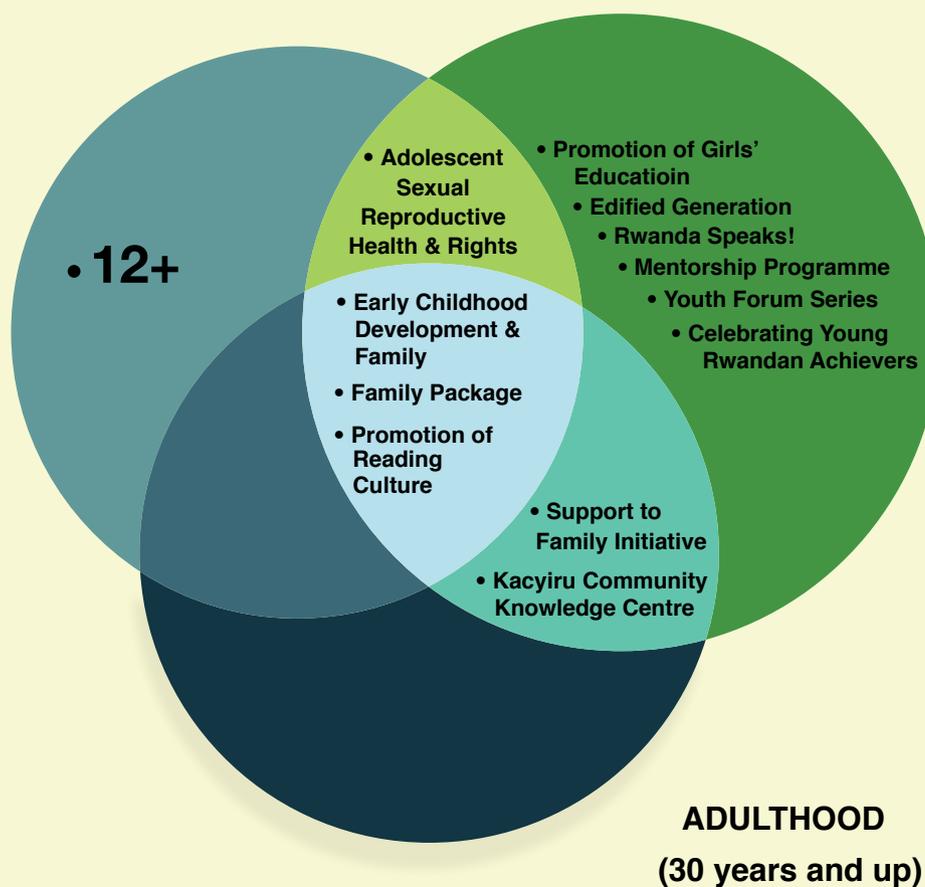
EXPENDITURES



Holistic Model

CHILDHOOD
(0 - 15 years old)

YOUTH
(16 - 30 years old)



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