Hello!

We hope you are doing well and staying safe and healthy this month! We are excited to share with you our monthly newsletter containing updates on our projects. You can also read our stories of hope and get to know our staff!
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Observations:
Below are some of the observations from the AKA team:

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BRITE Project Updates

WRN audio program and e-Lesson Monitoring

In June, AKA team conducted field activity of following up and coaching WRN audio program and Trade based e-lesson trainers in South, North, and Western provinces, in 11 districts; 13 schools were visited; 12 TVET schools, and 1 Polytechnique. After each observation session, the team conducted one-on-one meetings with the observed trainers to provide feedback and coaching.
SDEPAY Project Updates

VSLG Field agents Training

From June 6th-9th 2022, SDEPAY team conducted training of 12 field agents from Nyaruguru, Gatsibo and Bugesera districts. Every district selected 4 field agents who will be supporting the creation of VSLGs, their sustainability, linkage to local authorities and financial institutions among other responsibilities.

The training aim was to strengthen technical and leadership capability of the members of VSLG leadership committees, improve financial and managerial skills of members of VSLG leadership committees among others.

Technical Training & Internship

AKA through SDEPAY project, organized a three-day training on soft skills (WRN&BYOB) for 16 YEGO Center staff from 8 YEGO Centers (Club Rafiki, YEGO Center Bugesera, Gatsibo, Gikondo, Kabuga, Nyaruguru, Rulindo and Rwamagana).

The participants received capacity building on the component of the Work Ready Now & Be Your Own Boss training manual, such as:

-Module 1: Personal Development (specifically on Setting Goals and making Plans)
-Module 2: LEADERSHIP
-Module 3: INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION
-Module 4: FINDING AND KEEPING WORK

A field agent (right) handing a manual book to a VSLG president (left)
UKB Project Updates

Business Champions Network Meeting

AKA in partnership with EDC have worked together to initiate networks of employers who supported UKB youth at district level. The establishment of a business champions network is in line with the sustainability of the project.

UKB business champions network (BCN) is intended to advocate for youth with disabilities to access work experience, part-time jobs, and jobs within the district. The workshops were conducted at the regional level; Southern, Northern and Kigali zone.

Employers appreciated disability mainstreaming training acquired as one of the pillars for their success to support youth with disabilities, committed to employing more youth as well as linking youth with disabilities to others.

Participants nominated representatives of the networks, and discussed roles and responsibilities which will include:

- BCN members to employ more UKB youths;
- Advocate for UKB youth to get jobs at other employers, government and Non-government agencies,
- Be UKB focal persons at the district level for youth with disability employment
- Link UKB youth to other employers.
- Shape with other employers to change mindsets about people with disability capacities, and productivity.
- Liaise with other UKB employers at the district level and beyond.

Business champions from Rulindo, Musanze and Rubavu
Uwiringiyimana Ismael is a student at Nyabihu TVET located in Nyabihu district; in Food Processing trade in level 5. He was a student who learnt by using work ready now audio program as of the BRITE Component for e-learning.

"I recently lost my notebook, this usually means borrowing notebooks from my colleagues and rewrite them sometime I copied mistakes but with moodle platform, I logged in and I immediately found the notes I wanted. I personally consider that platform as the second laboratory because there are video for learning and I used the check for understanding option to assess myself if I remembered what I have learned for a better preparation for National examination." said Ismael.
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1. What is your job title and how long have you been working with AKA?
I am an Entrepreneurship Field Officer since June 2017

2. What is your favorite thing about working with AKA?
My favorite thing about working with AKA is teamwork

3. What is your favorite hobby?
My favorite hobby is swimming

4. What 3 items would you take with you to a deserted island?
I would take a phone, food and a tent

5. What was your favorite subject in school?
My favorite subject was French

6. Who inspires you?
The person who inspires me is President Putin