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!

AKA Monthly Updates

STORIES OF HOPE

GET TO KNOW OUR TEAM

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

BUILDING RESILIENCE IN TVET TRAINING (BRITE)

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT PROMOTION AMONG YOUTH (SDEPAY)

UMURIMO KURIBOSE (UKB)
BRITE Project Updates

Master ToT and ToT on e-Work Based Learning (e-WBL)

In partnership with EDC, AKA conducted a master trainers training and trainers training of trainers on e-WBL, the main purposes of these two activities were:

- To empower Rwanda Polytechnic (RP) and TVET schools with e-Work Based Learning contents;
- To equip master trainers and trainers with the capacity to deliver e-WBL phase one lessons and to discuss how to monitor e-WBL integration in classrooms;
- To build the capacity of RP and TVET schools to integrate e-WBL Phase one lesson in their daily teaching process;
- To equip trainers with the capacity and ability to train others on e-WBL phase one.

Develop the trade-based e-lessons for four trades

In March, AKA team continued developing e-lessons for four trades. Below are some of the achievements:

- AKA team developed filming plan for e-lessons videos.
- AKA team reviewed and finalized 3 e-lesson videos (1 for domestic electricity and 2 for animal health)
- AKA staff in collaboration with EDC team finalized the review of all trade-based e-lessons
- AKA team reviewed and worked on video scripts for trade-based e-lessons.

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SDEPAY Project Updates

WRN&BYOB Training Second Cohort

The second cohort of WRN&BYOB youth training started on February 28th, 2022 at all sites from the 3 districts of intervention. 757 youth have enrolled (240 from Bugesera, 242 from Nyaruguru and 275 from Gatsibo). During this WRN&BYOB youth training, young mothers who have babies under 3 years are taken care of by professional caregivers on training site. This helps young mothers to follow trainings at ease.

Technical Training completion

In this month, SDEPAY project celebrated 15 youth who completed technical trainings in addition to WRN & BYOB trainings in the first cohort. These youth were trained in the following trades: tailoring, hairdressing and masonry.
UKB Project Updates

Youth leader training

In partnership with USAID Umurimo Kuri Bose Project, AKA conducted a 2 day training of 4 youth leaders in Rubavu district at Ubumwe Community Center the training was delivered by AKA external Master trainer. The objective of this training was to provide the foundation skills and knowledge necessary to become a productive youth leader. The youth leader guide has explicit content to help the youth leader to help their colleagues in the same group to achieve their goals.

Conduct Gender Equity and Social Inclusion workshops (GESI)

In partnership with EDC, AKA conducted Gender Equity and Social Inclusion dissemination workshops in 12 districts where UKB is implemented. The workshops gathered local leaders, faith based organizations and private sector representatives.

Prior to the dissemination workshops, EDC and AKA conducted an assessment to identify barriers that prevent young women and men with disabilities from successful participation in the workplace as well as to better understand the specific obstacles they face in finding and securing economic opportunities.
**Story of Hope**

**Visuals make learning easier**

Uwase Marie Claire is a student at Gatsibo TVET school in the Industrial Electricity trade in Level 5. She is one of the students who are learning through BRITE e-learning materials. “Before using these materials in our classes, the trainer would come and start teaching, giving notes and sometimes they would mention an object or material we would not get well what the trainer meant because most of the students would be hearing even those terms for the first time” says Claire.

“With the e-learning materials, we started using online lessons that are accompanied with pictures and videos; personally I was happy when we learned about pical hydro power plant, learning about its use was easier and exciting because I could see pictures and videos” she adds.

She continued expressing her gratitude to the project especially for the autonomy they now have in accessing those e-lessons. “The trainer gives us exercises and after class we go back to the computer lab as we have credentials to log into the platform, we do research and in the morning we make presentations. This helps us to stay focused and to actually enjoy the lessons” Claire says.
1. What is your job title and how long have you been working with AKA?
   I'm the communication officer and I've been working with AKA since August 2019.

2. What is your favorite thing about working with AKA?
   My favorite thing is the teamwork and flexibility among workmates.

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

4. What 3 items would you take with you to a deserted island?
   I would take a radio, journal, and sunscreen.

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

6. Who inspires you?
   I am inspired by anyone who can raise above their difficulties and make it in life.