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BUILDING STRONG PARTNESHIPS FOR RAPID,  
EFFECTIVE HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE





## Message From Chief Executive

As a new year begins and we look ahead to fulfill our mission to empower communities in Rwanda and around the world.

I am honored to share with you the various interventions, campaigns and achievements carried out by Global Humanitarian and Development Foundation (GHDF) over the course of 2017. Maintaining our holistic approach to improve the lives of vulnerable communities and promote their self-reliance, GHDF continues to do its best to respond to the basic human needs of the population, promote a healthy lifestyle, encourage economic development and educate the youth.

Collaborating closely with our key partners; the Ministry of Disaster Management and Refugee Affairs of Rwanda (MIDIMAR), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the United Nation's Children Fund (UNICEF), the GHDF team has been working tirelessly to provide outstanding service and support to the people in need living in Rwanda. In Reception Centers and Refugee Camps, GHDF continues to provide water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) promotion services while constructing and maintaining shelters and other infrastructures. These interventions benefit large numbers of refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, as well as the Rwandan returnees coming back to their country of origin with the support of UNHCR. GHDF's Health programs also benefit both refugees and Rwandan communities, partnering with UNICEF to promote key family practices and sensitizing the youth in regards to HIV and GBV prevention. As for the economic development and youth empowerment programs, they are both directed towards poverty reduction, fuelled by the acquisition of technical and financial skills and the promotion of income generating activities. GHDF's interventions strongly support and abide by the policies, strategic plan and guidelines of the Government of Rwanda's Vision 2020, the Economic Development and Poverty Reduction Strategy II (EDPRS II), the Sustainable Development Goals agenda, as well as the policies of the above- mentioned partners.

On behalf of GHDF, I would like to express my gratitude to our donors for their generous contributions and our partners for their technical and financial support. GHDF is dedicated to make the best use these precious resources, and to have the greatest impact on the lives of the most vulnerable communities in Rwanda. We are very proud of all that we have accomplished in the past 17 years, and are determined to continue improving day by day to make this world a better and safer place for all.

Sincerely,

Patrick KARANGWA  
Chief Executive

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# Humanitarian Response





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Construction of improved dischargeable latrine in mahama refugee camp.

Full potential

# Humanitarian Response in Reception Centers and Refugee Camps

In line with our mission of helping the most vulnerable communities, GHDF continues providing services and assistance to refugees and returnees living in Transit Centers, Reception Centers and Refugee Camps in Rwanda. While the principle refugee influx has been coming from Burundi since 2015, reaching over 88 500 people in November 2017, close to 75 000 refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) are also living in Rwanda at this moment (UNHCR Factsheet, November 2017). Furthermore close to 15 000 Rwandans living abroad have returned and been received with the support of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in 2017. Although the number of refugees

coming from Burundi has significantly decreased in 2017, small numbers of people are still crossing the border every month to seek protection in Rwanda. The Mahama Refugee Camp is currently hosting more than 54 000 Burundians and this population is still growing due to the new-arrivals and new-borns. On the DRC's side, the situation has remained more or less stable throughout the past year, but tensions are still being felt due the DRC president's reluctance to leave power and their government's inability to organize legitimate elections. Due to this disturbance, the government of Rwanda's Ministry of Refugee Affairs (MIDIMAR), UNHCR, GHDF and other partners remain attentive and prepared for a potential influx

in 2018. Simultaneously, Rwandan citizens returning from abroad are also provided shelter and support in Transit and Reception Centers before they can find a safe place to stay.

In order to respond to the basic needs of these refugees and returnees, and to preserve their dignity, GHDF continues facilitating their access to potable water, constructing shelters and sanitation facilities, conducting hygiene promotion campaigns, and managing the waste in Reception Centers (Bugesera, Nyanza, Kijote, Gatore) and Refugee Camps (Mahama and Kigeme).

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### Construction and maintenance of Shelters and other infrastructures

- In 2017, GHDF participated in the improvement of living standards of refugees at Mahama Refugee Camp by rehabilitating **1000 semi-permanent shelters** and **constructing 6 new design hangars** in Nyanza and Gatore reception centers.
- In Bugesera reception centre, GHDF also rehabilitated **32 permanent shelters**.
- Other infrastructures such as metallic fences were constructed in Nyanza and Gatore reception centers.



One of the shelters rehabilitated in Bugesera Reception Center

## Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Providing access to adequate quantity and quality of water to refugees and returnees is one of GHDF's priorities. Along with this responsibility, GHDF constructs and maintains sanitation facilities, ensures the water points are working properly, conducts hygiene promotion campaigns, and manages the waste in Reception Centers and Refugee Camps. These interventions are crucial to creating a clean and healthy environment, preventing diseases, and encouraging the best hygienic practices among the population.



Water point at  
Kigeme  
Refugee Camp

### Water supply

- In Reception Centers, refugees have access to 20 liters per person, per day.
- In Gatore Reception Centre, GHDF connected a pipeline of 300 meters to AYATEK Ltd water system.
- In Bugesera Reception Center, the water treatment plant built by GHDF in partnership with UNHCR is now fully functional and supplying needed quantities of water to refugees.
- **In total 28,140 people** have benefitted from water supply provided by GHDF in 2017.

In Mahama Refugee Camp, GHDF is responsible for sanitation and hygiene promotion. The water supply is still ensured by OXFAM.

## Construction of Sanitation Facilities

- **In Mahama Refugee Camp:**
  - Constructed **150 new improved dischargeable latrine blocks (4 stances each)**
  - In total, GHDF has constructed **688 improved dischargeable latrines blocks** in Mahama Refugee Camp since 2015.
  - In total, approximately **38,500 people** have benefited from access to improved sanitation facilities constructed by GHDF.
- **In Kigeme Refugee Camp:**
  - **4 blocks (12 stances)** of improved dischargeable latrines were constructed at ADRA School.
  - **24 latrines stances** were rehabilitated for People with Special Needs (PWSN).
- GHDF did rehabilitated of **150 latrine blocks** built by partners in Mahama and Kigeme Refugee Camps.
- GHDF constructed one block (**12 stances**) in Nyarushishi and **5 blocks of improved dischargeable latrine** in Nyanza Reception Center.
- **In Kijote Transit Center:**
  - Improved **11 existing sanitation facilities (flush toilets)**
  - Constructed **2 Water Closets**, including a bathroom for AHA health post.
  - Constructed **2 soak pits and 2 septic tanks.**
  - Rehabilitated **24 bathrooms.**



Construction of  
dischargeable  
latrine in Mahama  
Refugee Camp

## Waste Management

- Daily solid waste collection in Mahama and Kigeme Refugee Camps and in Reception/ Transit Centers.
- Solid waste collection point (modern garbage pit) constructed in Kijote reception center
- Management of dumping site in Mahama and Kigeme refugee camp
- Dislodging of latrines in Mahama Refugee Camp and Reception Centers



GHDF sanitation staff collecting waste in one of the villages of Mahama Refugee Camp



Solid waste management in Kijote Transit centre  
(before - left, and after rehabilitation - right)



GHDF Hygiene Promotion Officer addressing the crowd during a community Hygiene Club gathering in Mahama Refugee Camp

## Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion

- Supplying and fixing of **1,494 hand washing facilities** in Mahama Refugee Camp.
- Daily Door to door visits by Hygiene Promoters
- Weekly Jerry Can Cleaning Campaign
- Weekly Inspection of Nutrition Centers in Mahama Refugee Camp
- Mass campaigns
- Dissemination of messages through community works, meetings, worship centers, Community Hygiene Clubs
- In Total, **78 530 people received hygiene and sanitation messages** from GHDF staff. (Mahama, Kigeme, and Reception Centers)

# Communication for Development (C4D)



UNICEF's Communication for Development program implemented by GHDF in Mahama Refugee camp was extended from June to December 2017. The sensitization of the population and the promotion of key family practices remained the main objective, but this time, a new communication tool called "Talking book" was introduced to reinforce the Community Health Workers' (CHW) message delivery. These small devices equipped with a speaker and loaded with a number of pre-

recorded hygiene messages (approved by Ministry of Health of Rwanda) were given to the CHWs to use during their door-to-door visits and Community Hygiene Clubs gatherings. This initiative, being used in a refugee setting for the first time, was introduced in Mahama Refugee Camp, thanks to the generous contribution of the Government of Japan and the partnerships with Literacy Bridge and the Centre for Behaviour Change and Communication (CBCC).

With the Talking Book, Amplio helps NGOs, businesses, and governments expand the reach of information on health, agriculture, child protection, climate change and other social and behavioral changes to individuals who live in remote areas, lack literacy or speak lesser-spoken languages.



## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Training of **360 CHWs** on how to use the Talking Books
- Training of **150 HIV peer educators**
- Training of **90 participants** (local leaders, religious leaders, saloon-bar-restaurant owners)
- Organizing football competition for promotion of key family practices
- Painting **10 Hand washing murals** on improved dischargeable latrines
- Mass mobilization with mobile stage, screen, and performance from local artists
- Community Hygiene Clubs competition



One of the several Hand washing murals painted on improved latrines in Mahama Refugee Camp

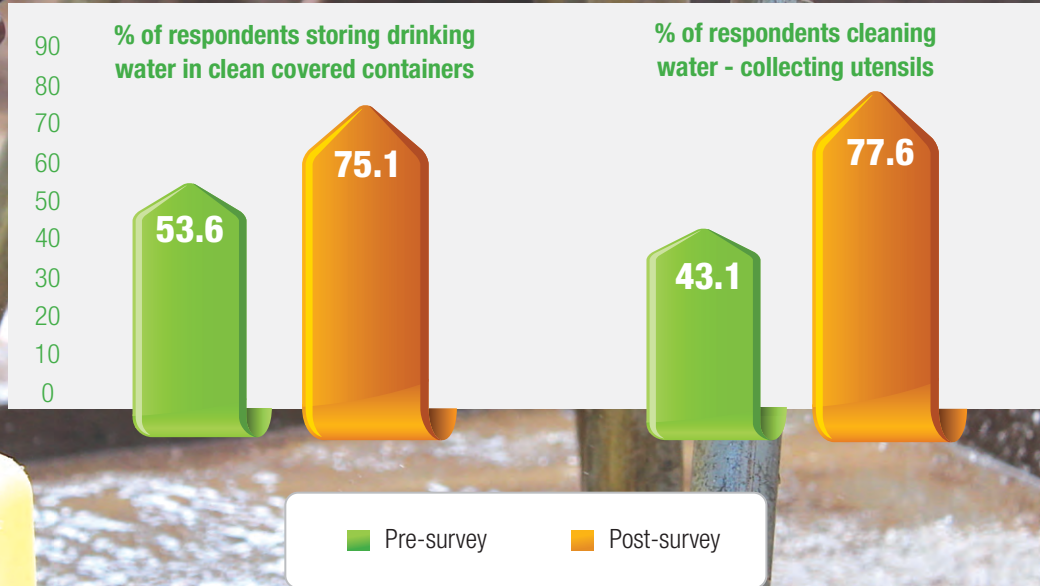
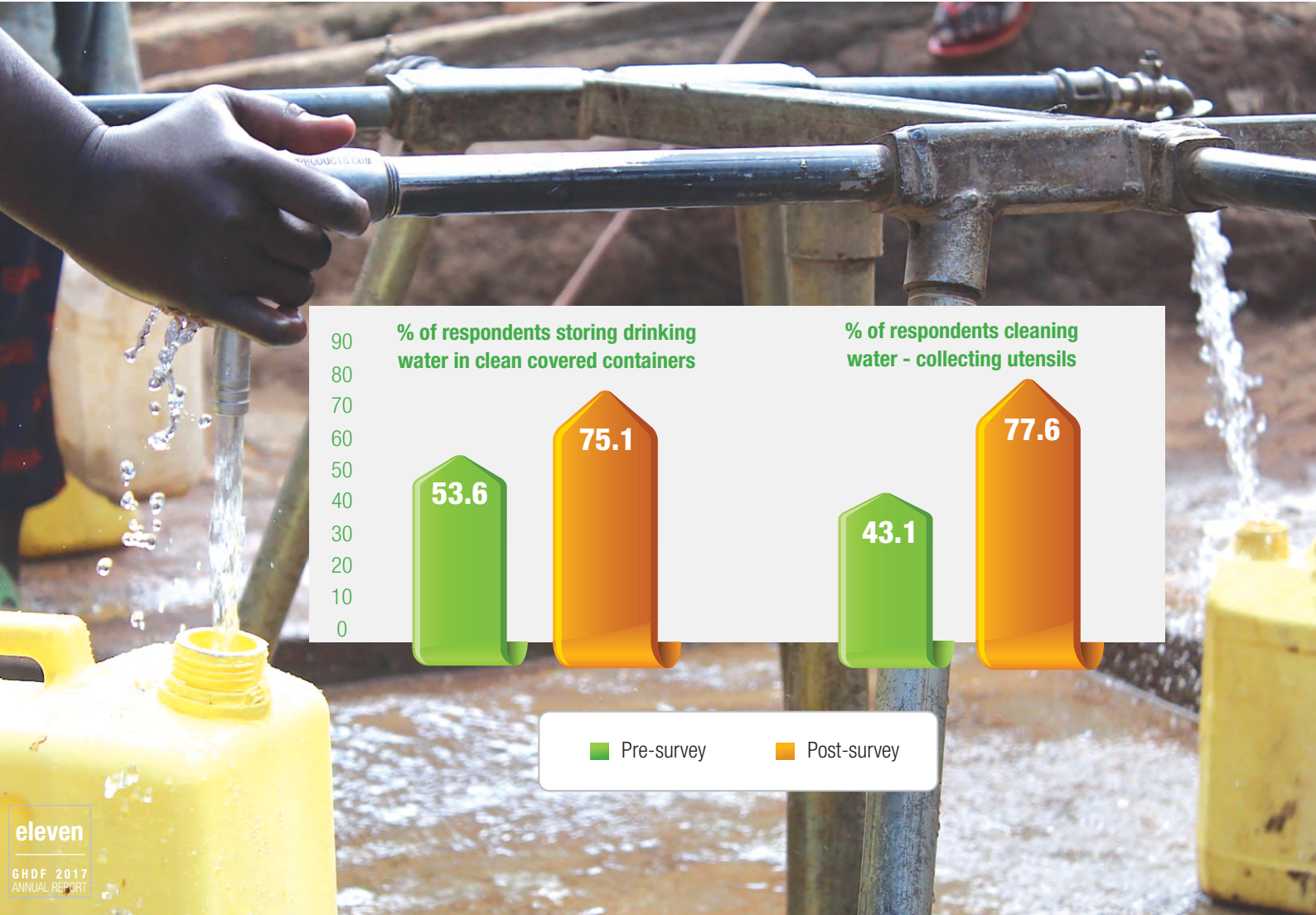
- **Surveys on Key Family Practices (6 months interval)**

- Results of the pre and post survey, and field study attest that the knowledge and practices of Burundians refugees in Mahama regarding the safe handling of water, the critical time for hand washing, malaria and HIV prevention significantly improved over the 6-month period of the C4D project.

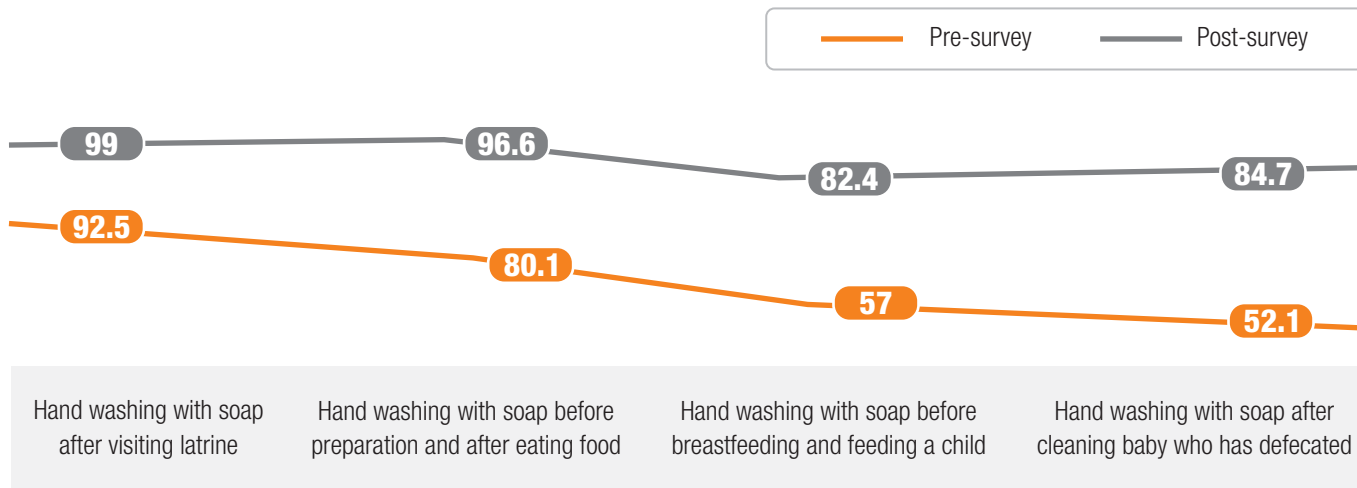
H.E. Takayuki Miyashita the ambassador of JAPAN to Rwanda and the delegation visited UNICEF and GHDF's hygiene promotion activities to which the government of Japan are contributing.



# Safe handling of water



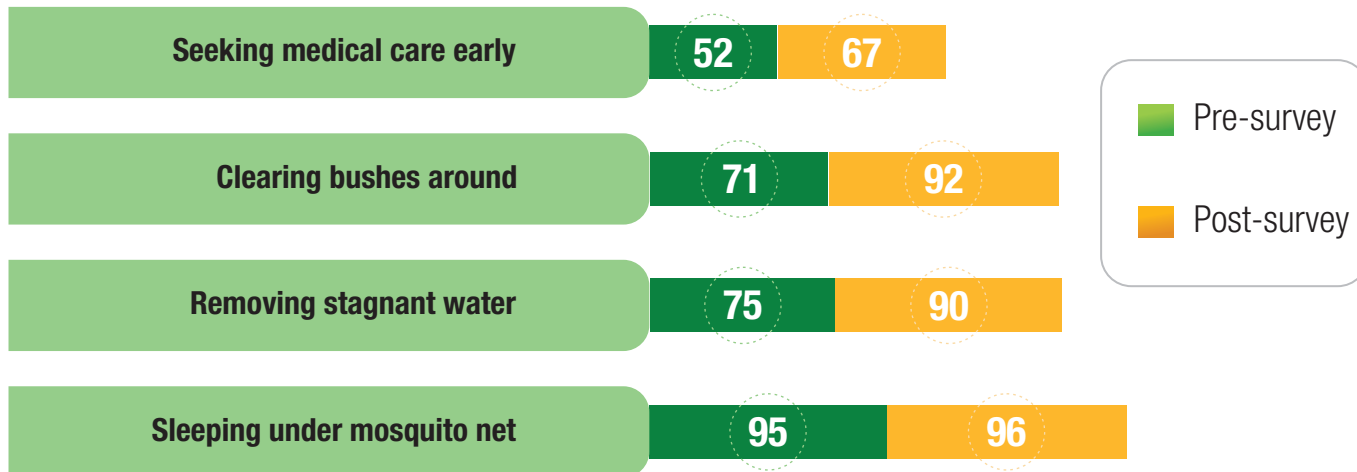
# Knowledge on hand washing



## Knowledge on HIV prevention

Variable	Pre-survey	Post-survey
Prevention of HIV transmission through abstinence	77	88.1
Prevention of HIV transmission through use of condoms	70.5	88.1
Prevention of HIV transmission through fidelity/faithfulness (one partner)	39	67.4
Prevention of HIV transmission through VCT	49	63.8
Prevention of HIV transmission through avoiding sharing sharps	50	86.8
Prevention of HIV transmission through prevention of mother to child transmission	30	60.2
Prevention of HIV transmission through STI screening and treatment	26	54.3
Prevention of HIV transmission through male circumcision	17.8	45.5

# Malaria prevention





## Health and Nutrition





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HIV &S GBV  
prevention among  
adolescents

## HIV and GBV prevention among adolescents

GHDF's partnership with UNICEF also materialized through the extension of the HIV and GBV prevention project among adolescents, focusing on six sectors of Musanze District. Supporting Rwanda's National Strategic Plan of reducing new HIV incidence from **6000** to **2000** by

2018, 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.



HIV-GBV  
prevention  
volunteers  
mobilizing  
the youth in  
Musanze

## Achievements

- Training of **120** HIV and 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 Counselling 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 HIV and GBV prevention messages.





# Economic Development





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 (first row, 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 everyday. 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 price 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. We



## Final Result

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.

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



**GHDF is planning to launch Agaseke Online, a social enterprise that empowers refugees and saving group members through sustainable income generation.**

The platform will showcase products crafted by graduates of our vocational training programs, connecting them to wider markets and supporting their livelihoods. Proceeds will also

help fund future educational and training initiatives, creating long-term impact for the communities we serve.







# Youth Empowerment and Education





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

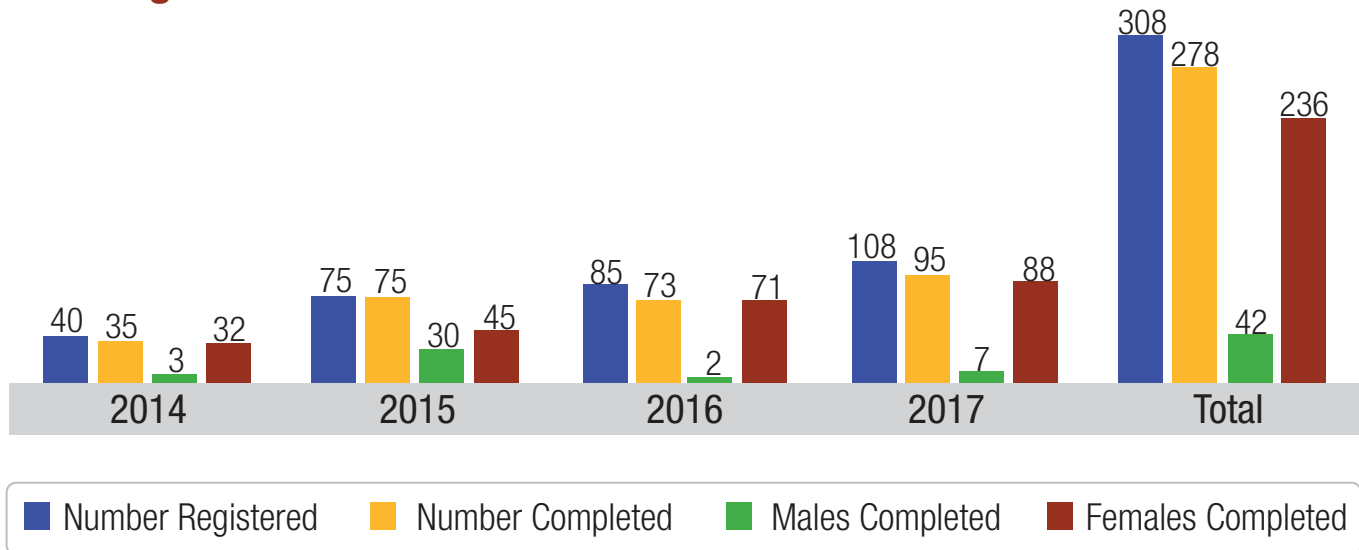
## YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND EDUCATION

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

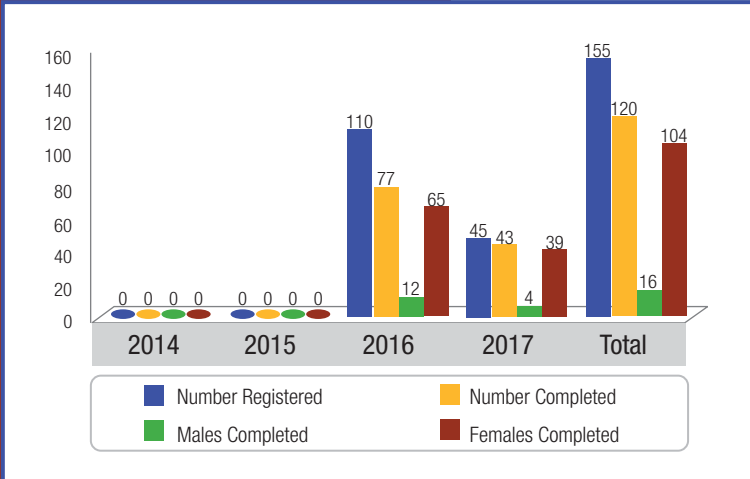


- **95 youths** completed the tailoring training this year
- A total of **278** have completed this training since it started in 2014



Tailoring Training at Peak Family Itorero Youth Center, Nyamagabe District

# Hair dressing

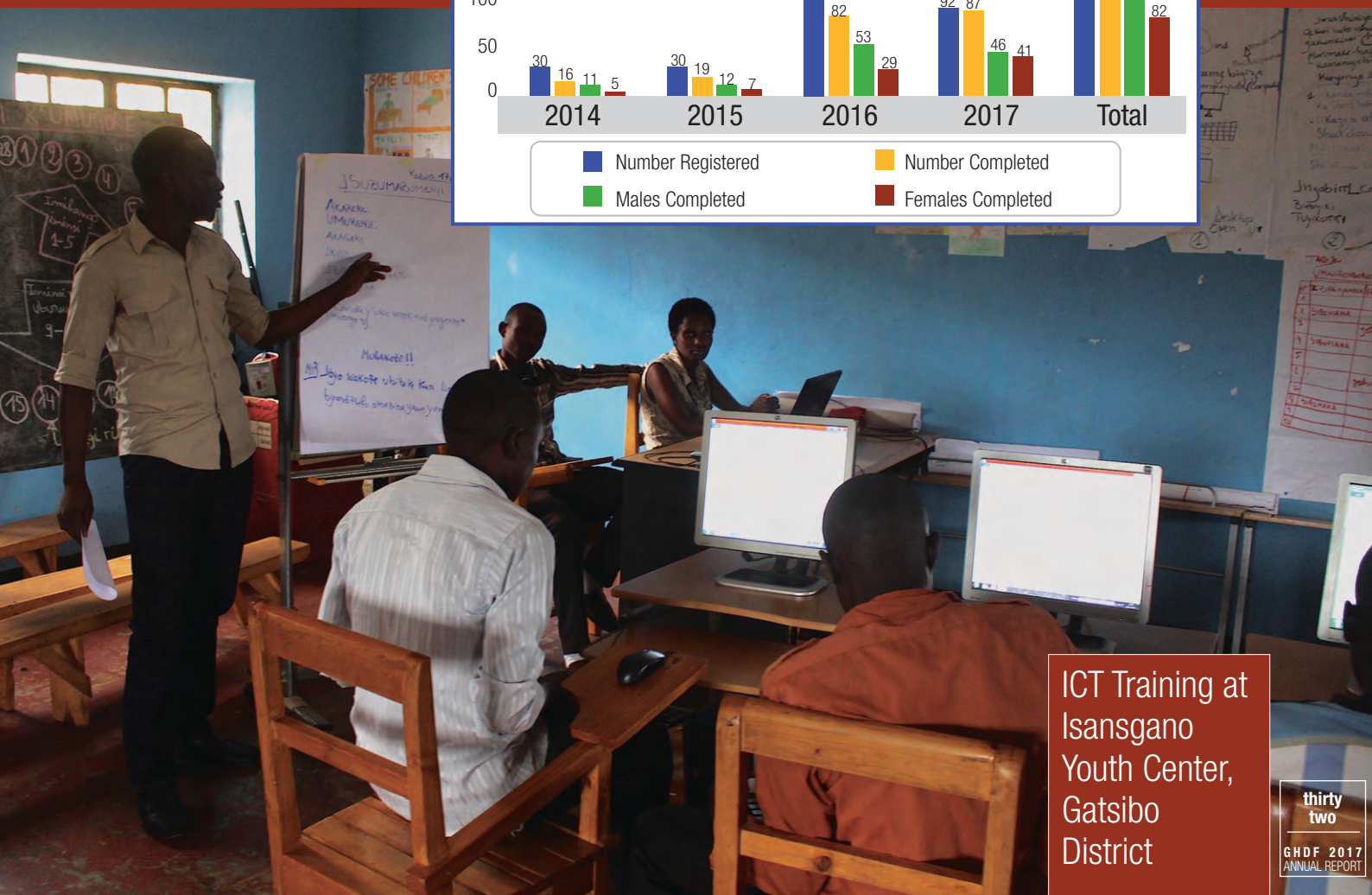
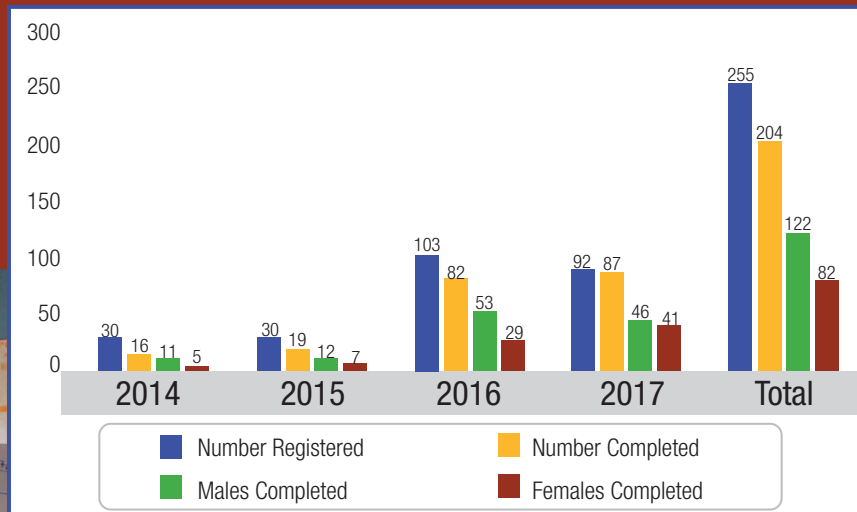


- 43 youths completed the hair dressing and salon work training
- In 2016, 77 youths had completed this training, bringing the total number of graduates up to 120.

Hairdressing  
Training at Peak  
Family Youth Center



# Information and Communication Technology (ICT)



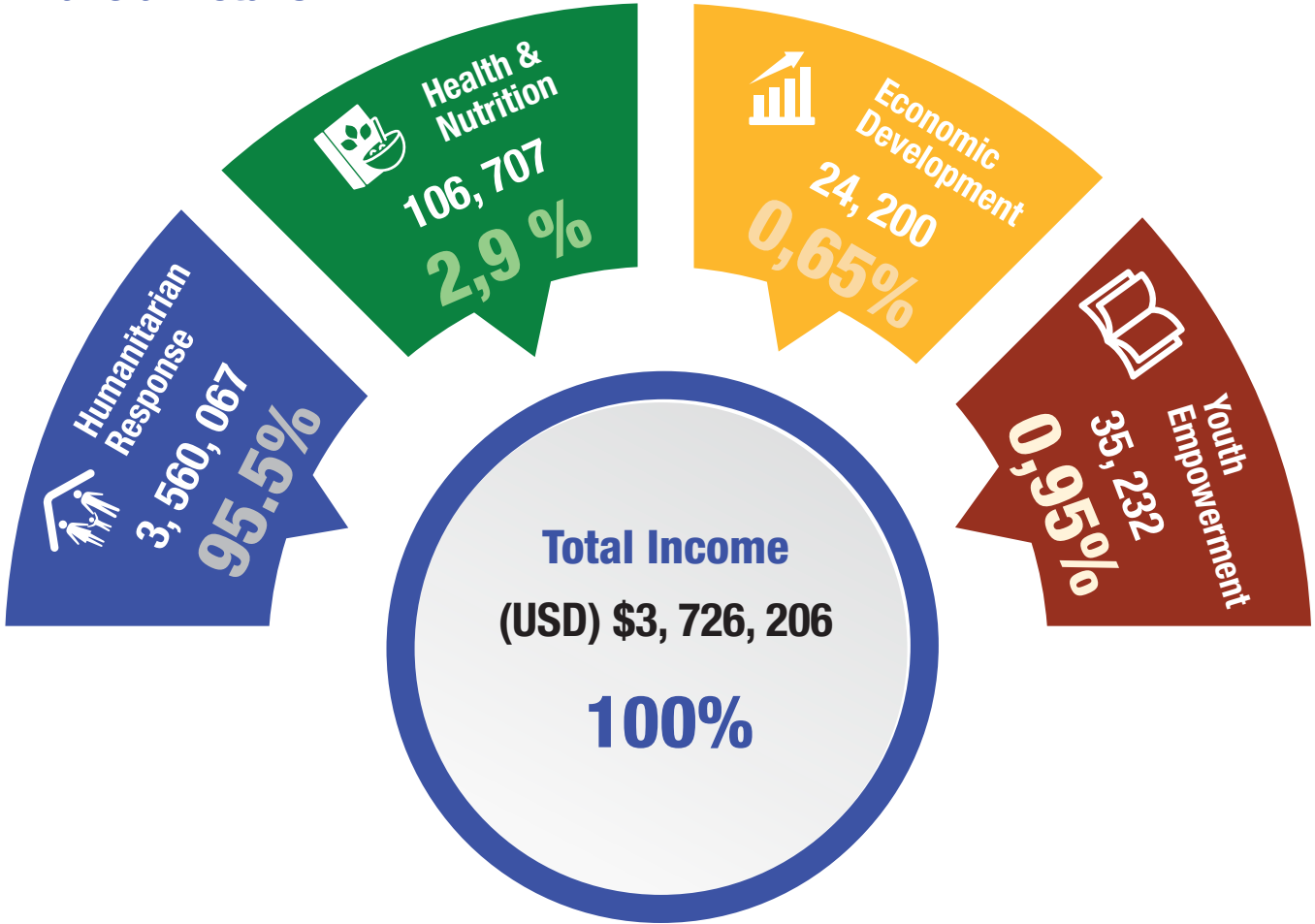
ICT Training at  
Isansgano  
Youth Center,  
Gatsibo  
District





Nyamagabe  
Youth Center  
Library

# Financial Details



**Humanitarian Response** (Construction of Shelters; W.A.S.H)  
**Health and Nutrition** (Communication for Development; HIV and GBV prevention)  
**Economic Development** (S.A.F.I)  
**Youth empowerment and Education** (Vocational Trainings in Youth Centers)

## THE GLOBAL BENEFIT

During the month of March 2017, Board members of Global benefit, a U.S.A based N.G.O, visited Global Humanitarian and Development Foundation (GHDF) in Rwanda, to observe the work being done and discuss areas of potential partnership.



Global Benefit alongside with GHDF'CEO visiting dischargeable latrines constructed by GHDF in Mahama refugee camp.



# Partners







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