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ACRONYMS & DESCRIPTIONS

AYSRH&R	Adolescent and Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health & Rights
ASRH	Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health
BPGs	Best Performing Girls
CHWs	Community Health Workers
ECD	Early Childhood Development
ECD&F	Early Childhood Development and Family
FP	Family Planning
GBV	Gender-Based Violence
HPV	Human Papillomavirus
IGA	Income Generating Activities
IDP	Integrated Development Programme
NCDs	Non-Communicable Diseases
NST2	National Strategy for Transformation
PAC	Parent-Adolescent Communication
RTB	Rwanda TVET Board
SRH	Sexual and Reproductive Health
STI	Sexually Transmitted Infections
TND	Twige Neza Dutsinde
USD	United States Dollar
WHO	World Health Organization

Literally translated, imbuto
[eem-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.”

First Lady of the Republic of Rwanda
and Chairperson of Imbuto Foundation,
H.E. Mrs Jeannette Kagame



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

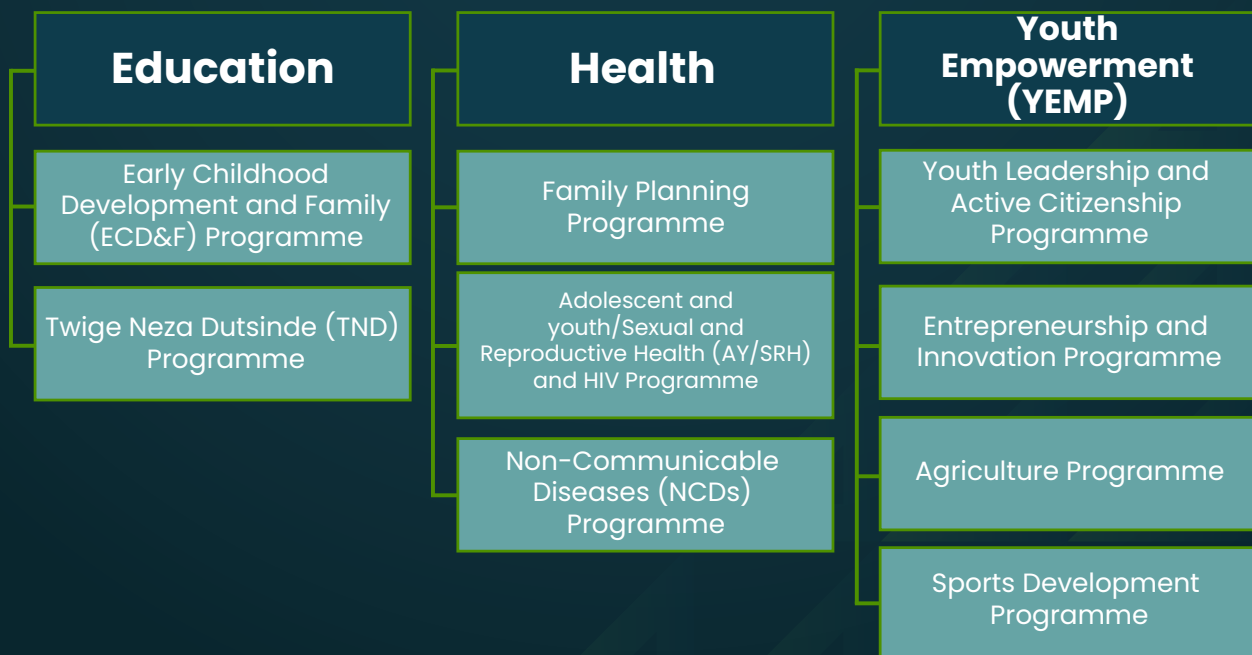
Imbuto Foundation's work is aligned to national priorities and it fulfils its mission through advocacy, community outreach, mentorship, fostering partnerships and unleashing young talent.

ENGAGE. EDUCATE. EMPOWER.

Our Guiding Principles



Our Programmes



Message from Our Chairperson



As we reflect on the past year, we do so with hearts full of gratitude and renewed hope for the journey ahead. This has been a particularly meaningful year for Imbuto Foundation, as we celebrated 25 years of a journey rooted in one enduring belief: that when we invest in people, we invest in the future of our nation.

For a quarter of a century, Imbuto Foundation has walked alongside Rwandans at different stages of life, helping to open doors, nurture potential, restore dignity, and create opportunities through Education, Health, Youth Development and community engagement. Looking back at all that has been achieved, we are reminded that every number represents a person, every programme represents a story, and every partnership has helped make a difference in someone's life.

This year has once again shown us the power of coming together. Through Imbuto Hubs, rooted in community, we are creating welcoming and inclusive spaces where people of all ages can learn, connect, discover their potential, access opportunities, and inspire one another.

More than physical spaces, the Hubs are places where dreams can take shape, talents can flourish, knowledge can be shared, and communities can grow stronger together.

Our vision is to see these spaces reach even more communities across Rwanda, multiplying the Hubs so that more people, in more places, can find a space where they feel welcomed, supported and inspired to thrive. This is an important part of the next chapter of our journey: bringing opportunity closer to people and ensuring that no one is left behind.

None of what we have achieved over the past 25 years, or this past year, would have been possible without the many hands and hearts that have walked this journey with us.

To our partners and friends, those who have stood with us from the beginning and those who have joined us along the way, thank you. Your trust, generosity and shared belief in the potential of Rwandans have helped turn ideas into opportunities and aspirations into realities.

As we look ahead, our 25-year journey reminds us that there is still so much more to do.

The future calls us to dream bigger, reach further, and continue finding new ways to Engage, Educate and Empower. We will strengthen and multiply Imbuto Hubs, embrace innovation, deepen our partnerships, and invest in solutions that respond to the changing needs and aspirations of our communities.

May the next chapter of Imbuto Foundation be one of even greater reach, and may we continue to create opportunities that will touch lives not only today but for generations to come.

H.E. Mrs. Jeannette Kagame

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

Executive Summary



The past fiscal year has been one of continued growth, learning, and meaningful progress for Imbuto Foundation. Across our programmes, we have worked to translate our mission into practical opportunities and quality services that respond to the needs of the communities we serve. This progress has been made possible by the dedication of our staff, the engagement of the people we serve, and the strong collaboration of our partners.

One of the year's significant milestones was the launch of Imbuto Hubs, with the inauguration of the first pilot Hub in Bugesera District, Eastern Province. The pilot marks the beginning of a broader effort to bring this model closer to communities across Rwanda, with the ambition of establishing an Imbuto Hub in every district.

We also continued to strengthen our contribution to the well-being and development of Rwandan families by supporting access to quality health, education, and Early Childhood Development services. In health, our collaboration with the Rwanda Biomedical Centre continued through cervical and breast cancer awareness and screening campaigns, contributing to early detection and improved access to essential services. These efforts form part of our contribution to national priorities, including the Rwanda Mission 2027 to eliminate cervical cancer.

In Early Childhood Development and Family, the inauguration of one more ECD&F Centre in Kicukiro District was an important step in expanding access to integrated services for young children and families, while preparations for the opening of the Centre in Gasabo District progressed. Together with our wider ECD&F interventions, these initiatives contribute to creating environments where children can receive the care, stimulation and support they need.

Investing in young people and their potential remained another important area of our work. We celebrated the graduation of the third cohort of ArtRwanda-Ubuhanzi and brought together creatives from across the programme's cohorts through the ArtRwanda-Ubuhanzi Xperience, highlighting the talent and growing potential of Rwanda's creative sector.

We also welcomed a new cohort under the Innovation Accelerator Programme, launching Phase 7 in partnership with UNDP and Friends of Imbuto. Through mentorship, skills development and access to resources, the programme continues to support young innovators and entrepreneurs as they turn ideas into viable solutions and businesses.

These achievements are part of a broader and continuous effort to ensure that the services and opportunities we support remain relevant, accessible and responsive to the evolving needs of Rwandan families and young people. We are equally mindful that meaningful results require sustained collaboration, learning and adaptation.

I extend my sincere appreciation to our government partners, development partners, private sector collaborators and friends, for the confidence they place in Imbuto Foundation and for the contribution each makes to advancing our shared goals.

As we enter a new year, we will build on the lessons and progress of the past year, while continuing to strengthen the quality and reach of our programmes.

Elodie Shami
Director General of Imbuto Foundation

Our Strategic Direction

Guided by the inspiring vision of Our Chairperson, Imbuto Foundation embarked on the 2024–2029 strategic period with bold determination and a renewed conviction of “Doing business differently”, bringing services even closer to the communities we serve. To achieve this, the Foundation will implement its programmes through Imbuto Hubs established as the operational pillars of our strategy. This approach not only amplifies our reach but also strengthens community co-design, ownership and sustainability, while aligning with Rwanda’s national development priorities under NST2 and Vision 2050.

Imbuto Hubs will serve as dynamic empowerment centres designed to nurture Rwanda’s human capital. They embody the Foundation’s lifecycle approach of “**Rooted in Community**”, offering inclusive spaces where children, adolescents, youth and adults can learn, innovate, grow and prosper.

Each Imbuto Hub will provide transformative opportunities for young people at every stage of their self-development, whether they’re exploring their first steps in education or venturing into the professional world.

Through these dynamic and vibrant spaces where creativity, learning and growth intersect, young Rwandans will access more than tools and knowledge; they will engage with a community that propels them forward; a place where every function, every feature is designed with a singular purpose: to nurture the limitless potential of the youth.

Strategic Focus and Mode of Operations

Strategic Focus

Investing in Foundational Learning

01

Investing in universal health coverage

02

Investing in engaged and productive youth

03



Mode of Operation

01

Holistic Model Programmes

02

Citizen-Centred Approach and localisation of services

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Imbuto Hubs as a Social Enterprise

Imbuto Hubs Features



Education and Skills Development Infrastructures.

- Early Childhood Development Space
- Digital Learning
- Reading Corner
- Learning Studio
- Media Studio
- Beauty Studio
- Fashion Studio



Health and Well-being Programme Infrastructures.

- Consultation Room
- Screening and Testing Room
- Family Planning Room
- Elders' Safe Space



Sports Facilities.

- Mini Football Pitch
- Multi-court (Basketball, Volleyball and Handball)
- Badminton Court
- Children's Play Ground

Imbuto Hubs Package



EDUCATION DIVISION



Ba Inkubito y'icyeza
N'ishema ry'Abakobwa



Education Programmes

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

This holistic approach includes preparing children aged 3-6 for early cognitive development, and laying a foundation to their learning outcomes through organised pre-primary education in ECD facilities, as well as empowering parents and the community with the right tools to nurture and protect them. Our approach also focuses on supporting high-achieving students from vulnerable backgrounds, and empowering girls to excel in education.



EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY (ECD&F)



In 2013, in partnership with the Government of Rwanda and UNICEF, Imbuto Foundation initiated 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 to an integrated ECD&F package dedicated to children, parents receive capacity development in positive parenting and support in Income Generating Activities (IGAs). Imbuto Foundation offers and delivers integrated ECD services in all 30 districts.

Faces of Imbuto – Ihumure Home Based ECD

ECD & F Programme

Ihumure Home Based ECD has transformed the lives of children and families through an innovative, community-based approach centred on savings and loan groups for parents and caregivers. One of our most significant achievements has been providing chickens to all participating members, creating a reliable household source of fresh eggs. Through regular cooking demonstrations, parents and caregivers have also learned how to incorporate eggs into balanced and nutritious meals, helping children obtain the essential protein and nutrients required for healthy growth and development.



Beyond improving nutrition, our savings and loan groups have become powerful drivers of household resilience and socioeconomic progress. By saving collectively and accessing small loans, participating caregivers have been able to address important family needs and invest in a better future for their children. Members have used their savings to purchase school uniforms, pay school fees and renovate their homes, thereby improving living conditions and supporting children's continued access to education.

By integrating financial literacy, household economic empowerment and practical nutrition support, Ihumure ECD has developed a sustainable and replicable model that addresses several development challenges simultaneously. Our experience demonstrates that community-led solutions can strengthen families, improve children's nutrition and education, and create lasting positive change. By equipping parents and caregivers with practical knowledge, productive assets and access to finance, Ihumure ECD is helping communities build healthier, more secure and promising futures for their children.

SNAPSHOT OF ACHIEVEMENTS



39,171

Children (19,472 boys and 19,669 girls) aged 0–6 years were newly enrolled in the ECD&F Programme. Since the inception of the programme in 2013, 246,903 children have benefited from our early childhood integrated package, delivered through 5,963 ECD facilities. These facilities include ECD & F model centres, community-based centres, centres in IDP model villages, and home-based spaces.



35,252

Parents (7,050 men and 28,202 women) were newly enrolled in our ECD & F programme benefitting from weekly parenting sessions on preparing balanced diets, positive parenting, the importance of having both parents involved in children's upbringing, etc. Since the inception of the programme in 2013, 217,915 parents have benefited from our ECD & F programme.



2,256

New caregivers were trained in integrated early childhood development and family (ECD&F) services delivery bringing the total to 44,828 within our areas of intervention in all 30 districts. Regular refresher training is planned to ensure smooth and quality service delivery.



21,172

Local leaders, local government ECD programme staff, health workers and Inshuti z'Umuryango were trained in the integrated Early Childhood Development package to strengthen service delivery across all 30 districts. This brings the cumulative number of trained community-level service providers to 35,049 across the programme's areas of intervention nationwide.



9,161

Rwandan citizens residing in Integrated Development Programme (IDP) Model Villages received mentorship through the 'Iwacu Mentorship Initiative' to promote personal development, self-reliance and sustainable community development. This impactful milestone was built on the training of 841 (600 parents and 241 young people) IDP Model Village representatives in leadership, agriculture, ASRH, ECD and entrepreneurship.



Repubulika y'u Rwanda
Ministeri y'Ubutegetsi
bw'Igihugu



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LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITIES
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

imbita
foundation

Inama y'Abafatanirabikorwa no Gashamba

Indashyamba mu Ihigishwa



Imbita
foundation

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TWIGE NEZA DUTSINDE



Twige Neza Dutsinde programme supports the improvement of learning outcomes through investments in foundational learning, financial support for brilliant but economically disadvantaged students and promoting girls' education.

This programme has been successful in meeting its objectives, with reports of students performing better academically, being more respectful of gender diversity, more enthusiastic about learning and developing strong teamwork.

The programme 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.

Faces of Imbuto – Illuminée Mutuyimana

Twige Neza Dutsinde Programme

My name is Illuminée Mutuyimana, and I was privileged to be an Edified Generation beneficiary during secondary school. I later received an Imbuto Foundation Scholarship to study Information Technology at the University of Kigali, beginning in September 2024. During my first year, I applied for a competitive international study opportunity based on academic performance, good conduct, teamwork and English proficiency. After being shortlisted among 20 students from the School of Computing and Information Technology, I was selected as one of only four successful candidates.



I am now pursuing a degree in Computer Science and Informatics at the University of Ostrava in the Czech Republic. This achievement marks an important milestone in my academic journey and reflects the transformative impact of sustained educational support. I am deeply grateful to Imbuto Foundation for supporting me from secondary school through university, strengthening my confidence and inspiring me to pursue excellence. I am committed to using the knowledge and skills I acquire to contribute to Rwanda and support the continued empowerment of girls and women.

SNAPSHOT OF ACHIEVEMENTS



502

Young girls were recognized this year, contributing to a total of 8,605 young girls awarded for academic excellence since 2005.



933

Secondary school scholarships (531 male and 281 female) were awarded this year, contributing to the 11,249 annual scholarships provided since 2002.

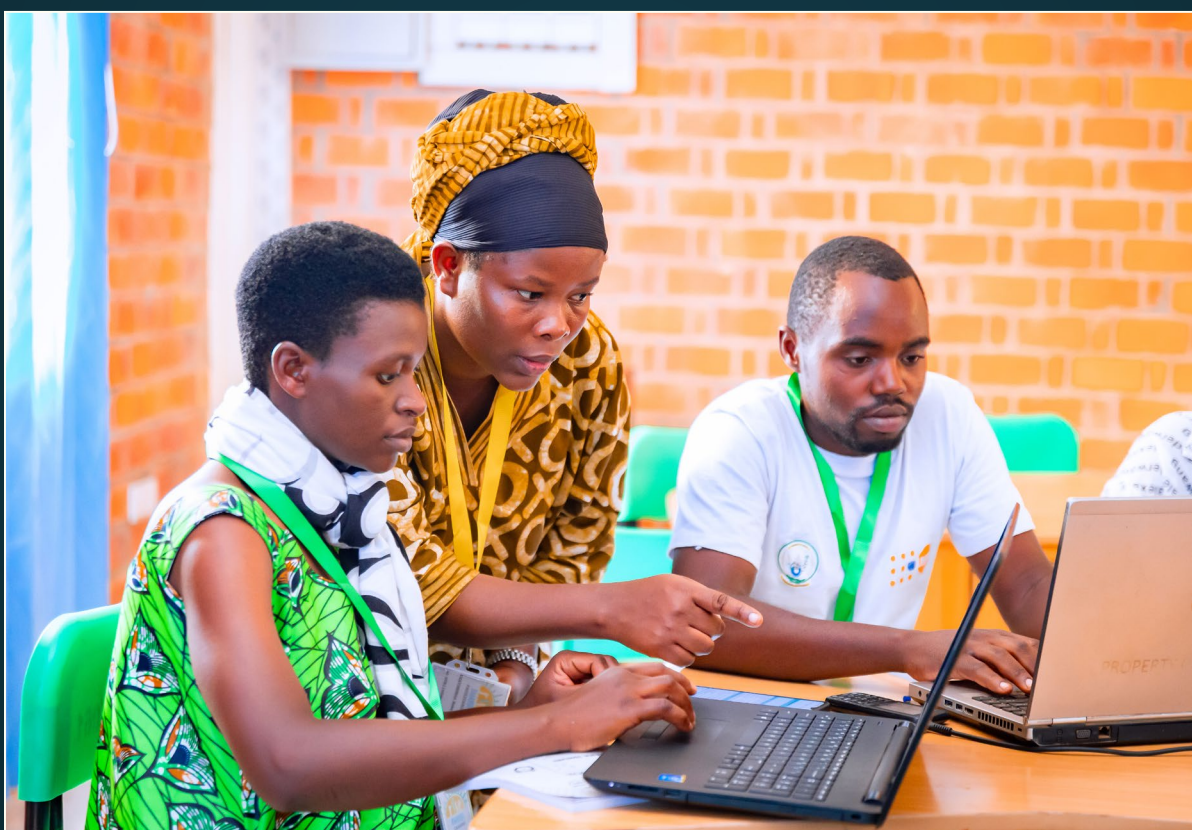
We continued the Edified Generation Programme through the second edition of 'Itorero Imbutu Zitoshye', an enhanced version of our annual holiday camps. The initiative provides students with extracurricular learning in leadership, active citizenship, reproductive health, and career development, alongside exposure to and guidance on available learning opportunities.





3,457

Eligible out-of-school youth were recruited and enrolled in the RISE programme. The programme expands access to inclusive learning pathways. Across 95 learning sites, operational systems were strengthened and activated to support programme implementation, with all sites now operational and actively delivering integrated services.



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, attitudes and practices related to non communicable diseases.
- Mental health, and enhancing the accessibility and quality of services.

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



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



The AYSRH&R and HIV programme promotes positive behaviour among youth and 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.

Faces of Imbuto – Benimana Florence *AYSRH&R and HIV Programme*

My name is Benimana Florence, and I am a young mother identified through the Baho Neza Project at Musaza Health Centre. I became pregnant at the age of 17, and my baby is now six months old. When my parents discovered my pregnancy, they reacted harshly. I experienced mistreatment and stigma and was eventually forced to leave home. Feeling rejected and alone, I lost hope and believed that my future had completely fallen apart.



My life began to change after I joined the Baho Neza Project and started attending weekly psychosocial support sessions for young mothers at the health centre. Although I was emotionally distressed at first, the sessions gradually helped me rebuild my confidence, recognise my value and understand that my life still had purpose. Later, Vision Jeunesse Nouvelle organised a Parent-Adolescent Communication (PAC I) session for young mothers and their parents or guardians. At my request, my parents attended the entire session. The guidance deeply touched them and helped them recognise the importance of supporting me rather than isolating me. They decided to welcome me and my baby back home and committed to strengthening communication within our family.

Today, I am happy to be reunited with my family and to raise my child in a more supportive and hopeful environment. My parents and I now understand that open and regular communication can prevent conflict and help families address challenges together. I am deeply grateful to Vision Jeunesse Nouvelle and Imbuto Foundation for the psychosocial support, guidance and encouragement that helped restore my confidence and rebuild my relationship with my family. Their support has given my child and me renewed hope for a healthier and more promising future.

SNAPSHOT OF ACHIEVEMENTS



25,192

Young people received AYSRH&R services, including HIV & STI screening and treatment, contributing to a total of 625,482 young people, since 2010.



716

Health care providers (nurses/midwives, CHWs) trained to provide SRH services. This contributes to a total of 71,468 skilled health care providers trained and equipped to deliver health services.



3,987

3,987 People reached through Parent-Adolescent Communication (PAC). This contributes to a total of 43,872 people benefiting from PAC Forums.



895

People from various community groups, including students, teen mothers, district leaders, and police participated in 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence. This contributes to a total of 6,609 people who have benefited from GBV interventions.

IHURIRO RY'URUBYIRUKO

Kubaka umuryango ushoboye kandi utekanye: Twihutishe Ibikorwa byo Gukumira no Kurandura Inda Ziterwa Abangavu

Kigali, 26 Kamena 2026





FAMILY PLANNING



The Family Planning Programme aims to increase contraceptive prevalence among individuals and families with unmet needs by improving the quality, accessibility and utilisation of voluntary family planning services.

The programme strengthens community awareness and provides accurate information to support informed reproductive health decisions while expanding access to a broad range of safe, affordable and rights-based contraceptive methods.

It strengthens healthcare providers and brings services closer to underserved communities, helping overcome access barriers and improve maternal and child health, reduce unintended pregnancies, promote gender equality, and support healthier, more secure families.

Faces of Imbuto – Nyiransabimana Jacqueline

Family Planning Programme

My name is Nyiransabimana Jacqueline. I am 46 years old, a mother of seven and a resident of Rwinzuki Cell in Nzahaha Sector. Before family planning services were introduced at Rwinzuki Secondary Post, I had to travel long distances to obtain these essential services. The journey required transport expenses and took valuable time away from caring for my family and fulfilling my household responsibilities.



Since family planning services were made available closer to our community, access has become easier, more reliable and affordable. I no longer need to spend money on transport or travel far from home, and I can now dedicate more time to my family and daily activities. The nearby services also provide convenient access to appropriate family planning methods and accurate information, enabling me to make informed decisions about my reproductive health.

The renovation and strengthening of Secondary posts in underserved communities have made a meaningful difference in my life and the lives of other women facing similar geographic and financial barriers. By bringing essential services closer to families, Rwinzuki Health Post has improved access to care, reduced household expenses and strengthened women's ability to manage their health and family responsibilities. I sincerely appreciate this important intervention and the positive change it has brought to our community.

SNAPSHOT OF ACHIEVEMENTS



372,638

People reached through awareness campaigns on Maternal, Family Planning, Child health and other SRH topics, contributing to an estimated total of 9,007,662 people received health education messages through awareness campaigns since 2005.



446,547

People accessed and used family planning services, including 138,462 long-acting reversible contraceptive methods, 305,599 short-term methods and 2,486 permanent methods. Since 2019, through our Family Planning Programme, we have reached 871,372 users.





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.

Faces of Imbuto – Uwimana Jeanne Laila

Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)

My name is Uwimana Jeanne Laila. I am 38 years old, a resident of Muhoza Sector and a survivor of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi. After losing nearly all my siblings during the Genocide and later losing my mother, I lived with profound grief, prolonged trauma and extreme hardship. These painful experiences deeply affected my emotional wellbeing, and for many years I struggled with severe depression, loneliness and hopelessness. I believed that I was entirely alone and that no one understood or cared about the pain I carried.



My healing journey began when I participated in psychosocial counselling sessions through the Baho Neza Safe Space. The programme provided a safe, compassionate and non-judgmental environment where I could express my feelings openly, receive professional guidance and connect with others who understood emotional suffering. Through regular counselling and supportive interactions, I gradually rebuilt my self-confidence, developed healthier ways of coping with trauma and regained emotional stability. The support also strengthened my resilience and helped me reconnect positively with my family and community.

Today, I have renewed hope, confidence and a stronger sense of purpose. I never imagined that I would feel whole again, but my experience has shown me that healing and renewal are possible when timely and compassionate support is available. The Baho Neza Safe Space played a significant role in restoring my dignity, emotional strength and hope for the future. I am now living testimony that even after profound loss and prolonged trauma, a person can heal, rebuild their life and become a source of encouragement to others facing similar challenges.

SNAPSHOT OF ACHIEVEMENTS



386,765

People were reached during awareness campaigns on mental well-being and mental health issues, contributing to a total of 917,920 people have reached with mental health information since 2022.



2,937

Individuals equipped with skills to facilitate safe spaces and provide services at health centres and hospitals. This includes master trainers, community counselors, GBV officers, and local leaders. Since the programme's inception in 2022, a total of 8,939 individuals were equipped to deliver mental health services.



37,244

People received mental health services. Since the programme's inception, a total of 104,004 people benefited from mental health services in our areas of interventions.



168,951

Women were screened for breast and cervical cancer through a pilot screening initiative in Kicukiro and Bugesera Districts. This includes 90,677 women screened for cervical cancer including 13,194 who tested positive for HPV and 30 cases confirmed for cancer. Also, 78,274 women were screened for breast cancer including 26 confirmed cases. All diagnosed women were referred to hospitals for follow-up and treatment.



YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMMES



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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 to provide youth from different socio-economic backgrounds with support and platforms to participate in leadership initiatives and be active members of the Rwandan society.

Through forums and training, youth are encouraged to discuss challenges, identify common solutions, and pursue personal development.

Faces of Imbuto – Antoinette Mukamwezi

Leadership & Active Citizenship Programme

My name is Antoinette Mukamwezi, and I am a resident of Kicukiro District in the City of Kigali. I joined Imbuto Foundation's mentorship programme during a particularly challenging period in my life. After completing secondary school later than I had originally planned, I became deeply uncertain about my future. Social pressure, limited employment opportunities and concerns about continuing my education gradually affected my confidence and mental wellbeing.



My life began to change when I joined Imbuto Foundation's mentorship programme. I was paired with a mentor and received valuable training in goal setting, personal development and self-reliance. My mentor consistently encouraged me to recognise my potential, persevere through difficulties and complete my university education. The programme restored my confidence and prepared me to take on various professional and leadership roles in different organisations, enabling me to build practical experience and contribute meaningfully to society.

Today, I serve as a Programme Coordinator, supporting younger girls through mentorship initiatives in secondary schools. In this role, I help them make informed decisions, pursue their aspirations and contribute positively to their communities. I am proud to serve Rwanda by promoting patriotism, resilience and service to others. I sincerely thank Imbuto Foundation, Her Excellency Mrs Jeannette Kagame and Rwanda for the guidance, support and opportunities that transformed my life and enabled me to become a source of encouragement to the next generation.

SNAPSHOT OF ACHIEVEMENTS



2,000

Youth participated in a youth forum. Since the inception in 2007, a total of 945,824 youth have been empowered through 80 youth forums.





ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION



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

The programme provides mentorship, training, and financial support to young entrepreneurs and innovators, particularly those offering solutions to challenges in areas such as sexual and reproductive health, comprehensive sexuality education, family planning, and mental health among others.

Faces of Imbuto – Nyigisha Notebook E&I Programme



Nyigisha Notebook began in 2024 with a simple but meaningful conversation involving a small group of Rwandan teenagers. By listening carefully to adolescents' experiences and information needs, we developed an innovative, youth-led solution that makes sexual and reproductive health and rights information more accessible. The Nyigisha Notebook is an everyday school notebook featuring engaging SRHR comic stories and a toll-free hotline that provides reliable health information and support to survivors of gender-based violence. What started as an idea shaped by young people has grown into a practical educational tool designed to equip adolescents with life-saving knowledge.

In 2026, Nyigisha achieved several significant milestones. In partnership with GIZ and HDI, we launched a rigorous baseline study involving 1,881 students across six secondary schools in Ruhango District. Our radio programmes reached more than 440,000 listeners, while school- and community-based outreach sessions further expanded awareness. We also participated in national and international youth forums and strengthened collaboration with strategic stakeholders, including UNESCO, UNICEF, Imbuto Foundation, the Rwanda Basic Education Board, the World Health Organization and relevant government institutions. In addition, Nyigisha demonstrated its potential for financial sustainability by generating more than RWF 2 million from notebook sales and establishing a distribution network covering over 12 schools across two provinces.

Building on this progress, Nyigisha aims to reach 100,000 students within the next year and one million students annually across Rwanda in the coming years. Our journey demonstrates that a simple educational tool, developed by listening to young people and responding to their realities, can create meaningful and sustainable change. By combining education, creative storytelling, confidential support and strong partnerships, Nyigisha is empowering adolescents to make informed decisions and contributing to national efforts to reduce teenage pregnancy and gender-based violence.

SNAPSHOT OF ACHIEVEMENTS



15

Young women and men newly enrolled and benefited from the incubation and mentorship programme this fiscal year. This contributes to a total of 271 youth benefited from the mentorship programme, since its inception.



\$123,438

Income generated by entrepreneurship and innovative solutions in the 2025–2026 fiscal year. This includes \$9,107 generated from iAccelerator projects and \$208,020 from ArtRwanda–Ubuhanzi sales. Since the programme's inception, 99 businesses supported through our entrepreneurship and innovation initiatives have generated a cumulative income of USD 474,073.



196

New jobs created through ArtRwanda – Ubuhanzi and Innovation Accelerator initiatives (46 and 222 respectively). Since the inception of these initiatives, a total of 1,014 jobs have been created.





AGRICULTURE



The Agriculture programme is dedicated to improving the lives of women and youth by promoting income-generating activities. This initiative 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.

Faces of Imbuto – Igisubizo 1 Company Ltd

Agriculture Programme

IGISUBIZO 1 COMPANY LTD is a youth-led Rwandan enterprise established to transform agricultural and biodegradable waste into valuable products, create employment and protect the environment. The company was inspired by the large quantities of cassava peels, banana residues and avocado waste being discarded while households faced high prices for essential products and farmers experienced declining soil fertility.

Today, IGISUBIZO manufactures laundry and bathing soap, liquid detergent, toilet cleaner, hair shampoo and organic fertilizer. It has also introduced deodorant production as part of its diversification strategy, contributing to Rwanda's circular economy and local manufacturing sector.



Despite initially facing limited capital, inadequate equipment, restricted market access and gaps in business-management capacity, the company continued to grow through persistence, training, mentorship and partner support. A major milestone was winning Imbuto Foundation's Imali Agribusiness Challenge, through which IGISUBIZO received RWF 10 million in seed funding. The company was also recognised as the Best Youth Exhibitor at the 2025 Agri Show and received an additional RWF 2 million award. It currently employs 12 people directly, while creating further opportunities for farmers, suppliers and distributors. Five products, bathing soap, hair shampoo, toilet cleaner, liquid detergent and laundry soap have passed the required Rwanda Standards Board tests and are awaiting final certification.

IGISUBIZO aims to become a leading Rwandan circular-economy manufacturing company by expanding its production capacity, organic fertilizer operations and agricultural-waste collection activities. The company plans to work with more farmers and cooperatives, enter additional markets across Rwanda, strengthen product quality and create more employment opportunities for young people and women. It also intends to develop digital and artificial-intelligence solutions for agriculture and waste management. IGISUBIZO is grateful to the Imbuto Foundation for supporting its growth and demonstrating that, with innovation, mentorship and determination, young Rwandans can build sustainable businesses that address community challenges and contribute to national development.

SNAPSHOT OF ACHIEVEMENTS



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Imali Agribusiness projects were awarded seed funding during the 2025–2026 fiscal year. Since the programme's inception in 2023, 25 innovative projects across the first two cohorts have received a total of FRW 250 million, equivalent to FRW 10 million per project.



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Imali Agribusiness projects created 227 jobs (63 for women and 164 for youth) this year. Since the programme's inception in 2023, a total of 322 jobs have been created.



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Youth trained on agricultural farming techniques through Iwacu mentorship programme implemented in 6 IDP model villages. This contributes to a total of 3,872 farmers benefited from agriculture interventions since the inception of the agriculture programme.



Imbuto Hubs



At Imbuto, we believe that investing in human capital is the foundation of progress.

Built on the model of **“Rooted in Community,”** Imbuto Hubs are community spaces where young Rwandans can discover their potential, sharpen their skills, and shape their futures.

Spanning across Rwanda, these hubs offer the resources, mentorship and tools needed to empower young people throughout their life cycle, while prioritizing the safety and protection of all children and youth attending the facilities. Each Imbuto Hub will be a source of opportunity for every young person at every stage of their journey, whether they are exploring their first steps in education or venturing into the professional world.

Through these dynamic and vibrant spaces, where creativity, learning and growth intersect, young Rwandans do not just access tools and knowledge; they connect with a community that propels them forward. A place where every function, every feature is designed with a singular purpose: to nurture the limitless potential of the youth.



**Imbuto HUB
BUGESERA**

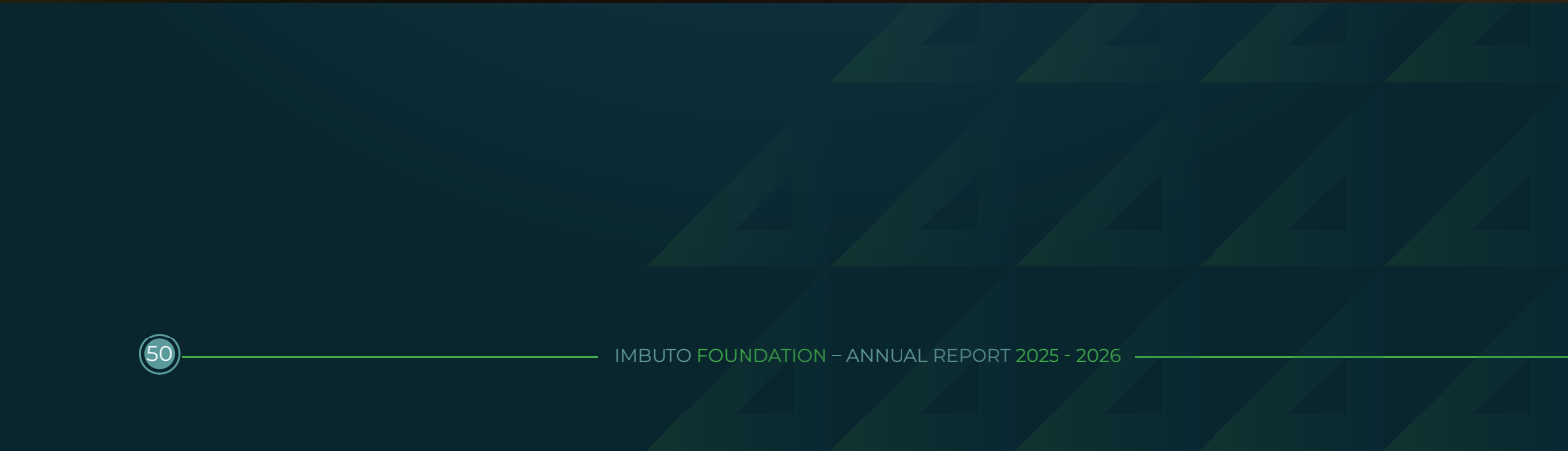
ROOTED IN COMMUNITY

Officially Inaugurated
by

Her Excellency Mrs. Jeannette Kagame
*First Lady of the Republic of Rwanda
& Chairperson of Imbuto Foundation*

24 July 2026

**A Space for Learning, Health,
Sports and Opportunity**



Faces of Imbuto – Sylvie Mujawamaliya, Beauty Studio *Imbuto Hubs*

My name is Sylvie Mujawamaliya, and I come from Musenyi Sector in Bugesera District. I grew up in a family with limited financial resources and had to leave school in Senior Two when I was only 14 years old. Hoping to gain practical skills in beauty and fashion, I moved to Kigali, but my plans did not materialise as expected. Without adequate guidance, I became involved with the wrong group of friends and was drawn into an exploitative relationship while trying to meet my basic needs. I became pregnant and gave birth before turning 18. This was an extremely difficult period, but my parents welcomed me home, supported me, and encouraged me to rebuild my life. Despite their support, financial hardship made caring for my child challenging and sometimes led me to make choices that I deeply regretted.



My life began to change when I learned about the beauty and personal-care training offered at Imbuto Hub Bugesera. Although travelling from Musenyi to Nyamata is a considerable distance, I was determined not to miss the opportunity. I applied alongside many other young people, was selected and have now completed three months of training. The skills I have acquired are already transforming my life: I can undertake small jobs, earn an income, support my child and purchase some of our basic necessities. The Hub has provided more than vocational skills; it has restored my confidence and hope. Its sexual reproductive health, mental health, and counselling services have also strengthened my wellbeing and helped me believe that a better future is possible.

Today, I am a young woman with renewed purpose and a clear vision for the future. After completing the training, I am confident that I will be able to establish my own business or secure employment, enabling me to become a financially independent mother and provide a better future for my child. I am committed to using this opportunity responsibly, supporting my family and contributing to Rwanda's development. I sincerely thank Her Excellency the First Lady and Imbuto Foundation for believing in young people and creating opportunities that enable us to rebuild our lives. Imbuto Hub Bugesera has shown me that, with relevant skills, guidance, and support, difficult experiences do not have to define our future.

Faces of Imbuto – Emmanuel Ndwano - Parent, Library Services

Imbuto Hubs

I am the parent of Imfura Ndwano, a six-year-old boy, and we live in Nyamata, Bugesera District, near Imbuto Hub Bugesera. Before the Hub was established, one of my greatest challenges was finding a safe and meaningful place where my child could spend time outside school—learning, playing and interacting with other children. Without engaging activities, he often turned to mobile phones, television and other electronic devices. Like many parents, I was concerned about his increasing screen time and wanted an environment that would support his learning, wellbeing and overall development.



Since Imfura began participating in activities at Imbuto Hub Bugesera, I have witnessed a remarkable transformation. He looks forward to visiting the Hub, particularly the library and sports field. Reading has expanded his knowledge and imagination, and he frequently returns home excited to share new stories and lessons. He also attends martial arts training every evening, which is helping him develop discipline, confidence, focus and good behaviour. Most importantly, he no longer has the same desire to spend long hours on the phone; his time is now filled with reading, learning, physical activity and discovering new interests. The Hub has also strengthened our relationship, as our daily conversations about what he has learned, read and experienced enable me to follow his development more closely.

The positive impact of Imbuto Hub extends beyond my son and our family. Children from Nyamata and other parts of Bugesera and surrounding areas visit the Hub to read, play, learn and develop their talents, demonstrating its important contribution to the wellbeing and future of children across the district. I sincerely thank Her Excellency the First Lady for this valuable investment in the children and families of Bugesera District. I also encourage parents and residents to protect the facility, support its programmes and make full use of the opportunities it provides. By taking collective responsibility for Imbuto Hub, we can ensure that it continues to nurture confident, disciplined and knowledgeable children for generations to come.

SNAPSHOT OF ACHIEVEMENTS



Hub Health Wing provides four key services: family planning, sexual and reproductive health education, laboratory testing, and mental health support. All services are provided free of charge and confidentially, in a safe and welcoming environment. To date, the Health Wing has reached over 1,221; 531 young people with sexual and reproductive health services, more than 20 with short-term family planning services, and 170 with mental health services. These services are helping bring essential health information and support closer to young people, families, and the wider community.

Sports development



The Imbuto Hub sports programme is an important component of the Hub's youth empowerment approach, providing children and young people with opportunities to participate in structured sports and physical activities within a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment. Through sports, the programme promotes physical health and well-being, teamwork, discipline, confidence, leadership, and positive social interaction, while enabling young people to develop their talents and acquire valuable life skills.



To date, 490 young people have been reached through the Hub's sports programmes, including football, basketball, volleyball, and martial arts. These activities provide participants with opportunities to stay active, develop their sporting abilities, build positive relationships, and contribute to their overall personal and social development.

Vocational training (Beauty and Fashion, Digital Literacy)



The Imbuto Hub Vocational Training Programme equips young people with practical, market-relevant skills in beauty and hairdressing, tailoring, digital literacy, and other practical areas. The six-month training programmes follow Rwanda TVET Board (RTB) standards and are delivered by qualified trainers, preparing participants for RTB certification upon successful completion.



Currently, 114 young people, including 29 boys and 85 girls, are enrolled in the programme.

Beyond technical skills, the Hub's integrated approach supports young people's confidence, well-being, health, and future planning, helping them transition into employment, entrepreneurship, and sustainable livelihoods for greater economic independence.



Library



The Imbuto Hub Library has two main sections: the Children's Corner, which provides a safe and welcoming space for children to read and learn, and the youth and adult section, which supports study, research, and lifelong learning.

The library currently holds 3,582 books—2,141 for children and 1,441 for youth and adults—in Kinyarwanda, English, and French. It also offers reading clubs, storytelling sessions, and other educational activities that promote reading and strengthen learning skills.

Each month, the library serves approximately 110 children aged 2–15 and 139 young people aged 16–30. Despite being newly established, it has quickly become an important learning resource for the Bugesera community and surrounding schools.

Elderly programme (Nsindagiza Organization)



Imbuto Hub embraces a lifecycle approach that extends beyond children and young people to meaningfully engage older persons. Through the partnership between Imbuto Foundation and NSINDAGIZA, older persons gather at Imbuto Hub Bugesera twice a week to socialize, remain active, access basic health services, participate in recreational activities, and take part in intergenerational exchanges with younger generations. These exchanges are further strengthened through volunteer opportunities in areas such as the Hub's library and daycare, enabling older persons to share their knowledge, experience, and wisdom while enhancing their well-being, social connectedness, and sense of purpose. To date, 81 older persons regularly participate in the Hub's activities, underscoring its role as an inclusive space that promotes dignity, participation, and community cohesion across generations.

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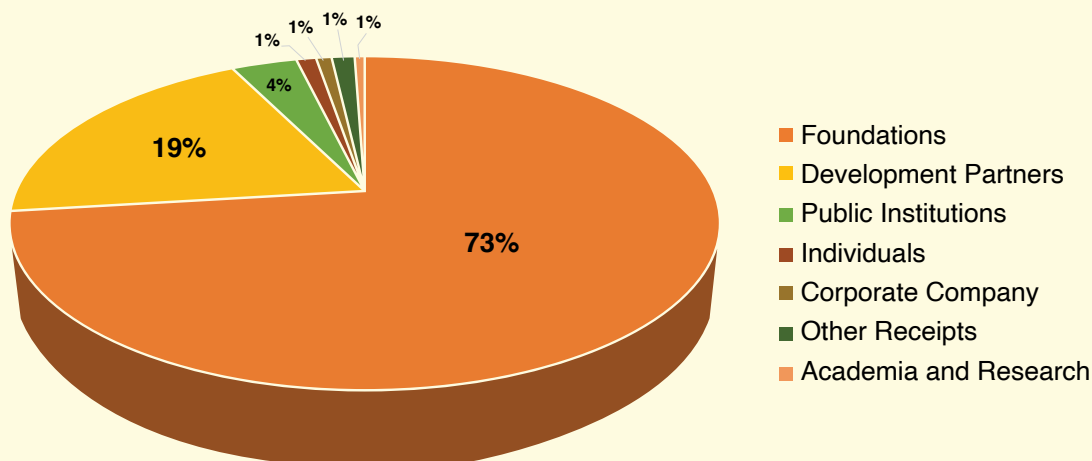


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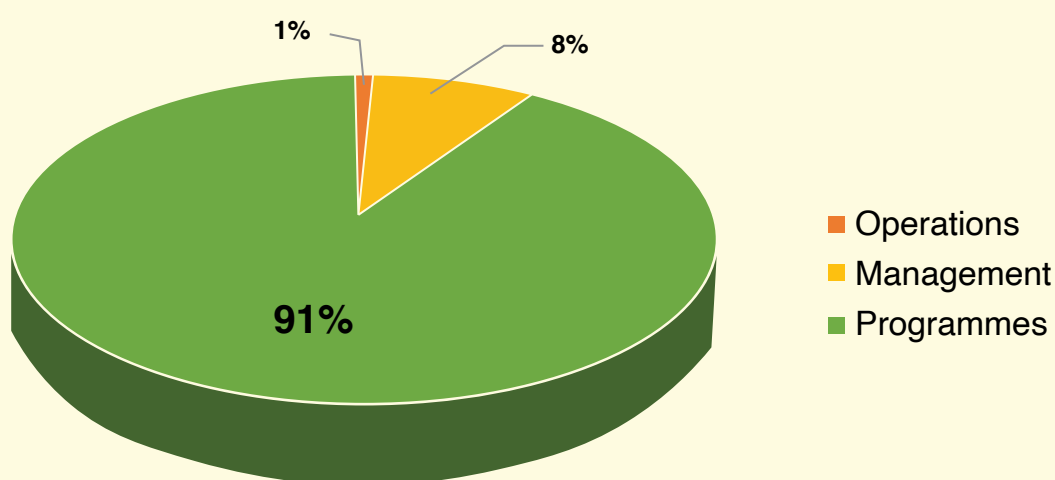
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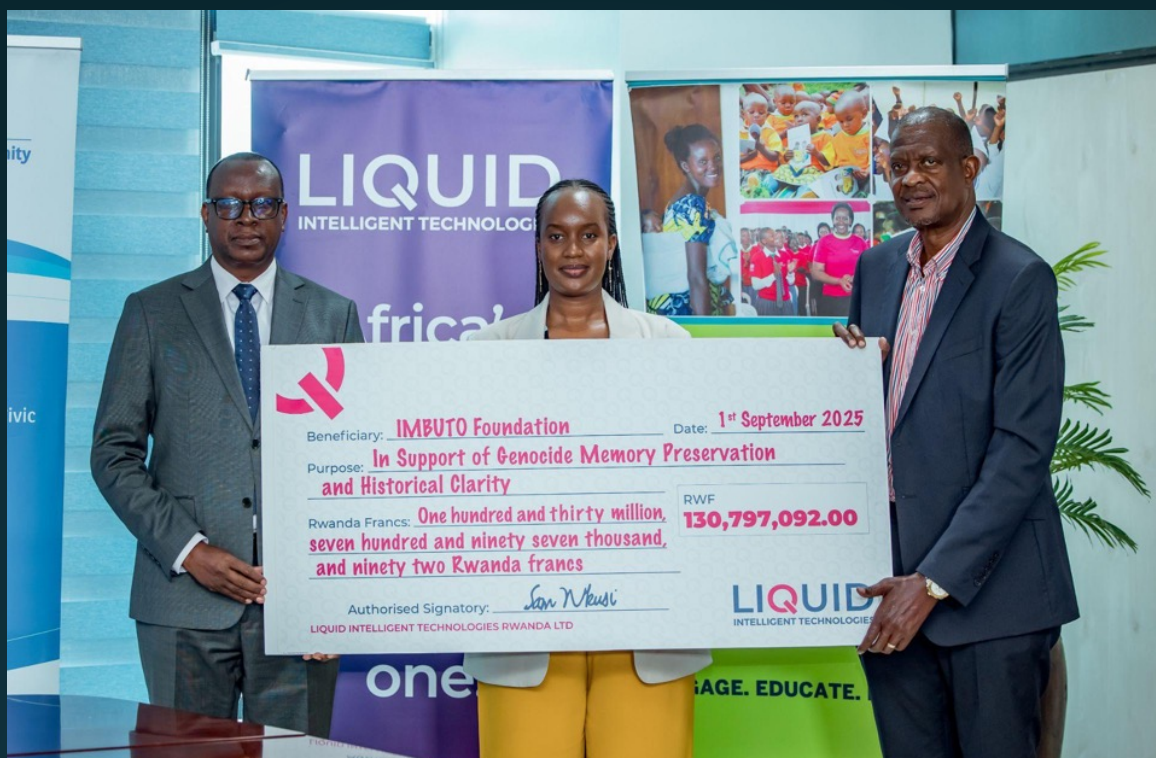
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*ArtRwanda-Ubuhanzi Xperience & Third Cohort Graduation Ceremony
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*Imbuto Foundation & MKU: Caregiver Certificate Award Ceremony
Kigali, 25 March 2026*



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