



IMBUTO FOUNDATION AT - A - GLANCE

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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*

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 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.

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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.

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.



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.



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.



502

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



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.



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.



933

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



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 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.

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.



3,987

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



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.



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.



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. were confirmed. All diagnosed women were referred to hospitals for follow-up and treatment.



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.



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.



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.



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.

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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

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.



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.



10

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.



227

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.



\$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.



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.



171

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.

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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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