



# ANNUAL REPORT

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# ACRONYMS & DESCRIPTIONS

<b>AERG</b>	Association des Etudiants et Élèves Rescapés Du Genocide
<b>ANC</b>	Antenatal Care
<b>APESEK</b>	Association pour l'encadrement sûr des enfants orphelins et autres enfants vulnérables de Kivumu
<b>ASRH</b>	Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health
<b>AYSRH&amp;R</b>	Adolescent and Youth Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights
<b>CBHI</b>	Community – Based Health Insurance
<b>CBOs</b>	Community-Based Organisations
<b>CHWs</b>	Community Health Workers
<b>COVID-19</b>	Coronavirus Disease 2019
<b>CYRWA</b>	Celebrating Young Rwandan Achievers
<b>ECD&amp;F</b>	Early Childhood Development & Family
<b>FASACO</b>	Fondation des Activistes Pour la santé de qualité dans la Communauté
<b>FP</b>	Family Planning
<b>GBV</b>	Gender-Based Violence
<b>HC</b>	Health Centre
<b>HIV</b>	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
<b>IGAs</b>	Income Generating Activities
<b>NCDs</b>	Non-Communicable Diseases
<b>NST</b>	National Strategy for Transformation
<b>OAFLAD</b>	Organization of African First Ladies for Development
<b>PAC</b>	Parent-Adolescent Communication
<b>STIs</b>	Sexually Transmitted Infections
<b>TVET</b>	Technical and Vocational Education and Training
<b>USD</b>	United States Dollar

*Literally translated, imbuto [em-bu-toh] means 'seed'.*

*"A seed well planted, watered, nurtured and given all the necessary support, successfully grows into a healthy plant – one that reaches high and stands tall. Imbuto Foundation envisions this for all its current initiatives and those in the future."*

*H.E. Mrs Jeannette Kagame*

*First Lady of the Republic of Rwanda  
and Chairperson of Imbuto Foundation*



### **OUR VISION**

A nation of empowered and dignified Rwandans.



### **OUR MISSION**

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



### **OUR VALUES**

Excellence, Integrity, Innovation, Solidarity and Commitment.

**ENGAGE. EDUCATE. EMPOWER.**



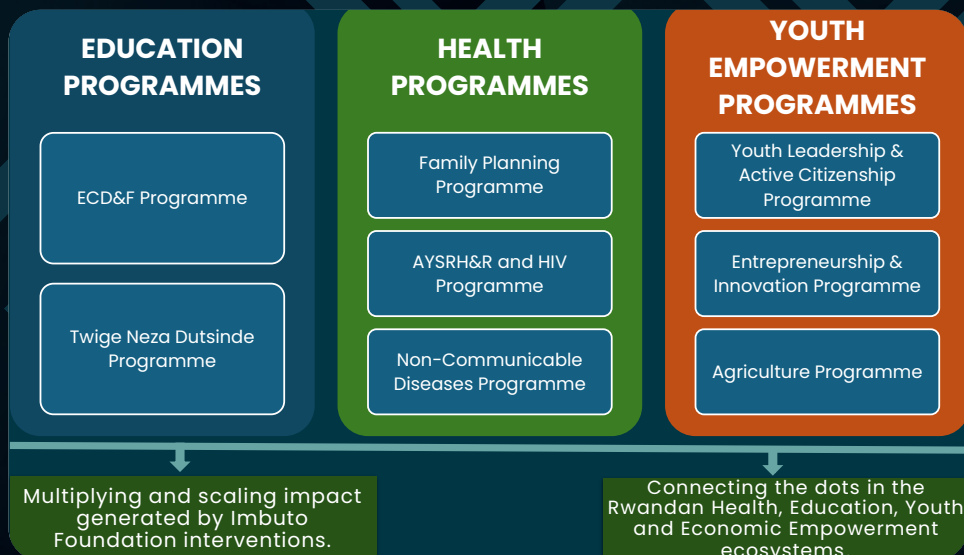
## OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

We are guided by the following five principles, that are integral to the role we must play in catalysing growth in the ecosystems of education, health, youth and economic empowerment.

1. **We invest** first and foremost in people, empowering 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 understand that the challenges we face cannot be solved by individual action but rather with collaborative action. However, we will only work with like minded and 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 objectives with the country's National Strategy for Transformation (NST), with Agenda 2063 for the Africa We Want, and with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
5. **We invest** in harnessing the power of innovation and technology: it gives us, on a scale and speed never before possible, the opportunity to further our impact, and tap into latest trends and developments.

## OUR PROGRAMMES

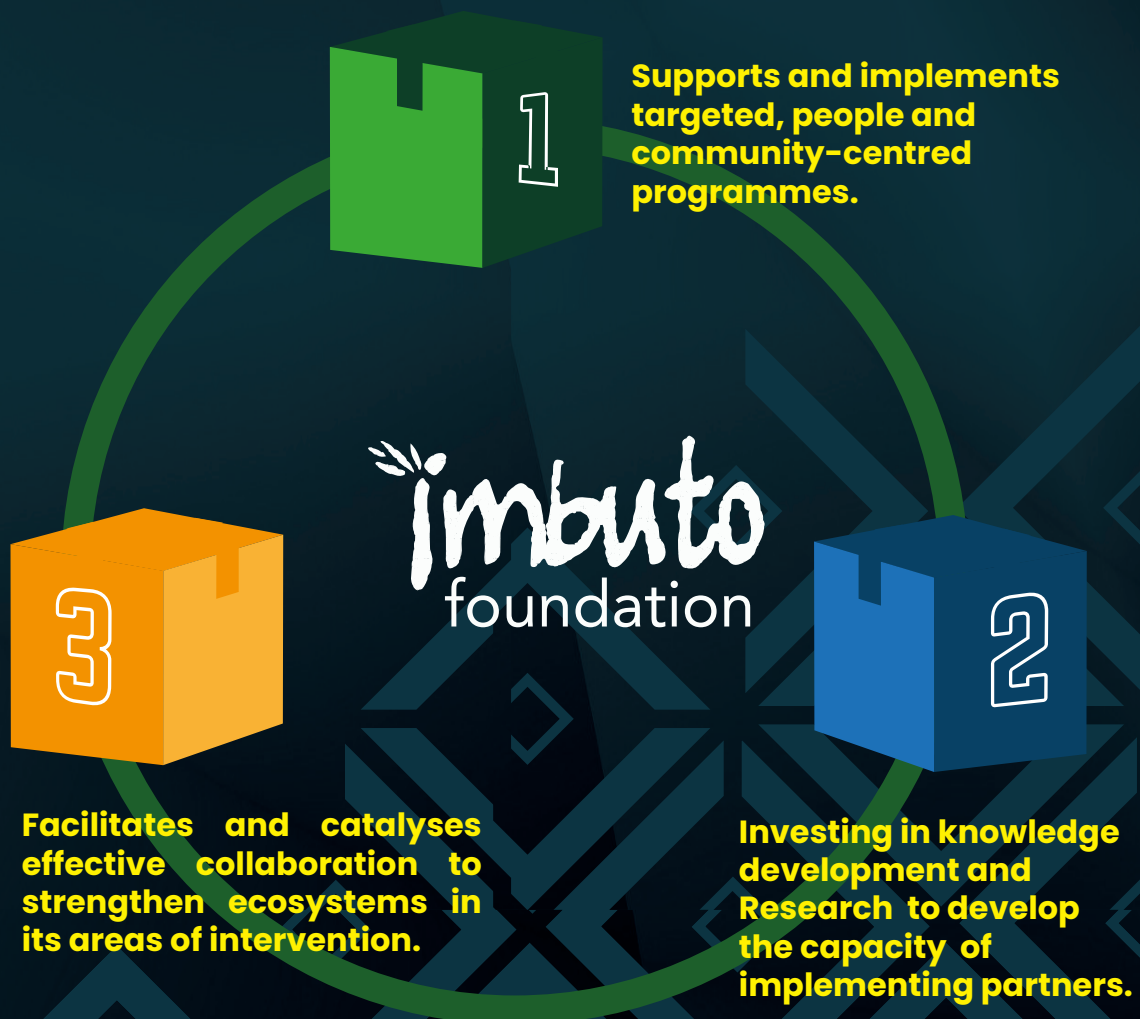
The Foundation's programmes are designed with targeted initiatives to maximise impact and achieve our goals. Additionally, two key departments—Knowledge Development and Research, and Resource Mobilisation & Partnerships—were introduced in the 2018–2024 Strategic Plan to enhance our efforts.



## OUR STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Through its work and advocacy, the Foundation has, over the years, emerged as a trusted and committed partner of choice for the nation's development, reputed for its ability to deliver impact efficiently and effectively. The Foundation has grown to manage over 20 projects in the areas of health, education and youth empowerment, since its inception in 2001.

To expand on this past experience and maximise its impact, Imbuto Foundation continues to direct its interventions within the framework of its Strategic Operational Plan 2018–2024. The Foundation has transitioned to developing the capacity of implementing partners and to fostering greater collaboration in the ecosystem within which it operates.





## OUR UNIQUE APPROACH

Our unique approach is a community-centered and holistic model that seeks to meet the needs of those we serve during their entire life cycle, from early childhood to adulthood.

### CHILDHOOD (0-15 years)

ECD & F  
Programme

### YOUTH (16-30 years)

- Entrepreneurship & Innovation Programme

- Youth Leadership and Active Citizenship Programme

- Twige Neza Dutsinde Programme

- AYSRH&R and HIV Programme

- NCDs Programme

- Family Planning Programme

- Agriculture Programme

### ADULTHOOD (30 years old and above)

# MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRPERSON



Another year of service, learning, innovation, progress and highly rewarding community engagement has passed! What an edifying experience: reflecting on one more year of prolific collaboration with the Rwandan population, and the strong partners that share our vision for empowered communities. Indeed, causes for national celebration have granted us renewed ambition, and fortifying pride.

Successful events and conferences that brought partners and friends from across the world to Rwanda have inspired us further to capitalise on partnership beyond borders. Using our shared pool of resources, we can collectively make the difference we all seek for our respective communities.

Imbuto Foundation was a proud partner of the continental **'We Are Equal Campaign'**, spurred by the Organization of African First Ladies for Development. OAFLED's efforts to close the gender gap for women and girls across Africa resonate deeply with Imbuto Foundation's commitment to empowering all members of our population equally.

No one can be left behind. This has remained the core of our interventions, such as, among other flagship programmes, the Baho Neza initiative, to which we owe many more success stories and healthy faces this year, as reported across the next pages.

Our other fields of action have also seen encouraging levels of activity and the resulting impact. Although operating on another continent, Friends of Imbuto - our sister organisation has been central to the implementation of our homegrown solutions, supporting us this past fiscal year in completing the mentorship of our promising Imali Agripreneurs.

At a Foundational level, we aim to abide by consistently rising standards bred by the National Strategy for Transformation (NST), and this dawning fiscal year, abiding and excelling requires the completion of a new Strategic Plan, which will propel Imbuto Foundation into the future we desire for our rapidly developing population.

We must consolidate our citizen-centred, human-focused approach to cement our presence in communities, and build the legacy we have always envisioned: a population akin to strong and sturdy trees, grown from diligently watered seeds.

The Imbuto Foundation Family is happy to assert that progress has been steady, results have been encouraging, and, as I hope you will find in this report, impact has been greater than we may have anticipated many years ago, as we began our journey.

Thank you for your unwavering support in our endeavours, and happy reading!

*H.E. Mrs. Jeannette Kagame*

First Lady of the Republic of Rwanda and  
Chairperson of Imbuto Foundation



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



The fiscal year from July 2023 to June 2024 has certainly been kind to Imbuto Foundation as an institution, but it has been generous to us at an individual level, too. Indeed, this year has allowed new faces to join the efforts guided by the Foundation's vision for a nation of empowered and dignified Rwandans, and enabled us to expand our interventions with fresh thinking and a larger workforce. Memorably so, this past year has also offered us the opportunity to be part of liberated Rwanda's democratic history.

Before discussing future strategies, let us briefly reflect on the past year's events. The past fiscal year saw us unroll our 18th Promotion of Girls' Education Campaign, our yearly Igihango cy'Urungano forum series and our Edified Generation Holiday Camp.

The Foundation completed the 6th phase of the iAccelerator competition and launched the 3rd edition of our ArtRwanda-Ubuhanzi programme, which both promise to deliver wonderful new talents and skilled entrepreneurship to the Rwandan creative and tech scenes.

These moments of celebration of Rwandan youth and creativity also prompted deeper reflection on our culture surrounding fun and entertainment, inspiring Imbuto Foundation's support for the **#TunyweLess** movement against alcohol abuse spurred by the Rwandan Ministry of Health. Over 2,500 youth joined the TunyweLess Forum, sparking vital conversations nationwide.

While 2024 promises to remain exhilarating, it was also marked by poignant moments, especially during the 30th Genocide Against the Tutsi commemoration. This period was deeply emotional, highlighting that healing is still an ongoing process for most, and remembrance a duty for all.

We hope that the rapid development of our Mental Health programme through our community-based safe spaces will help appease the mental burdens that countless Rwandans are still carrying.

We remain dedicated to harnessing innovation and creativity of our staff, partners, and community resources to enhance and diversify our interventions connecting health, education, and population empowerment in our rapidly progressing Rwanda.

Indeed, we must strive to lay our brick in the welfare improvement of our communities, because we have been granted the honour of their trust and diligent collaboration.

I look forward to a new year of delivering on our ambitions and hopefully, exceeding your expectations.

*Elodie Shami*

**Director General of Imbuto Foundation**

# EDUCATION PROGRAMMES







## Education Programmes

Through our Education Programmes, we are committed to ensuring that children are intellectually stimulated, healthy, and safe.

This holistic approach includes improving learning outcomes through remedial support for under-performing students, supporting high-achieving students from vulnerable backgrounds, and empowering girls to excel in education as well empowering parents and the community with the right tools to nurture and protect them.





# EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY (ECD&F)



In 2013, Imbuto Foundation in partnership with the Government of Rwanda and UNICEF, launched the ECD&F programme to support the holistic development of children aged 0 to 6. The goal of the programme is to ensure that all children achieve their full developmental potential, while their families and communities are empowered with the right tools to nurture and protect them.

The ECD&F programme uses 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 and support in Income Generating Activities (IGAs). Imbuto Foundation offers and delivers the integrated ECD services in all 30 districts.

## Face of Imbuto – Helene Mukamana

### *ECD&7 Programme*



My name is Helene, I live in a rural village called Bumba in Gakenke sector. My experience with Imbuto Foundation has been truly transformative. I used to struggle with anger and often resorted to harsh punishments with my children.

However, through the programme, I have learned to adopt a more peaceful approach, nurturing calm conversations and embracing gentle parenting for a more harmonious household.

This programme has been instrumental in improving communication within our family. Both my husband and I have been actively involved in supporting our children and that has helped them excel in school. I am deeply grateful for the programme's impact on our lives and strongly advocate for additional parents training sessions.


My journey highlights how programmes like these can positively transform not only individual families but also entire communities. By promoting positive parenting approaches and facilitating economic empowerment, this programme contributes to comprehensive community development.



# SNAPSHOT OF ACHIEVEMENTS (2018-2024)

 **185,997**

Children aged 0 to 6 and their families enrolled in model and home based ECD&F centres of the total children, **41,827** were newly enrolled in ECD spaces in 2023-2024.

 **163,634**

Parents benefited from parenting sessions in ECD & F centres. **38,663** (8,925 male and 29,738 female) were new.

 **41,610**


Caregivers were trained in integrated early childhood development and family (ECD&F) services. Among them, **5,130** were new, while **36,480** received refresher training.

 **5,830**

ECD spaces established: **17** model ECD centres, **26** community based ECD centres & **5,787** home based ECDs.

 **1,643**

Trainers received refresher training on integrated early childhood development (ECD) package, with **701** (440 male & 261 female) of them receiving training in 2023-2024.

 **3,154**

Cell-level staff (1,404 male and 1,750 female) trained on the integrated ECD package across 30 districts.



Early Childhood Development has been linked to improved adolescent and adult welfare, by strengthening the cognitive capacities of children. Imbuto Foundation has facilitated the creation of over 5,800 ECD spaces across Rwanda.







# TWIGE NEZA DUTSINDE



Twige Neza Dutsinde programme aims to improve learning outcomes for students in basic education, through providing remedial learning support services for under-performing students, supporting the education of academically well-performing secondary students in schools of excellence.

This initiative has been successful in meeting its programme objectives, with reports of students performing better academically, being more respectful of gender diversity, more enthusiastic about learning and developing strong team work skills. The initiative collaborates with parents and guardians of the supported children to ensure continuity of character education at home, at school and in the community, ensuring that the approach instills politeness, respect and punctuality, among other positive values.



## Face of Imbuto—Kelie Umutoniwase

### *Twige Neza Dutsinde Programme*



My name is Kelie Umutoniwase and I am one of the Faces of Imbuto under Twige Neza Dutsinde programme. This programme has been truly life-changing for me during the 2021–2022 school year when I became one of the Imbuto Zitoshye/Edified Generation students supported by Imbuto Foundation.

Alongside 788 other students, I received a scholarship that helped me overcome financial challenges, which alleviated many of my worries and made a significant impact on my life.

With this support, I excelled academically and accomplished something extraordinary—I became the top-performing student in the Ordinary Level national exam for the 2022 – 2023 school year.

This achievement touched my heart and made me realise how such support can enable others to reach their full potential and provide hope to students facing similar obstacles. Programmes like “Twige Neza Dutsinde” are vital because they empower individuals like me to succeed, thereby enriching our communities by offering us with opportunities for learning and growth.

# SNAPSHOT OF ACHIEVEMENTS (2018-2024)



**46,816**

Children benefiting from extracurricular programmes to improve learning outcomes.



**562**

Teachers (281 male and 281 female) trained and mentored on effective teaching. 332 Remedial learning clubs established in 251 schools from 13 districts.



**251**

School leaders (67 male and 184 female) trained in school management effectiveness.



**3**

Public primary schools built in Gasabo, Gicumbi, and Nyarugenge districts.



**7,632**

Young girls awarded for academic excellence since 2005.



**10,945**

Annual scholarships have been provided to secondary school students since 2002.



Imbuto Foundation's Best Performing Girls initiative under the Promotion of Girls' Education Campaign has awarded over 7,000 girls across all Rwandan districts for an excellent academic performance.







# HEALTH PROGRAMMES







## Health Programmes

Health Programmes strive to enhance public health by focusing on three key objectives: empowering citizens to make informed health choices, improving knowledge, attitude and practices related to non-communicable diseases and mental health, and enhancing the accessibility and quality of services.

These goals are achieved by developing skilled workforces, raising awareness through targeted platforms, and upgrading supportive environments for at-risk groups.





# ADOLESCENT YOUTH SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH & RIGHTS (AYSRH&R) AND HIV



The AYSRH&R and HIV programme promotes 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 programme also trains peer educators to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and teaches adolescents to reduce the risks of unplanned pregnancies.



## Face of Imbuto – Sandrine Mutuyimana

### *AYSRH&R and HIV Programme*



My name is Sandrine Mutuyimana and I live in Rubavu District. At 17, I had an unexpected pregnancy that could have derailed my dreams. My father abandoned us, and my then boyfriend pressured me to get an abortion, but I chose to keep my child. I hid my pregnancy and kept going to school until the school leadership found out and I was expelled.


I enrolled in a technical school for plumbing, despite my mother's initial resistance. Balancing school and pregnancy was tough, but I persevered. Just two days after giving birth.

I took my final exam and did well, which later allowed me to secure temporary jobs that helped me provide for my child and the rest of my family.

Through Vision Jeunesse Nouvelle (with the support of Imbuto Foundation), I joined Baho Neza and participated in Parent-Adolescent Communication Forums (PAC), which helped mend my relationship with my mother. With her support, I have returned to vocational school to pursue plumbing.

My journey with Imbuto Foundation taught me that with resilience, determination, and the necessary support, success is achievable even in the face of adversity.

# SNAPSHOT OF ACHIEVEMENTS (2018-2024)

 **594,334**

Young people accessed AYSRH&R services, including HIV & STI screening & treatment.

 **65,977**

Healthcare providers deliver sexual reproductive health, family planning, and HIV prevention services.

 **19,048**


People reached through Parent-Adolescent Communication (PAC) forums: **11,468** parents and **7,580** adolescents and youth.

 **4,438**

Teachers from Burera, Musanze, Karongi, Nyamasheke, Rusizi, Gisagara and Muhanga Districts trained on the delivery of comprehensive sexuality education.

 **1,116**

Health facilities supported through community based health insurance (CBHI).

 **14,128**

Teen mothers benefited from the integrated package for teen mothers.

 **2,345**

Teenage mothers supported to access economic empowerment opportunities (IGAs, TVET, Formal Education).

 **1,700**

Teenage mothers and their children supported with medical insurance.

 **1,839**

Cases of gender-based violence (GBV) were submitted to the Rwanda investigation Bureau and Access to Justice bureaus through GBV mobile clinics in Burera, Rubavu, and Nyagatare Districts.

 **264**

Cases were registered for legal support, and **130** children were assisted for birth registration.



Imbuto Foundation's Parent-Adolescent Communication forums have played a crucial role in helping over 14,000 teenage mothers reintegrate into their families and communities.

By fostering honest and constructive conversations about adolescent sexual and reproductive health (ASRH) and family life, these forums have strengthened family bonds and supported teenage mothers in maintaining healthy relationships within their communities.







# FAMILY PLANNING



The family planning programme aims at increasing contraceptive prevalence among families with unmet needs, by improving the quality, access and utilisation of family planning services.

## Face of Imbuto—Marthe Kayite

### *Family Planning Programme*



Since this Niboye secondary post was established it has been a game-changer for women seeking family planning services. Women from low-income families, especially those managing small businesses, can now pass by early in the morning or in the afternoon.

This convenience means they can keep their businesses running smoothly without any interruptions. Before, they had to travel long distances to public health centres, where the long waits would throw off their entire day.

Now, at our secondary post, we can offer comprehensive counselling on family planning methods to our community without such inconveniences.



# SNAPSHOT OF ACHIEVEMENTS (2018-2024)



**6,753,243**

People reached through awareness campaigns on family planning.



**386,393**

People accessed and used family planning services (132,015 long-term and 254,378 short-term methods).



**285**

TV and Radio talk shows, 41 TV drama series, 36 radio drama series aired on different media houses, to raise awareness on family planning, sexual reproductive health and mental health.



**105**

Primary healthcare facilities built and renovated in Nyagatare, Gisagara, Gicumbi, Muhanga, Rusizi, Kicukiro and Nyaruguru Districts.



**33**

Ambulances, 2 mobile clinics and 2 blood collection buses purchased and distributed to health care facilities.



The Imbuto Foundation Family Planning intervention has allowed over 350,000 people to benefit from family planning services.







# Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)



The Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) programme aims to improve knowledge, attitudes and practices among Rwandans, to decrease the burden of NCDs and mental health issues.

## Face of Imbuto—Leah Muhimana

### *Non - Communicable Diseases Programme*



My name is Leah Muhimana, I am 43-year-old and I live in Kirimbi Sector in Nyamasheke District. Life hasn't been easy, but I found hope and strength through Baho Neza Initiative brought to us by FASACO, with the support of Imbuto Foundation.

I made the difficult decision to leave an abusive marriage to protect my children, but it led me into deep depression and uncertainty.

My turning point came when I met the Abahumurizamutima (Community Based Counselors) team, who introduced me to mental health safe spaces where I learnt a lot about my rights too. Initially hesitant, I decided to join their programme, and by the end of the 15-week long sessions, I had regained strength and determination.

As a single mother, I began rebuilding my family's life, starting with saving and investing 25,000 RWF in rice farming. Despite the challenges, I managed to buy the land we once rented, and now, I earn nearly 100,000 RWF with each harvest.

I am profoundly grateful to Baho Neza's *"Twite ku buzima bwo mu mutwe"* programme for giving us a new beginning.



# SNAPSHOT OF ACHIEVEMENTS (2018-2024)



**306,293**

People were reached during awareness campaigns on mental wellbeing and mental health issues.



**145**

Master trainers were equipped with knowledge on mental health awareness and skills on how to facilitate safe spaces in the community.



**13,437**

People received mental health services at health centres and district hospitals through individual and group therapy and home visits.



**31,504**

people were provided with community-based mental health services through weekly sessions in 8,881 community-based safe spaces, and 6,851 school-based safe spaces.



**1,355**

Community-based counsellors trained on how to lead healing groups.



**1,212**

Individuals from the community and school safe spaces were referred to health centres/hospitals for mental health specialised services.



**341**

GBV officers and mental health professionals equipped with the knowledge and tools to integrate mental health care in the services provided to GBV victims.



**763**

GBV victims received psychosocial support through group therapy at district hospitals and health centres, provision of essential materials, and special sessions for affected families.



Imbuto Foundation's commitment to Gender Equality is driven by the advocacy of its Chairperson, Her Excellency First Lady Mrs Jeannette Kagame, for a population of equally empowered and thriving Rwandans, independently of gender.

# #WeAreEqual



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Organisation of African First Ladies for Development



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#MentalHealthMatters  
#TwiteKuBuzimaBwoMuMutwe  
#LaSantéMentaleCompte

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# YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMMES





## Youth Empowerment Programmes

The Youth Empowerment Division's targeted programmes, which encompass leadership training, entrepreneurial development, and agricultural enhancement, aim to achieve three key outcomes:

- Enhanced youth leadership, participation, and engagement in national development.
- Improved entrepreneurial and social innovation skills among participating beneficiaries.
- Increased quality, productivity, and production in agriculture and livestock.





# YOUTH LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP



The Youth Leadership and Active Citizenship programme aims at providing youth, of different socio-economic backgrounds, with the support and platforms to participate in leadership initiatives and be active members of the Rwandan society.

Through youth forums and training, the youth is encouraged to discuss and identify common solutions, while at the same time, being oriented towards personal development.



## Face of Imbuto: Emmanuel Niyonsenga (KEZEM)

### *Youth Leadership & Active Citizenship Programme*



My name is Emmanuel Niyonsenga and I am the CEO and Founder of KEZEM Fashion House. Raised by a single mother, I faced many challenges growing up, as my father was killed in the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi before I was even born. Despite these hardships, I was fortunate to continue my education through university.

Even with a bachelor's degree in a different field, I chose to follow my true passion—fashion. With the support of Imbuto Foundation through the Art-Rwanda

Ubuhanzi programme, I launched KEZEM Fashion House in 2020. Today, our business proudly employs 15 permanent and 5 casual workers.

Attending Imbuto Foundation's mentorship programmes and youth forums has significantly enhanced my leadership and management skills, transforming me into a more active and engaged citizen. Through these experiences, I have gained the confidence and knowledge to lead effectively and contribute meaningfully to my community.

I urge my fellow youth to take advantage of similar opportunities to grow, learn, and become leaders who drive positive change in their communities.



# SNAPSHOT OF ACHIEVEMENTS (2018-2024)



926,824

youth empowered through our youth forums



56

Young women and men awarded for their exceptional achievements under CYRWA awards.



78

Youth forums covering various topic including leadership, patriotism, civic responsibilities, volunteerism, financial fitness, career guidance, public speaking, mental health, and sexual reproductive health.



Igihango cy'Urungano 2023 Youth Forum by Imbutu Foundation is one of 78 forums where local youth have been actively engaged in dynamic discussions on making responsible choices, embracing patriotism, and civic engagement, all while becoming active participants in the fight against and prevention of Genocide.







# ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION



The Entrepreneurship and Innovation programme aims at promoting job creation, creativity and entrepreneurial spirit among the youth, through initiatives such as ArtRwanda-Ubuhanzi and Innovation Accelerator.

The programme provides mentorship, training and financial support to young entrepreneurs and innovators, especially those seeking to provide solutions in response to challenges related to sexual reproductive health, comprehensive sexuality education, family planning, and mental health, among others.

## Faces of Imbuto – Etienne Iryamukuru & Japhet Mazimpaka

### *Entrepreneurship & Innovation Programme*



The iAccelerator Programme has played a crucial role in supporting our '**#BigombaGuhinduka**' project, which focuses on addressing mental health stigma and improving access to information. In 2022, our project excelled in the competition, securing financial aid and benefiting from a comprehensive six-month business training program.

Currently, we have successfully reached over 20,000 university students and gained the support of 40,000 online followers. Using comic art, our initiative targets youth audiences, aiming to save lives by spreading critical information effectively. Our project has not only achieved financial success but has also established important partnerships that bolster our impact.

We are deeply grateful to the Imbuto Foundation and the iAccelerator Programme for providing us with the opportunity to make a meaningful difference in our communities. Their support has been invaluable in our journey towards success and sustainability.



# SNAPSHOT OF ACHIEVEMENTS (2018-2024)



25

Best innovative solutions projects awarded with **USD 250,000 (USD 10,000 per project)**, and six months of additional training and mentorship.



184

Young female and male artists benefiting from the ArtRwanda - Ubuhanzi incubation programme.



\$256,946

Generated through ArtRwanda - Ubuhanzi showroom.



40+

Businesses and companies currently operated by ArtRwanda - Ubuhanzi contestants.



212

Young innovators trained on entrepreneurship and business skills.



720+

Jobs created through ArtRwanda - Ubuhanzi and Innovation Accelerator initiatives.

Rwanda's commitment to youth entrepreneurship and innovation has been a guiding force of Imbuto Foundation's efforts to empower young entrepreneurs, with over 250,000 dollars in funds injected in promising businesses.







# AGRICULTURE



The Agriculture programme is dedicated to improving the lives of women and youth by promoting income-generating activities. This programme specifically focuses on engaging and supporting young agripreneurs, empowering them to scale their impact in the agriculture sector.

By fostering youth entrepreneurship in agriculture, the programme aims to contribute to sustainable national development, ensuring that these young leaders play a key role in driving economic growth and social progress in their communities.

## Face of Imbuto – Gildas Kwitonda

### *Agriculture Programme*



Gildas Kwitonda and his company, G-Proud Company, embarked on a remarkable journey of transformation. Following coaching, training, and a financial boost of 10 million Rwf from Imbuto Foundation's Imali Agribusiness Challenge, Gildas began to reshape his business with a newfound clarity and purpose.

By truly understanding his customers and their needs, he was able to craft strategies that significantly improved engagement and service. As a result, Gildas successfully completed two mushroom production phases, leading to a substantial increase in sales

of both mushroom tubes and fresh mushrooms. This growth not only boosted his business but also created job opportunities for 5 permanent employees and up to 25 casual workers, depending on the season.

Gildas also became more skilled in managing financial resources, allowing him to achieve his short-term goals on time. One of his most impressive accomplishments was using his sales income to purchase a 4,300-square-meter plot of land—a milestone that once seemed out of reach when he first joined the programme. Additionally, he generated an impressive 9 million Rwf from goods, which further fueled his business growth. This land acquisition provided a solid foundation for his future production premises, overcoming one of his biggest challenges and setting the stage for continued growth and success.



# SNAPSHOT OF ACHIEVEMENTS (2018-2024)



**15**

Best innovative solutions have been awarded 150 million Rwf (10 million Rwf per project).



**43**

New Jobs created in agriculture (16 women and 27 men).



**\$ 295,000**

Income generated from sales of 15 Agri-Business Projects in 2023-2024.



**335,306 Kgs**

Harvested and sold with 163,260,000 Rwf (\$125,500) income.



**3410**

Farmers (2,890 women and 520 men) from 37 cooperatives directly benefited from agriculture interventions in 16 districts.



Imbuto Foundation's Agriculture programme has led to the harvest and sale of over 300 tonnes of food.



**SMART IRRIGATED AKARIMA PROJECT**  
Smart irrigation system applied on  
open gardens through harvesting  
water into tanks for irrigation purpose  
to sell water tanks  
to sell vegetables

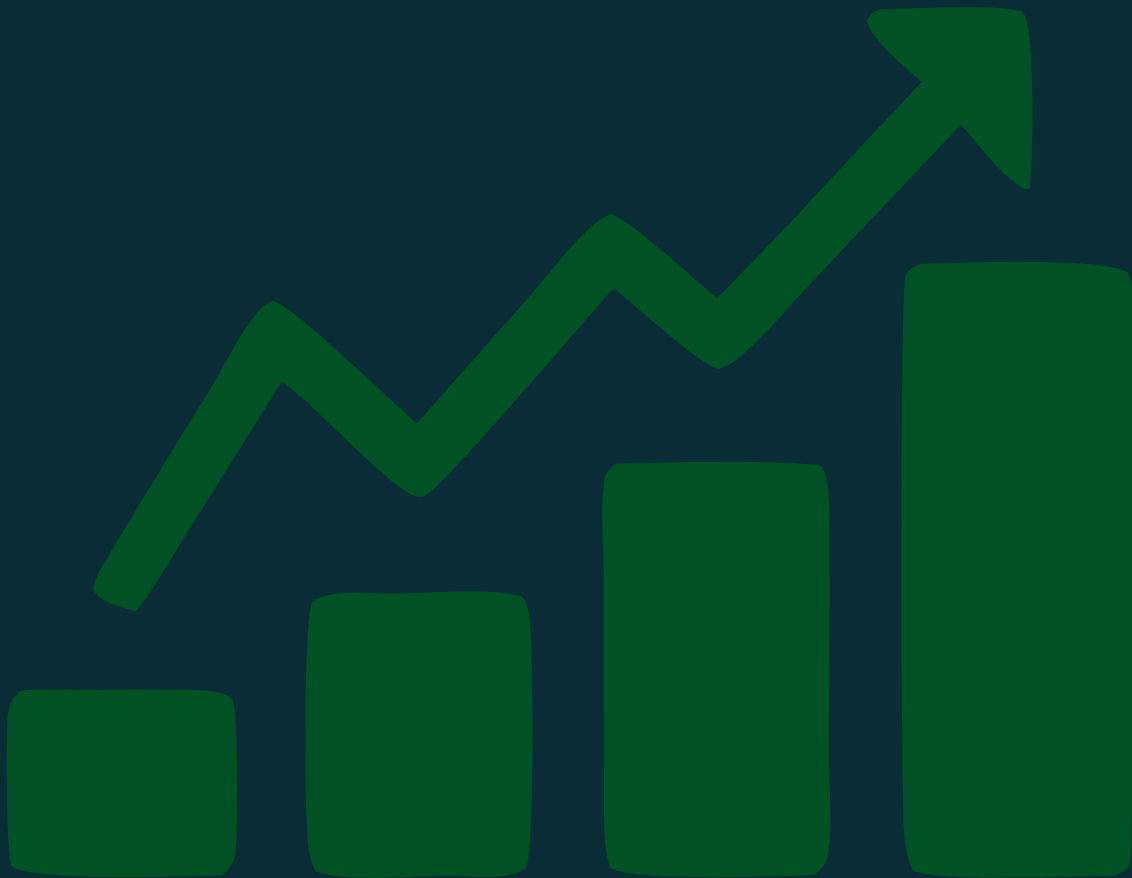
WE SELL VEGETABLES  
FROM OUR 3 HECTARE  
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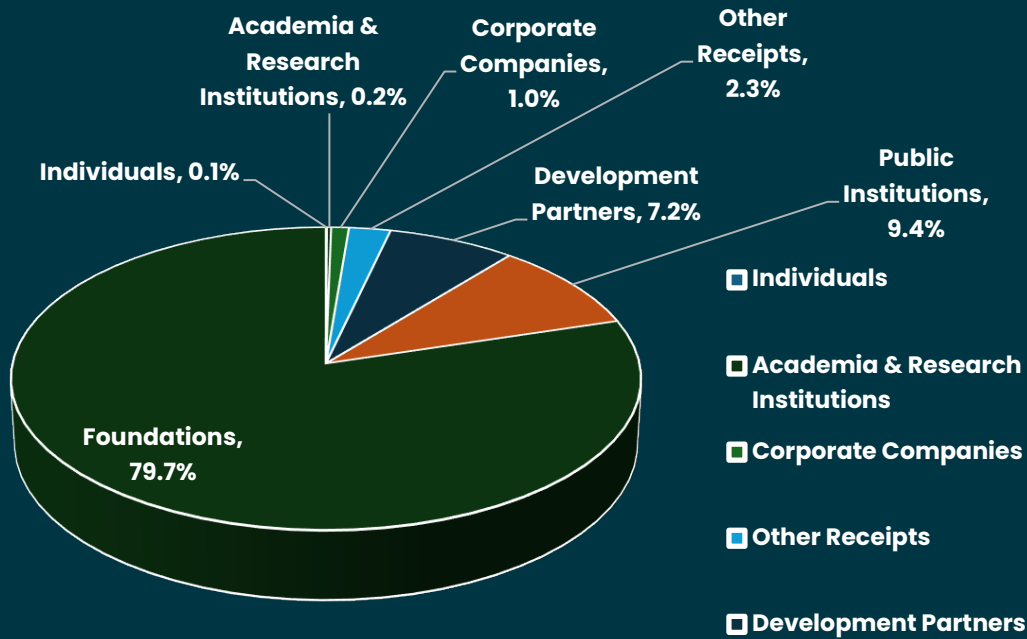


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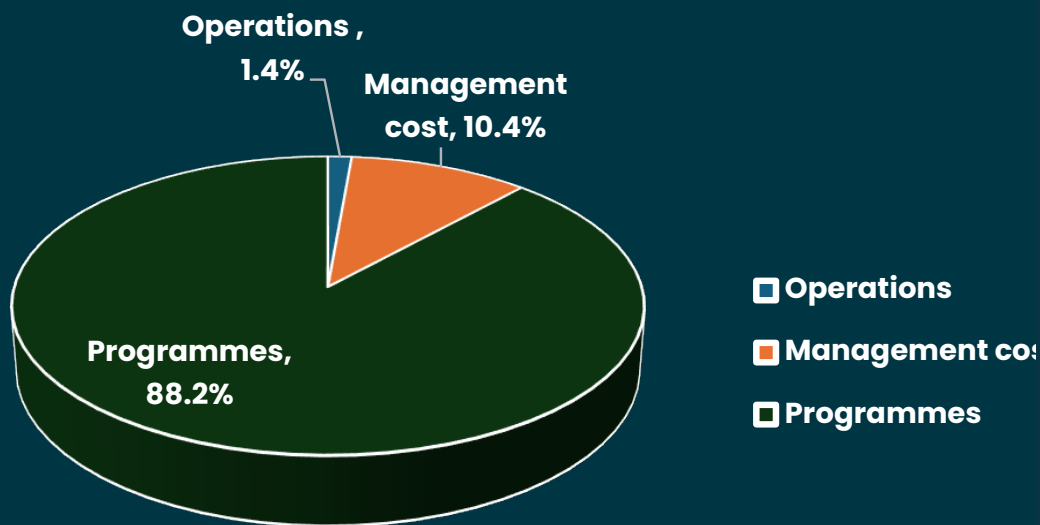
### INCOME

TOTAL INCOME: Rwf 22,391,773,471 (USD 17,078,221)



### EXPENDITURES

TOTAL EXPENDITURE: Rwf 15,537,411,181 (USD 11,850,394)





Happy  
Holidays!





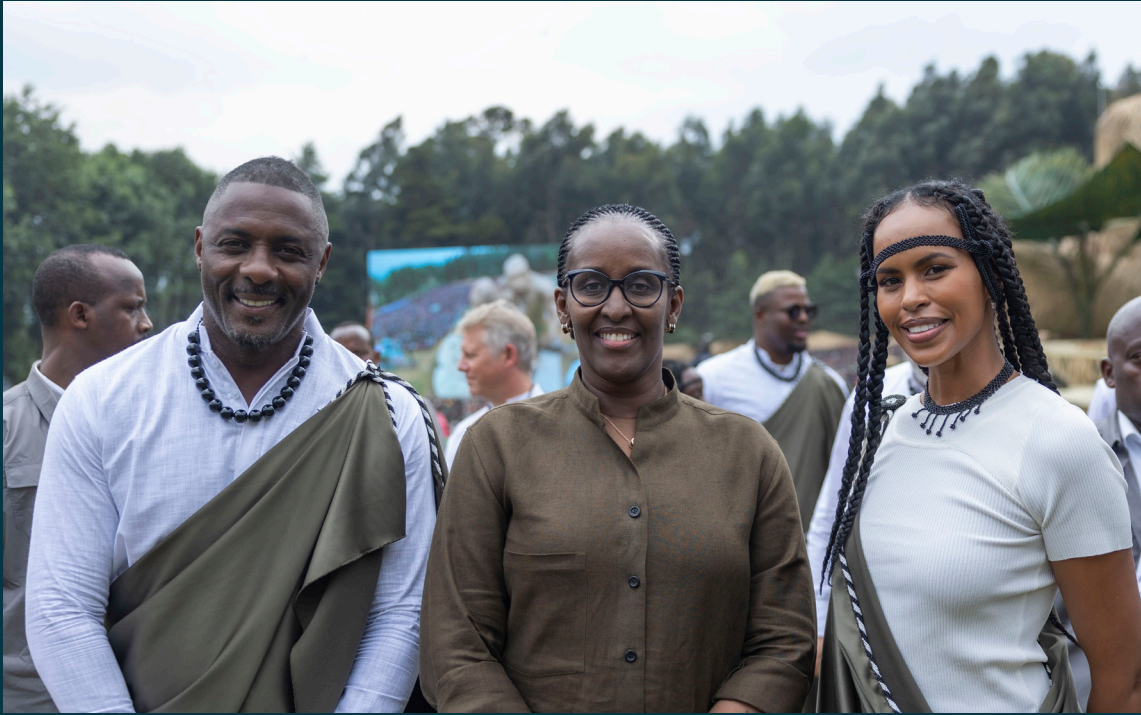


Women Deliver Conference | Kigali, 19 July 2023



All Women Together 2023 Conference | Kigali, 11 August 2023





19th Kwita Izina Gorilla Naming Ceremony | Musanze, 1 September 2023



4th Annual Retreat of Unity Club Intwararumuri | Kigali, 28 October 2023





Imbuto Foundation had a friendly match with AEGIS Trust at Pele Stadium | Kigali, 10 November 2023



#TunyweLess Youth Forum | Kigali, 15 December 2023





19th National Umushyikirano Council | Kigali, 23 January 2024



Peer Educators Training | Kigali, 13 February 2024





International Women's Day celebration | Kigali, 8 March 2024



30th Commemoration of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi | Kigali, 7 April 2024





30th Commemoration of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi at Impinganzima Huye Hostel | Huye, 4 June 2024



iAccelerator Phase 6 Youth Forum & Award Ceremony | Kigali, 11 June 2024









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