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### **Biography**

Virgile Uzabumugabo is currently working with Oxfam in Rwanda as the Networks and Influencing Coordinator. Prior to joining Ikiraro, Virgile worked for Palladium Group International as a Partnership Manager, and prior to that he worked with Oxfam in Rwanda, in position of Program Officer in charge of Policy, Research and Peace, where he coordinated partnership on the Peace Beyond Borders program in Rwanda. He is currently the Chief Commissioner of the Rwanda Scouts Association, and over the last 25 years, he has developed a passion for children and youth development. He has served more than 14 years for children and youth-oriented programs and between 2009 and 2013 he worked with EDC/Akazi Kanoze since its establishment in Rwanda.

Virgile has an extensive experience in using community-based approaches to building new programming within existing communities, organizational efforts to develop consensus as well as stakeholders' commitment through participatory processes. While working with Handicap International as a Psychologist, he contributed to rebuilding social and community links, for the betterment of children and youth lives in Rwanda. Having worked with people from different cultural backgrounds, he has a teamwork spirit rich of a cultural diversity and is able to communicate in Kinyarwanda, French, English and average Swahili. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Clinical Psychology and a Masters in Development studies. In his free time, using his sense of humor Virgile likes blogging on emerging issues and initiate relevant discussions with his followers.