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Message from Chief Executive

Changing the world starts at home, which means responding to the basic human needs, growth, transformation, and activism, which begin and shine within you and me to make a difference in the world. When we are inspired, we in turn inspire others hence we look forward to fulfilling our mission to empower communities in Rwanda and around the region.

As the Global Humanitarian and Development Foundation (GHDF), we are honored to share with you the various interventions, campaigns, and accomplishments made during the 2020-2021 period. Community empowerment is at the center of our holistic approach in promoting self-reliance to improve the lives of vulnerable communities, particularly during the challenging period of the pandemic. GHDF continues to do its best to respond to the human needs of the population, educate the youth, promote advocacy and human rights, promote a healthy lifestyle, and encourage economic development.

Even though it was not an easy journey, the endless dedication and compassionate actions of the Project Partners and GHDF team made it possible to rise above the challenges and provide sustainable services in the refugee camps and the host communities. During the pandemic, it was even more challenging for vulnerable communities and it took a toll on their livelihood. In close partnership with UNICEF (Embassy of Japan), UNHCR, Sign of Hope, and UNCDF, GHDF responded to the crisis by adapting to the new norm in order to continue providing reliable and sustainable assistance and services in refugee camps and host communities through awareness and advocacy projects to promote hygiene best practices and human rights advocacy alongside prevention measures. In order to achieve the desired outcomes, trainings were conducted in vulnerable communities in order to train community ambassadors and influencers to promote the best hygiene practices and carry out community awareness and advocacy. We recognize and acknowledge the capacities, sacrifices, and contributions of community influencers and ambassadors for their continued support and tireless work in ensuring education, advocacy and hygiene awareness for better health in their communities.

On behalf of GHDF, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you as community leaders, volunteers, partners, and contributors who have participated in and engaged with our work, supported us financially, and inspired us. You have helped us create impact where it matters most, and it is in this that will drive us forward to face the future with renewed optimism and hope. We look forward to fulfilling our mission of empowering communities in Rwanda and around the region.

Sincerely,

Patrick KARANGWA

Chief Executive

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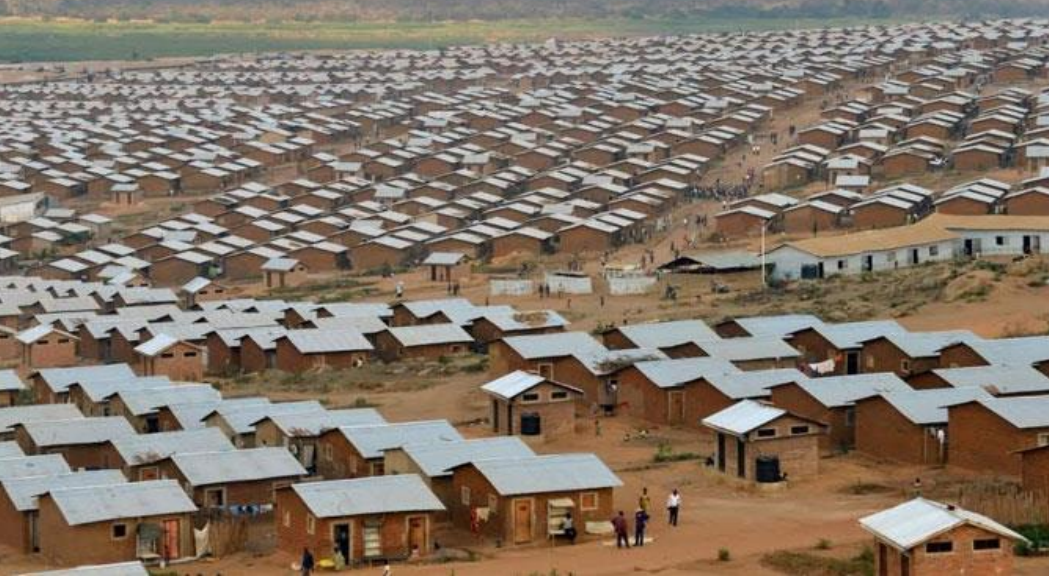
Humanitarian Response

Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) in Refugee Camps and Host Communities

Leaving everything behind and beginning another lifestyle in a refugee setting in a different country with different laws, different living conditions, education, health systems, and different cultural expectations is a challenge and requires a period of adjustment. At the fore front children, young people and women in particular face challenges because of their experiences and status in the community where older people seem to take advantage of their situation. GHDF partnered with stakeholders on creating individuals and community's awareness to learn basic human rights mainly focusing on adolescent and women while curbing drug addiction among young people which is at a high level in the vulnerable communities especially refugees in refugee camps and host communities alongside promoting positive parenting and key family practices such as breastfeeding.

In 2018, there was Ebola outbreak in the neighboring countries of Rwanda and through partnership with UNICEF, GHDF responded by creating awareness and EVD prevention measures in all refugee camps in Rwanda but due to COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, the resource focus shifted to addressing the pandemic crisis and Mahama refugee camp was the main focus since it has the largest population and was more at risk. GHDF worked tirelessly to create awareness in Mahama refugee camp and host communities to curb the spread of diseases through hygiene best practices which is one of GHDF's areas of expertise. Activities implemented mainly focused on the most immediate preventive and avoidance mechanisms.

Mahama Refugee camp is a home to a big number of both Congolese and Burundian refugees after Congolese refugees from Kigeme and Gihembe refugee camps were shifted. Mahama refugee camp being the biggest refugee camp in Rwanda hosts more than 50,000 refugees living in a concentrated and congested camp setting which puts the total population in the camp to experience a very high risk of basic human rights violation and high level of drug addiction and abuse mostly among young population.



Risk Communication and Community Engagement in Refugee Camps (Mahama, Kigeme, Kiziba, Nyabiheke) and Gashora Reception Centre

In line with GHDF's mission of supporting the vulnerable communities, GHDF constructed shelters as well as created awareness on hygiene best practices through provision of water, portable latrine construction. Also through its partnership with UNICEF to create awareness in refugee camps and host communities to curb the spread of Ebola though, in 2020 the focus shifted to curbing the spread of COVID-19. Activities implemented mainly focused on the most immediate preventive and avoidance mechanisms. The implementation approaches were periodically rehearsed through with partners including local authorities, Camp management teams and partners to keep up with the unique and evolving nature of the crisis.

The project also focused on creating individuals and community's awareness to learn effective infection prevention and control (IPCs) measures necessary to prevent further or any spread of infection in the already vulnerable communities more so refugees and host communities.

GHDF in collaboration with local authorities, refugee camp management and stakeholders identified influencers who were trained on Ebola preventive measures and later on COVID-19 IPCs measures and basic information concerning Social and Behavior Change Communication (SBCC) and tasked to do awareness activities in their respective communities. Methods used included door to door visits, small group gathering and in public places such as markets and schools around Mahama Refugee camp.

RISK COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT VISITATION in June 2020



H.E. Masahiro Imai the Ambassador of JAPAN to Rwanda and the delegation visited UNICEF and GHDF's risk communication and community engagement activities

During the visit, the area of focus was capacity strengthening of community influencers who were trained on message dissemination on human rights advocacy, hygiene best practices and drug abuse prevention. The trained community influencers with GHDF staff showcased how they conduct door to door sensitization in creating awareness for best hygiene practices as a preventive measure for diseases. Direct engagement of influencers and the community on human rights advocacy brought about interactive discussions hence an easier way for message dissemination.



Ms. Julianna Lindsey UNICEF's Country Representative and delegates appreciating the influencers for the work they do in awareness activities.

Activity Demonstration

Brief demonstrations of activities were carried out to showcase the organized settings on how the awareness was conducted by influencers. Community influencers showcased what is actually done during COVID-19 prevention awareness around the camp. Influencers conducted the demonstration activity by themselves while the delegation watched. Delegates were very pleased with the demonstration session and H.E Masahiro Imai appreciated the work done and emphasized that the message dissemination was at the grassroots level which was something to appreciate and well done despite the challenge of limited interactions due to camp manager refusing the GHDF staff to present for one hour as scheduled to instead present for less than twenty minutes saying he was not well informed.

Achievements in Refugee Camps

- 300 community influencers among refugees were trained to conduct door to door awareness
- 21,000 households were reached and sensitized about COVID-19
- A total number of 79,719 individuals were reached including children
- 20 big size flexi banners with COVID-19 messages were printed and placed in public places around the refugee camps
- 1500 pastors with covid-19 message were placed around different places around the camp.
- Competition among hygiene club in the refugee camp was organized.



Trained Refugee influencers during awareness in village campaign in the camp.

Human Rights Advocacy in Vulnerable Communities.

GHDF has been at the forefront in promoting both individuals and community's awareness to learn their human rights by advocating for positive parenting, prevention of sexual abuse of adolescents, and LGBTIQ+ rights in the vulnerable communities, especially in refugee camps and host communities. The project aims at promoting gender equality which is at the heart of sexual, gender-based violence especially among the young people who make up 60% of refugees according to UNHCR Rwanda population statistics 2020.

GHDF adopted innovative methods to create awareness on human rights advocacy as well as promoting healthy socialization. The methods included;

1. **Door to door sensitization-** Ghdf staff visited households in order to conduct individual awareness on Human Rights advocacy.
2. **Community advocacy and educational gatherings awareness** - Ghdf staff with trained refugee influencers conducted community awareness on village level campaigns where talking books were used. These gatherings were mainly organized by the advocacy and education clubs that were created by the trained influencers in their villages for active participation of adolescents as well as for the long term awareness.
3. **Public Awareness campaigns** - Through use of existing community platforms to create awareness through drama, music and sports clubs which organized gatherings and healthy competitions mainly using megaphones at the camp level.
4. **Radio live talk shows** - This approach was used based on mass coverage in order to reach a large population even outside refugee camps. During the talk shows, GHDF staff along with an invited expert would interact with radio followers through phone calls where they asked questions and aired out their concerns and complains. Radio coverage was throughout the entire province in order to reach even those outside the refugee camps and host communities.



HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY

- **Communication for development (C4D)**
- **Prevention Sexual abuse of adolescents**
- **LGBTIQ+ Rights advocacy**

Communication for Development (C4D)

As a human right, positive parenting is the main objective for population sensitization in vulnerable communities especially refugee camps. Promoting positive parenting through breastfeeding, child vaccination and child registration, hygiene best practices and key family practices advocacy for a healthy population. The focus for C4D was specifically on Child maternal health since most young mothers are under the age of 25years old in refugee camps.

Through innovative methods, the introduction of a new communication tool called “Talking book” to reinforce the Community Health Workers' (CHW) message delivery. Talking books are small devices equipped with a speaker and loaded with a number of prerecorded messages approved by concerned Rwandan authorities and for the first time were introduced in Refugee Camps, thanks to the generous contribution of the embassy of Japan through UNICEF and the partnerships with Literacy Bridge and the center for Behaviour Change and communication (CBCC) as they were given to the CHWs to use on their door-to-door visits and community events to raise awareness.



Refugees listening to recorded messages about human rights advocacy using talking books during community advocacy and educational gatherings awareness activity in refugee camp.

Gender Based Violence Prevention among Adolescents

Prevention of Sexual abuse of adolescents.

At the heart of Human rights advocacy, prevention of Sexual abuse of adolescents with the girl child at the forefront mainly in teaching them their human rights and the validation of their choices through the SINIGURISHA (I am not for sale) Campaign. GHDF is dedicated to creating awareness on sexual reproductive health in Refugee Camps and host communities.

Sexual abuse among adolescent by the older people especially outside entrepreneurs who manipulate their decisions on the basis of their financial struggles has brought about challenges of early pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV/AIDS. 60% of the population in refugee camps are in the age group of 0-24 years old hence GHDF emphasis on their protection against GBV and teaching them their human rights. In order to rise above such challenges GHDF and its partners trained Refugee influencers on sexual reproductive health in order to fully engage the adolescents through drama, music and sports clubs so that they learn the value of their choices.



On the left side is Mr. Vincent, GHDF refugee Programs director and A communication expert on the right during radio live talk show.

LGBTIQ+ Rights Advocacy

LGBTIQ+ persons may be subjected to physical, sexual and verbal abuse and discrimination by their families and communities, because of who they are or perceived to be. This might be because of the prevailing cultural and social norms, which result in intolerance and prejudice, or because of law negligence which reflect these attitudes where such acts of abuse and discrimination go unpunished and where LGBTIQ+ orientation is neglected leading to the violation of their human rights.

And through the existing platforms, with the facilitation of other partners, GHDF advocates for their rights as a marginalized and stigmatized community through sexual orientation awareness in order to prevent discrimination, persecution and violence against them. Specifically, the LGBTIQ+ persons have a hard time being able to express themselves due to fear of being abused or violated hence sexual orientation awareness is mainly conducted at individual and community level to reduce stigmatization cases in the refugee camps and host communities.



Public awareness campaign using megaphone by GHDF staff on human rights advocacy

Drug Abuse Prevention Awareness

Alcohol is the most widely used substance in the refugee camps. Beer, wine, and liquor are most popular alcoholic beverages, however, in refugee camp settings, home-brewed Alcohol that is made using corn, seeds or sorghum are mostly used and popular in refugee camps. These homebrews can be problematic because they can have a wide range of alcohol content (often unknown to the drinker) and, in some cases, may have very high alcohol content since they are unregulated and can contain other toxins which are harmful.

Other psychoactive substances such as cannabis (weed smoking) are widely used by youth, which potentiate many underlying problems and contribute to the erosion of social relations and community structure. Interventions to minimize harmful use of alcohol and other psychoactive substances can lead to positive changes. Rapid assessments with appropriate tools were used in understanding the situation. The partnership of GHDF staff and refugees for inclusive approaches were used essentially based on field experience in refugee camps.

Refugees residing in camps often face a multitude of interrelated problems. Situations such as limited space, reduced livelihood opportunities, breakdown in community social support, dependence on aid and erosion of cultural values may all contribute to the emergence or increase of social problems and use of drugs. Within this web of interrelated factors, alcohol and other psychoactive substances can be both an additional stressor. GHDF adapted practical interventions targeting the entire community (not only users) to achieve a positive deference that is linked to ongoing programs. Contrary to popular belief, most alcohol and drug addiction related harm is the result of hazardous and harmful use.



GHDF staff, Ms. Clair and anti-drug abuse communication expert during KT Radio live talk show about drug abuse prevention

In refugee camp settings, home-brewed Alcohol that is made using corn, seeds or sorghum are mostly used and popular



Educational and advocate clubs performing during community advocacy awareness

Achievements

- Influencers identified among refugees and host communities were trained on adolescent sexual reproductive health, human rights advocacy and key family practices.
- Education and advocacy groups were established so that they can keep creating awareness for the long term period.
- The trained influencers carried out public awareness
- Engaging the adolescents in the activities carried out and also giving out arm bands branded with “SINIGURISHA!” message so that they understand their rights and not be sexual exploited by the older people both in the refugee camp and host communities.

Livelihood Programs in Refugee Camps – As a Response to Reduced Food Ratios

Livelihood in refugee camps has been a challenging aspect due to a lot of resource limitations such as food ratio reduction. GHDF responded to this crisis through introduction of programs to improve livelihood opportunities in areas of ICT, tailoring, crafting, among others in order to support and improve the lives of refugees especially young girls and women and their living conditions.

In order to improve refugee livelihood, GHDF partnered with American embassy to enhance refugee living condition through vocational trainings and sustainable access to financial services for investment. The project, aims to provide social support services and social cohesion initiatives mainly to adolescents and young women living in refugee camps. Through guiding and counseling on financial education, young refugees' knowledge and

confidence in addressing their needs for small scale business was achieved.

At the beginning, ICT and tailoring trainings were delivered to 105 refugees alongside the training beneficiaries who were trained on financial education and business development. Later on they were grouped into savings and loan associations (SLAs) and finally linked to formal financial institutions in order to get access to loans for investment. To equip the young women with more skills to help them cope with life especially in the refugee camps setting where there are at a very high risk of facing human rights violation and sexual exploitation due to their living conditions. The beneficiaries were also trained on how to make liquid soap and Kitenge dyeing (dyeing plain colored piece of cloth) materials to raise its value.



Kazungu's Testimony



Trained young refugees are always invited in different exhibition within refugee camp by stakeholders

KAZUNGU Jacqueline is a young woman Congolese refugee who didn't complete her studies due to her being disabled sits with GHDF staffs to share her story, "I would not have been here without the help of GHDF project," she says with a sigh. "I have a very long story," she starts with her eyes closed while nodding her head from right to left. "At a young age am a mother of three children where two of them were born in the refugee camp," Jacqueline continues while facing down. Kazungu did not complete her formal education due to her disability status it was not easy for her to continue with school back at her home country education. "My life puzzled more when I fled my country," she says with agony in her face.

She was lonely without knowing what to do with no money to start any business like others and had no skills the only option she had was to look up to UNHCR for her survival.

"My hope was revived after attending different livelihood trainings from GHDF", Jacqueline said with a smile on her face. She confirmed that GHDF was offering credible education on self-confidence and benefiting on the possible opportunities in both refugee camp community and host communities. "I was taught to love myself and become a stronger person for me and my children," she says, her voice filled with hope.

KAZUNGU owns a small tailoring workshop in the refugee camp and a member of **Twizerane** saving group with her fellow refugees where she saves 2000 Frw as weekly save and 200 Frw as social fund. “I am now very happy since am able to cater for some of my basic need given that even UNHCR has reduced some of the support we were getting. Despite the reduction on the support from UNHCR am able to support myself and now I have vision for my children’s future”, she concluded with a smile and hope in her face.

“I am so thankful that GHDF helped me realize what I am capable of and supporting me to change my life,” she concluded.

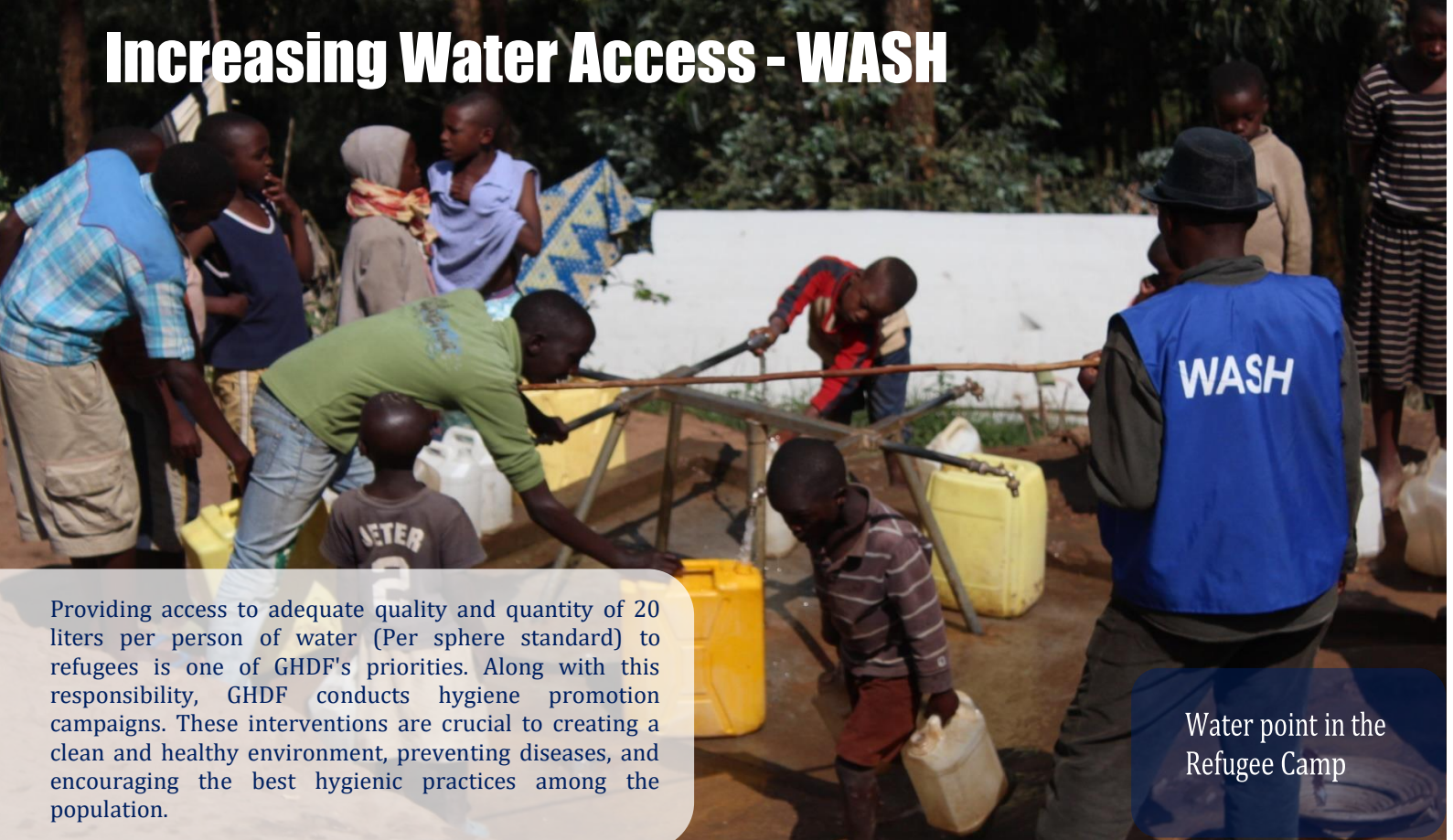


Trained refugees are grouped into saving and loan association



Refugees have been taught on how to make detergents

Increasing Water Access - WASH



Providing access to adequate quality and quantity of 20 liters per person of water (Per sphere standard) to refugees is one of GHDF's priorities. Along with this responsibility, GHDF conducts hygiene promotion campaigns. These interventions are crucial to creating a clean and healthy environment, preventing diseases, and encouraging the best hygienic practices among the population.

Water point in the Refugee Camp

Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion

Considering living conditions of refugees in Mahama Refugee Camp GHDF ensured continuous hygiene promotion activities aiming to create a healthier environment for refugees and host communities. Given that untreated water and lack of proper sanitation and hygiene put refugee health, education and livelihoods at risk GHDF focuses on all ages in its mobilization activities. Hygiene and sanitation clubs has been used in daily mobilization where 7,026 households and 42,304 individuals have been reached in Mahama refugee camp and host communities. Other activities done include;

Achievements

- Daily door to door visits by hygiene promoters
- Weekly Jerry can cleaning campaigns
- Dissemination of messages through community works, meetings, worship centers, Community Hygiene Clubs
- Mass campaigns.



Engaging Youth Volunteers in the COVID-19 awareness Campaign in High Risks Districts



Health

Engaging youth
volunteers in the
COVID-19 prevention
awareness campaigns



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GHDF in partnership UNICEF trained 114 youth volunteers from four high risk districts namely Kirehe, Rubavu, Rusizi and Nyamasheke. The main objective of the training was to increase the RCCE technical capacity of youth volunteers in order to implement effectively awareness and community engagement activities focusing on COVID 19 and other potential outbreak such as EVD in public places around the high risk districts. Trained youth volunteers were guided on how to conduct public awareness and educating people on outbreaks (COVID-19 and EVD) mainly focusing on proper hand washing practices and reinforcing on preventive measures put across by the local administration such as physical distancing, proper wearing of face mask and use

Rwanda Youth Volunteers is a program working closely with local authorities to support government efforts against COVID-19 in Awareness and community engagement across the country. Those youth work under a volunteer group formed, composed of students, new graduates, and young entrepreneurs. The youth volunteers conduct awareness on streets, market entrances, bus parks, bus stops, schools and churches to educate Rwandans about health guidelines to prevent the spread of the coronavirus and reinforce the government instructions against COVID-19.



“Our target is to leave no one behind”

A youth volunteer demonstrates the proper way to wash ones hands with soap at a taxi park entrance in Kirehe district

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Youth volunteers were trained and given orientation session on Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) which resulted in having updated current information on Covid-19. Community Sensitization conducted in strategic public places by youth volunteers in 4 selected high risk Districts (which were bordering Rwanda's neighboring countries) and hand washing demonstration approaches carried out daily facilitated Covid -19 prevention message dissemination.



Achievements

- 114 youth volunteers were trained
- A total number of 897,664 individuals were reached including children
- 228 big size flexi banners with COVID-19 messages were printed and placed in public places in the 4 high risk districts
- 57 modern hand washing stations together with liquid soap were given to youth volunteers from each sector to ease their work them during hand washing demonstration.
- Competition on COVID-19 prevention (Q&A) in each sector was organized.
- 146 Anti-COVOD-19 clubs were created in schools.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)



GHDF and Sign of Hope entered into agreement to implement the project “Improvement and creation of awareness on water and hygiene for vulnerable people in Ntarama sector, Bugesera District, Rwanda”. The overall objective of the project is to ensure increased awareness on equitable access and utilization of safe water and improved hygiene for the most vulnerable households in Ntarama sector.

The year 2020 indicated significant change for the residents of Ntarama sector, Bugesera district. Before then, residents in Ntarama sector used water from marches and rivers as a result suffered from waterborne diseases which put their life in danger.



Participant giving her opinion during the training



Participant taking note during the training

Achievements

- Trained 30 Local leaders in Ntarama sector on WASH good practices.
- Trained 60 WASH ambassadors on WASH good practices and tasked to do house to house awareness
- Awareness was done to 420 Households in Ntarama sector on WASH good practices by ambassadors through door to door visits
- Maintained two water sources in Cyugaro cell.
- Established water management committees in 2 villages and trained their members in hygiene and water systems management.
- Provided water wells maintenance tools to Management committees

Pupils have embraced the hand washing culture while utilizing time previously used in fetching water to study



Before GHDF improvement of the water source Kingabo village in Cyugaro cell

Since September 2020 when the WASH project was launched in Ntarama sector, some of water and sanitation problems have been solved and hygiene and sanitation infrastructures have been improved. Some of the Ntarama residents no longer fetch water in marshes.

The change in Ntarama sector came through the introduction of water users committees. Management of existing water infrastructure has likewise been delegated to hygiene ambassadors, 60 in total have received training in the management of water infrastructure.



After GHDF improvement of the water source Kingabo village in Cyugaro cell

Project Achievements

Trained ambassadors are tasked to;

- I. Do awareness concerning WASH through door to door visits in their villages.
- II. Maintain existing water sources on a daily basis
- III. Conduct WASH awareness to the people coming to fetch water at water points.

GBV Prevention among Adolescents

GHDF's partnership with UNICEF also materialized through the extension of the GBV prevention project among adolescents, focusing on six sectors of Musanze District.

GHDF and UNICEF have continued to mobilize and sensitize the youth between the ages of 10 to 19 years and to provide medical services to vulnerable adolescents with the support of Musanze District Hospital and Health Centers.



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HIV-GBV
Prevention
volunteers
mobilizing the
youth in Musanze

Achievements

- Training of 120 GBV prevention volunteers
- Mass mobilization and community outreach with mobile clinic
- Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC), including Tetanus vaccination: 3600 adolescents circumcised in 2017
- Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT) Campaign: 2000 adolescents tested for HIV/AIDs so far. (the campaign is ongoing)
- Since 2014, more than 30 000 adolescents have benefited from free medical services (VMMC and VCT), more than 10 000 condoms have been distributed and more than 200 000 adolescents have been reached with GBV prevention messages.





Economic Development



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Members of the Benerugo Savings Group in Bugesera District are improving their livelihood by manufacturing sandals, bags and developing other small businesses.

Sustainable Access to Financial Services for Investment (SAFI)

Since 2006, GHDF has been using the SAFI approach to promote financial inclusion and reduce poverty among vulnerable communities in Rwanda. Through basic financial education trainings, the establishment of saving groups, and provision of tools and support for effective management, GHDF has

helped thousands of individuals lift themselves out of poverty and improve the living conditions of their families.

GHDF has participated in establishing more than 1600 saving groups, with approximately 50 000 members. 65% of the members are women.



GHDF field officer (firstrow, third from the right) stands with a savings group after their weekly meeting.

Daphrosa's Testimony



Daphrosa shares her story while group members sit in the background



Kitenge fabric dyeing process

“My name is Daphrosa NYIRAZIREZE; I am 44 years old, married and mother of two. I live in Twimpala village in Bugesera District. I am a member of the Terimbere Mwali saving group which was established in March 2013, bringing together 23 women and 7 men. Thanks to GHDF, we learned about financial skills, how to organize ourselves and save money every week”.

Initially, each member saved 200 Rwandan francs (Rwf) and 50 Rwf to be used as an emergency fund. The main objective was to support and encourage young girls of the community who were going to school. Part of the money saved was used to pay for their school materials and other needs. After nine months, we shared our savings, which amounted to 30 000 rwf each. During the second saving cycle, we increased the weekly savings by 50 Rwf and kept giving each other loans, but the savings did not amount to much. For this reason, our group started dyeing white Kitenge fabrics and selling them, hence increasing the member's shares of savings. GHDF showed us the dyeing technique to encourage our income generating activities and it has been working very well. We would purchase the white Kitenge fabric for 3000 rwf and selling it for 8000 rwf after the dyeing process. In a week we would produce and sell about 6 of them, but nowadays we sell 10 every week. The quality of our Kitenge is very good; even as it gets old it remains with its color. Many group members wear them every day. At the moment each group member contributes 1000 rwf per week to the savings with an additional 100 rwf in case of emergency.

Our market is still small and we don't have the capacity to sell in other areas. In addition, the prices of materials we use are expensive here in Rwanda. We wish we could purchase them in Uganda and expand our market. Our dream is to turn this activity into an enterprise, with a permanent address and to be known for our product.

Final Result



We have also joined efforts with another saving group called Twihangire Umurimo who is producing liquid and solid soap. Our group will also start producing and selling soap in the near future. My family's life has significantly improved since joining the saving group. I am now able to pay school fees for both of my children attending high school, I have renovated my house, and I am also able to

put food on the table. I wish that we can continue developing our skills and sell our products in Kigali, the capital, and outside of Rwanda. I believe that if we increase our capacity and market we could produce 60 dyed Kitenge fabric per day.”

Adolatha's Testimony

“My name is Adolatha AHAMALIYA; I live in a village called Kirago in Juru Sector, Bugesera District. I am married, I have 4 children and my job is selling crops.

I joined a saving group in 2013. At that time, my family's financial situation was quite bad, I did not even have a land which I could cultivate. By the end of the 2013, I asked for a loan and started the business of selling beans. I started my business with a capital of 160 000 Rwf, coming from my savings (120 000 Rwf) and the loan I took from the saving group (40 000 Rwf). After selling the beans, my capital increased to 200 000 Rwf. I continued selling beans until my capital reached 500 000 Rwf. At that point, I started buying more expensive beans called “Coltan” which are very expensive and which are cultivated in our District. I would purchase 1kg for 500 Rwf and sell it for 530 Rwf. Progressively I managed to buy bigger quantities, reaching 2 tonnes and then 3 tonnes.

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Adolatha AHAMALIYA,
Also known as
“Mama Coltan”



By that time, I managed to buy two farms and I could easily pay for my children's school fees. I also managed to renovate my house and afford electricity. In 3 years, **my capital has increased from 160 000 Rwf to 3 500 000 Rwf.** I have a permanent market in Bugesera District and even one distributor in Congo. I am planning to expand in Nyanza District and my goal is to work in all the Districts in Rwanda.

I am very thankful for the help of GHDF and I wish many more saving groups can be created so that others can also improve their livelihoods. I would appreciate if GHDF can assist in expanding our market and our services to people in different areas. Even if the demand grows, I am sure I would be able to have enough supply. Everybody knows me as Mama Coltan (the name of these beans),

and during harvest season all the people who cultivate these beans in the area supply to me.

I encourage everyone to join a saving group and to take a loan to develop some income generating activity. Many people are scared to take a loan, thinking that they will not be able to pay it back. I was also hesitant in the beginning, but I can attest that if you take a loan and use it wisely, it will generate profit and improve your living conditions “

high quality “Coltan” beans





Youth Empowerment and Education

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Youth from Nyamagabe Youth Center pose for a picture after attending their daily training.

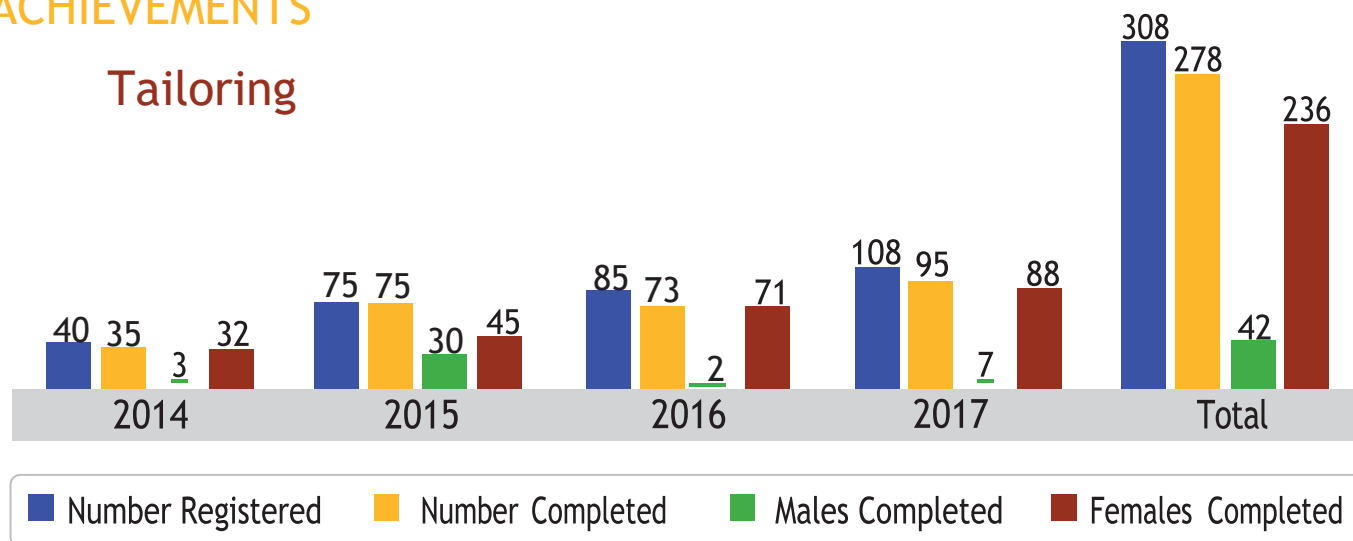
YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND EDUCATION

Following the Government's vision of transforming Rwanda into a middle-income country, the youth who represent more than 40 % of the population, will play a significant part in reaching this objective. In order to provide opportunities to students, school dropouts and unemployed youth, GHDF offers a variety of Technical and

Vocational Education and Training (TVET), as well as educational and recreational activities for them to learn, socialize and improve their skills in a healthy environment. These activities take place in the two Youth Centers managed by GHDF, namely, Peak Family Itorero Youth Center in Nyamagabe District and Isangano Youth Center in Gatsibo District

ACHIEVEMENTS

Tailoring



- 95 youths completed the tailoring training this year
- A total of 278 have completed this training since it started in 2014

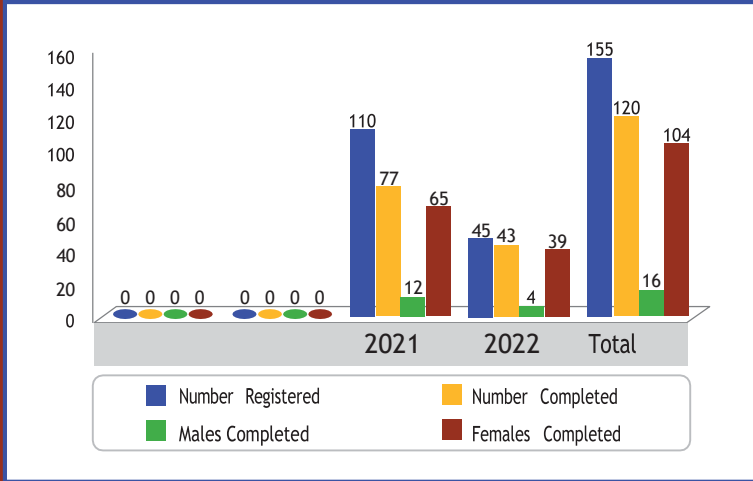
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Tailoring Training at Peak Family Itorero Youth Center, Nyamagabe District

Hair Dressing

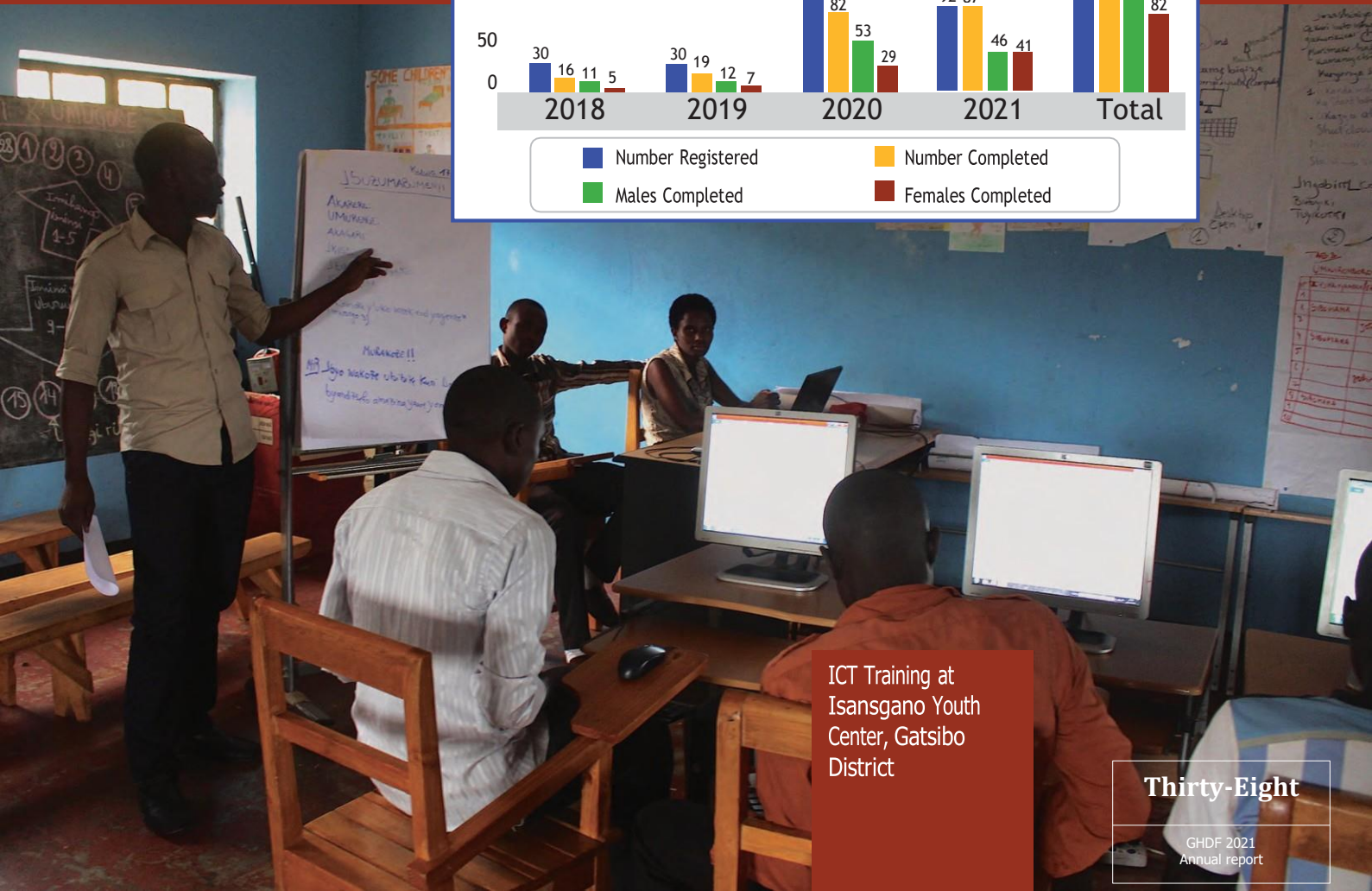
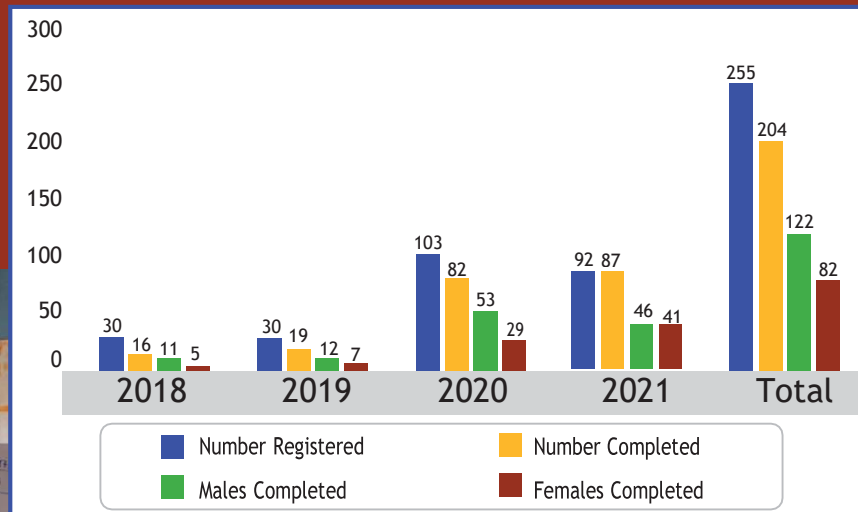


- **43 youths** completed the hair dressing and salon work training
- In 2016, **77 youths** had completed this training, bringing the total number of graduates up to 120.

Hairdressing Training at Peak Family Youth Center



Information and Communication Technology (ICT)



ICT Training at Isangano Youth Center, Gatsibo District





Nyamagabe
Youth Center
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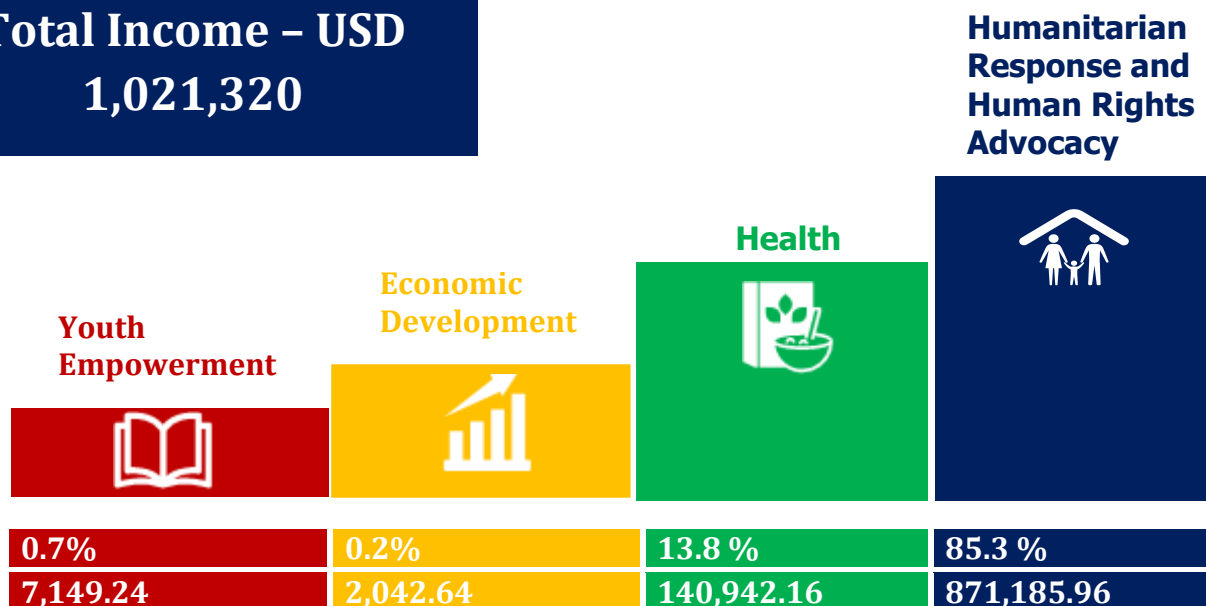
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2020 - 2021 Financial Details

	Humanitarian and Human Right Advocacy Response	Health	Economic Development	Youth Empowerment
Amount (USD)	871,185.96	140,942.16	2,042.64	7,149.24
%	85.3 %	13.8 %	0.2	0.7

Total Income – USD
1,021,320



Humanitarian Response and Human Rights Advocacy (Risk Communication and Community Engagement; Procurement of sanitation materials, communication for development; Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights among Adolescent, WASH)

Health (EVD prevention awareness and COVID-19 prevention awareness in high risk Districts)

Economic Development (S.A.F.I)

Youth empowerment (trainings in youth centers)

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