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**OUR PROJECTS**

**USAID-HUGUKA DUKORE AKAZI KANOZE**

**Monitoring and quality assurance of the WRN&BYOB training activities**

In February and March, AKA team AKA staff conducted a follow up the progress of WRN-BYOB trainings at 7 APEFE schools and at 14 training sites of AVSI, SOS, Kibihekane TVET and NEP-KAYITANA FARM.

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<i>District</i>	<i>TVET School</i>	<i>Trade</i>	<i>Mal es</i>	<i>Fe- males</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Current module</i>
<i>Gasabo</i>	<i>BUMBOGO</i>	<i>Food processing</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Gatsibo</i>	<i>EFA NYA-GAHANGA</i>	<i>Food processing</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>completed</i>
<i>Gatsibo</i>	<i>GAKONI</i>	<i>Leather work</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>completed</i>
<i>Gakenke</i>	<i>JANJA</i>	<i>Tailoring</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>completed</i>
<i>Gisagara</i>	<i>KIGEMBE</i>	<i>Tailoring</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>completed</i>
<i>Huye</i>	<i>MARABA</i>	<i>Tailoring</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>completed</i>
<i>Nyagatare</i>	<i>CYONDO</i>	<i>Tailoring</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>completed</i>
<b><i>Grand Total</i></b>			<b><i>50</i></b>	<b><i>129</i></b>	<b><i>179</i></b>	

**APEFE SCHOOLS**

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## B. TRAINING SITES

IP name	District	Training site	# youth			Current module
			Male	Female	Total	
AVSI	Gicumbi	KIBALI TVET	3	19	22	7
		Bureau AVSI	12	49	61	6
		ADEPR Gisiza	4	29	33	7
		Assemblée de Dieu Nyamiyaga	9	31	40	7
		VTC Rutare	5	30	35	7
		Rutare Eglise Catholique	12	19	31	7
		Ruvune Eglise Neo Apostolique	3	10	13	7
			0	30	30	7
			0	35	35	7
		<b>Total AVSI</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>300</b>	
SOS	Gasabo	Rutungu	18	54	72	7
		Kigali Leading	5	20	25	7
		Kabuga	10	48	58	7
		Jabana	18	1	19	7
		Nduba	2	95	97	7
				<b>TOTAL SOS</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>218</b>
KOBLENZ	Nyabihu	Kibihokane TVET 2	18	0	18	4
NEP	Gakenke	KAYITANA FARM	13	6	19	2
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>37</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>132</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>608</b>	

#### Year 5 Field Officers Training on Condensed Youth Leadership and Accompaniment

EDC in partnership with AKA have organized and conducted a training to build capacity of IPs field officers, trainers on Condensed Youth Leadership and Accompaniment program, the aim of the training is to empower trainers who will support to train youth leaders. The training was conducted virtually on February 4th, 2021, it was attended by three AKA staff, EDC staff and new and existing implementing partners field officers who are youth leadership and accompaniment trainers. All year five 17(13M,4F) field officers from all year five implementing partners attended the training.

**Way forward:** The field officers were trained to train year five elected youth leaders, they will organize youth leaders face to face training at their respective implementing partners in the district, EDC will provide necessary tools such youth leaders manuals and guide, EDC will also facilitate youth leaders by providing transport and communication for field officers. AKA will continue to provide remote support during training and conduct field visits to youth groups.

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### Monitoring of youth accompaniment groups

AKA in partnership with EDC have organized joint field monitoring activity with IPs field officers to some few youth groups and, the objectives of the activity were:

- To ensure the youth leaders training have been conducted;
- To verify if youth leaders are facilitating youth groups to meet the objectives;
- To monitor the progress of youth groups in terms of conducted meetings and acquired employment;
- To empower youth leaders to be responsible and support their colleagues even when no IP staff is available;

#### Observations:

The field monitoring was successfully conducted, findings showed that youth groups will do better work to support their colleagues.

- Youth admit to have gained confidence and the ability to lead other youth from the YL&A program, they noticed difference between before attending the training and the state now;
- The groups interviewed meet once a week and the YLs send reports to IP field officers every month;
- Youth accompaniment groups have SILC as one of program components;
- Most of groups members are self-employed in agriculture, and tailoring.
- One group ABAHUJE in Ruhango, which manages to get some small contracts with secondary schools to repair uniforms). They are in a cooperative, the sewing machines were donated by Ministry of youth with UNDP and KOICA.
- Some youths have changed the place of living for instance once you call them, they apologize and explain to you that they are not around (They are far away in other areas looking for jobs, studies and other opportunities)

## USAID- UMURIMO KURI BOSE ACTIVITY

**Project Summary:** USAID Umurimo Kuri Bose Activity is set to promote and enable an inclusive Environment for Youth with Disabilities to access and succeed in employment and self-employment. The project will target 1560 youth (including 1,200 youth with disabilities and 360 youth without disabilities) from 12 districts selected in all 4 provinces of Rwanda.

### Refresher training to existing trainers

In March, EDC in partnership UKB DPOs and IPs have organized and conducted a WRN! refresher training. The UKB-refresher training has been successfully conducted, the training took place at Mu-hanga from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021. The refresher was attended by 31 trainers from BENIMPUHWE, AEE, RNUD (Rwanda National Union of the Deaf), RUB (Rwanda Union of the Blind), UWEZO and UPHLS.

#### Achievements:

- Trainers got chance to hear the summary of UKB as a project, mission, objectives, trainers went through the whole WRN!&BYOB curriculum content, activity by activity.
- They discussed best approaches to be used by adapting the activities with Cov-19 pandemic prevention measures as well as contextualize with UKB beneficiaries, they were aware that they will have to make sure that the content is clear to every UKB beneficiary.
- Trainers were very active, the training was characterized much exchanges between trainers providing ideas on how activities will be conducted putting into context cov-19 and different impairments.



*Trainers at the refresher session*

## STORY OF HOPE

### There's strength in working together

*“Abahuje”* (those who work together) youth group is located in Ruhango sector, Ruhango district. The group is made by 35 members (2 males, 33 females) in tailoring profession. Abahuje group got together after WRN & BYOB trainings at RODI one of Huguka Dukore Akazi Kanoze Implementing Partners in March 2020. *“Due to Covid-19, we had to stop the trainings but it did not stop our group to come up with a solution while waiting to resume. Our group started saving with the initial amount of 200 rwf per week, members would save according to their means”* says Ru-kundo Eric, Abahuje’s representative.

In the meantime, Ruhango district partnered with the Ministry of Youth and Culture and KOICA and they have Funded youth in Ruhango with technical skills to support them in the trying times of Covid-19. Abahuje group was among those youth. They have received financial support worth 6,500,000 Rwf. *“We were able to purchase 22 ordinary sewing machines, 2 electrical ones, sewing fabric and other materials. Despite the economic crisis, we have managed to run our business and we have landed few jobs. This is our main source of income and we all can take care of ourselves and our families”* says Eric.

Their long term goal is to register Abahuje at Rwanda Cooperative Agency as an official cooperative. *“We have noticed that we were missing some opportunities for big tenders as we did not have all required documents, the process of registering our group was initiated and we believe our income will increase when we start bidding for bigger tender”* Eric adds.

Abahuje group members are determined to work hard as they make profit from the donations and as they improve their lives.



*Abahuje group members at their tailoring workshop*



**Our Mission** is to provide youth with employability skills, access to capital and other support services to take advantage of economic opportunities.

**Our vision** is to be a leading Organization contributing to youth well-being through employability skills and support services.

**Our values** are: *integrity, excellence, professionalism and innovation.*

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