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Special points of interest:

- First Lady speaks at Friends of the Global Fund Africa panel.
- Mrs. Kagame hosts AERG young women to a mentorship dinner.
- Annual holiday camp "Begin with the end in mind".
- New partnership with the Embassy of China in Rwanda.

First Lady speaks at Friends of the Global Fund Africa panel



L-R: Steve Macdonald, First Lady of Rwanda, Dr Ngozi Iweala, Mark Dybul, Dr. Akudo Ikemba.

Her Excellency the First Lady Mrs. Jeannette Kagame participated in a high level panel discussion organized by Friends of the Global Fund Africa.

The panelists delivered remarks around the theme: "Going the Whole Nine Yards: What is needed for an Africa free of AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria". The panel was held around the 4th Global Fund replenishment in Washington D.C. on December 2nd.

Mrs. Kagame pointed out that "the Global Fund has disbursed 59% of all its funds to the Afri-

can continent and has been one of the most effective mechanisms established to fight the "Big 3". She further mentioned that "due to the flexibility of the Global Fund, which allows countries to implement their national strategies, Rwanda has been able to use the Global Fund to effectively achieve its overall vision".

Other panelists include: Mark Dybul, Executive Director of the Global Fund, Dr. Ngozi Okonjo Iweala, Nigerian Minister of Finance, Dr. Akudo Ikemba, Friends of the Global

Fund Africa CEO and Steve Macdonald the session moderator.

The First Lady is a board member of Friends of the Global Fund Africa, which mobilizes African governments, the private sector and civil society to sustainably address AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, using the Global Fund as a key funding mechanism.

First Lady Mrs. Kagame celebrates Christmas with children in Rubavu

The Unity Club, under the stewardship of the First Lady Mrs. Kagame, celebrated Christmas with 500 children from the Western Province.

The First Lady also unveiled 20 homes for orphans above 18 years in Rubavu district, to help them start new lives.

In partnership with the National Children's Commission, Unity



First Lady cutting Christmas cake with the children.

Club advocates to help orphans find adoptive families, so that they can grow up in a more stable and loving family setting.

First Lady closes AERG young women's retreat

AERG (Association des Eleves Rescapes du Genocide) organized a retreat for the girls who recently joined universities and other higher learning institutions.

Under the theme “Now I am stronger” the retreat gathered 400 girls. At the closing ceremony which was held on the 6th of October, the Guest of Honor, the First Lady Mrs. Kagame expressed her gratitude to AERG for the courage, love and compassion shown among one another.

The First Lady urged them to work hard and to be aware that they will face obstacles, but also reminded them that they are strong enough to overcome them.

The First Lady committed to support the girls with a mentorship program. She also expressed her faith in them and encouraged the young women to fulfill their potential, give back to their community, country and continent.



First Lady with AERG girls at retreat closing ceremony.

AERG and GAERG celebrate anniversaries

“ I am proud of how you have managed to heal and remain strong. You quickly understood the essence of the Rwandan spirit of self-reliance”.
First Lady Mrs. Jeannette Kagame.

On the 2nd of November, AERG, the Genocide students survivors association and GAERG, its alumni association celebrated their 17th and 10th anniversary, respectively.

Mrs. Kagame joined the young survivors and urged students and young graduates who survived the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi “to go an extra mile” in pursuit of successful and fulfilling lives.



First Lady at the 17th and 10th anniversary of AERG and GAERG.

Mrs. Kagame hosts AERG young women to a mentorship dinner



Dr. Binagwaho at the mentorship dinner, with her mentees.

The First Lady Mrs. Kagame hosted 400 AERG young women, to a special mentorship dinner on 1st November. Each girl was paired with a mentor, specifically selected by the First Lady

The role of these mentors, is to guide and inspire these young ladies in both their personal and professional development.



First Lady dancing with the girls of AERG.

“Let us dream big and act” workshop



Best performing girls exchanging with mentors.

Imbuto Foundation organized its 4th edition of "Let us Dream big and Act" workshop in Rwanda's Southern Province (Huye district).

"Let us dream big and act" is a yearly workshop where Imbuto Foundation gathers its best performing girls, as a way to continuously empower them.

This year's workshop gathered 183 best performing girls, accompanied by their mentors and older sisters, who are in university or have already graduated from university.

The girls were inspired by two speakers: Akazuba Cynthia and Jeanne Mukandaga on the topics of leadership, goal setting, time management and communication.



Best performing girls listening to speakers.

Annual holiday camp “Begin with the end in mind”



Scholarships beneficiaries participating at the Umuganda.

The three-day annual holiday camp organized by Imbuto Foundation for its scholarship beneficiaries started on 25th November.

The annual gathering was held under the theme “Begin with the end in mind” and addressed over 950 young people.

The holiday camp aims to bring together all scholarships beneficiaries spread across Rwanda. Progress is collectively reviewed; speakers are invited to inspire and motivate; sponsors have an opportunity to interact with the youth they support.



Scholarship beneficiaries listening to speakers.

New partnership with Chinese Embassy in Rwanda



Mrs. Radegonde Ndejuru, DG of Imbuto Foundation, and HE Ambassador to China, Mr. Shen Yongxiang.

A new partnership between Imbuto Foundation and the Chinese Embassy was established on December 18th.

The Chinese Embassy will provide generous support in the amount of \$32,400; which will go towards sponsoring 108 disadvantaged, yet bright secondary students.

The Chinese Embassy has been a keen Imbuto Foundation supporter, as shown by their previous funding of a community knowledge center.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEW INITIATIVES

- For the 9th time, the First Lady of Rwanda will launch Imbuto Foundation's annual girls' education campaign. She is expected to recognize girls who have excelled at primary and secondary school level nationwide.
- A career guidance workshop will be held under the youth empowerment and mentorship program.
- I2+ program is the latest initiative in the Foundation. It aims to empower 10-12 year old girls with health and economic information, which will be delivered by young women mentors.