

celebrating 10 YEARS of E³

10 Years of Engaging, Educating and Empowering



2002

- The Family Package Project
- Listener's Club Project
- Scholarship Project



2005

- Youth Friendly Centres
- Promotion of Girls' Education Campaign
- Support to Family Initiatives



2007

- Malayika Murinzi (Guardian Angel) Project
- Youth Empowerment and Mentorship Programs



2009

- Malaria Awareness Project



2011

- HIV-Mountain Movers
- Early Childhood Development



2003

- Pilot Project of Mutuelle de Santé



2006

- First Ladies Campaign—"Treat Every Child As Your Own"
- Mothers2Mothers (ended May 2011)
- Care & Treatment Project (CTP) [ended in 2008]



2008



2010

- Reading Day
- Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health & Rights
- Adolescent Girls Initiative



2012

- Kacyiru Community Knowledge Center
- Holiday Enrichment Camp



Rwandan Women Leaders' Prayer Breakfast



The First Lady of Rwanda, Mrs. Jeannette Kagame, was the host of the Prayer breakfast themed *“Leadership and Family values”*- to move in a direction already given by women leaders across the world but facing challenges to be stronger leaders and dedicate enough time to the family values.

This event had the honour of having exceptional women, such as H.E Janet Museveni, the First Lady of Uganda and Mrs. Grace Nelson, wife of U.S Senator Bill Nelson, who had come with other distinguished guests from Burundi, Jordan, Ethiopia and United States of America. Also present were Rwandan women leaders such as Ministers, Women members of Parliament and Women Representatives from religious organizations.

Mrs. Jeannette Kagame in her address to the guest said, “I remember that in one of my moments of doubt caused by the role of the church in the genocide against the Tutsi, I found comforting words from my sister and friend, Janet Museveni, who reminded me that one’s relationship with God is personal. It is not based on the dictates, management or character of any institution or individual “

Mrs. Grace Nelson in her address to the guest mentioned how her group of ladies are trying to bring about a Revolution of Love around the world and learning together how to be a voice for this dream in their respective nations. Meeting Mrs. Jeannette Kagame in Washington D.C earlier this year she says. “I was overwhelmed by her humility; she has been an inspiration to me.

“Love and unity are basis of family..... we must continue to strive to become a human family” said Mrs. Janet Museveni, who touched on the importance of love and family.



“Celebrating 10 Years of Engaging, Educating and Empowering”

Under the theme, “*10 years of Engaging, Educating and Empowering*” Imbuto Foundation held its 10 year celebrations.

The event took place on August 9, 2012 and gathered all funders, partners, beneficiaries and Friends of Imbuto Foundation, to celebrate the joys of their fruits. Special speakers such as Diana Ofwona Regional Director for UN Women shared her experience with PACFA to Imbuto Foundation.

The Vice-President of the Board, Rita Zirimwabagabo, shared her message about the First Lady and what she has done to bring the Foundation where it is today.

The guest enjoyed performances from Mashrika a contemporary drama group as well as documentary which relayed the journey of PACFA to Imbuto Foundation.

Towards the end, the First Lady and Founder of Imbuto Foundation Mrs. Jeannette Kagame, gave her message to the audience by thanking the donors who have been with Imbuto since the beginning as well as the Friends of Imbuto who have given their support towards the success of the Foundation, “The true value thereof, we may only fully comprehend in the years still to come, when we watch our children who we have educated, with whom we have engaged and who we have empowered grow from seeds into oaks.”

Youth Forum Series

"Navigating Pathways"

Approximately 300 youth congregated at Serena Hotel on June 21st, 2012 to part take in Imbuto Foundation's well known Youth Forum Series (YFS). This YFS was themed Navigating Pathways- focusing on career guidance. The youth that took part were students in their gap year, Imbuto youth beneficiaries and first year students in university.

This forum was aimed at equipping the present youth with the necessary guidelines, advice and self discovery tools to make better and more conscious decisions as they go on to university. During the forum career information was provided, self-assessment tools, education information provision by various universities explaining the result of different educational paths for both formal education and occupational training courses.

In her address to the youth the First Lady Mrs. Jeannette Kagame mentioned several key points that the youth need to take into consideration "The first step to choosing the right career is to know oneself. Know what you like and what you do not like. Know what you are strong in and what you are weak at. Similar to looking for a friend, you want to find a career that complements your character, not one that conflicts with it." Other guests speakers included Dr. Reid Whitlock Rector at School of Finance and Banking who spoke

on the importance of acquiring an education, on a psychological aspect as far as self development and capacity building, as well as Esther Mujawayo and Pauline Mutumwinka who spoke on the 'personal' aspect of decision making including self empowerment, self esteem and confidence.

August 9, 2012 with young professionals aged 25-35.

Part one (18-24) was aimed to equip the youth with the necessary values to be able to grow into responsible individuals who can easily face the challenges of the real world. Selecting this age group was done carefully considering the sensitive time period- these are the

ages of self doubt as well as self realization. This was an attempt at equipping the youth with fundamental principles to better shape and position their moral compass.

Part two (25-35) majority of which being young professionals who have in some way encountered hard decision making situations, daily life dilemmas, maturity ordeals that have shaped and molded them. During the forum we remind

them of their role and responsibility in and to society. This forum will be one that instigates a thorough reality check so that they can ensure from then on and throughout that they live with intention and fully aware of their worth and their debt to their community. Both YFS's had topics focusing on Living with values, Who am I? and Reality Check.



Ndi Umunyarwanda

"Ndi Umunyarwanda- I am Rwandan" what does this mean to you as a Rwandan? This was the theme for the August Youth Forum Series. This YFS was different from the others that have taken place. It was a two part series targeting young Rwandans of different age groups. The first being held on August 8, 2012 targeting youth aged 18-24 and the second held on

Holiday Enrichment Camp

This July, Imbuto Foundation hosted a two-week **FUN**-filled, mind stimulating holiday enrichment camp for 300 grade six students from Kacyiru Primary School.

The uniquely designed holiday camp provided an atmosphere for participants to increase their social capital networks, explore new ideas, and develop critical life skills. The camp aimed to build the personal edge and confidence of the participants by fostering an 'I can do anything' attitude.

During the camp, participants developed and enhanced skills both individually and in groups. Each workshop, led by young adult mentors, had a **FUN!** and exciting theme, focused on the six pillars of character, that included activities in arts and crafts, physical activity and games, music and movement, science and math, or English, reading and writing.



What's been happening at Imbuto Foundation?

Photo 1: Aegis White Rose Society Gala Dinner

Photo 2: Opening of Cyanika Genocide Memorial Centre

Photo 3: Goldman Sachs 10,000 Women Graduation

Photo 4: COOPEDU 15th Anniversary Celebration

Photo 5: Best Performing Girls IT Graduation at Tumba College of Technology

Photo 6: Akilah Institute for Women's Graduation

Photo 7: Imbuto Foundation members participating in Umuganda in Ndera Sector



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 14th and October 5th: Reading Days

November 18th-22nd: Scholarship Holiday Camp

November 30th : Best Performing Girls "Let Us Dream Big and Act" Workshop



*Thank YOU for being a part of
Imbuto Foundation's 10 year journey!*

"The road may be tough as we progress but the years behind us have enriched, motivated and showed us that it is possible with faith, passion and perseverance and they have taught us that with true partnerships we can accomplish much and they have certainly fortified our resolve to make the last impact."

- Extracted from the speech of Her Excellency, Mrs. Jeannette Kagame at the Imbuto Foundation 10 Year Celebration on August 9th, 2012