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## Mission

ADRA works with people in poverty and distress to create just and positive change through empowering partnerships and responsible action

## Vision

ADRA is a professional, learning and efficient network that embodies integrity and transparency. ADRA reaches across boundaries empowering and speaking out for the at-risk and forgotten to achieve measurable, documented and durable changes in lives and society.

## Country Director's Message

I am pleased to present you ADRA Rwanda's Annual Report of 2010.

This year the dedication and effort of ADRA Rwanda staff was perceived in all different actions and activities covered by our main impact areas: Education, Health, Food Security, Economic Empowerment and Relief & Disaster Management. Combined with the generosity and the trust of our donor partners, we have had the opportunity of implementing activities that have strengthen civil societies, supported HIV/AIDS vulnerable population, opened doors to schools to Special Education Needs students, built infrastructure and empowered many with knowledge needed to break the poverty cycle.

Our special gratitude goes to those who entrusted us with means to provide this service. The people of Denmark, the United States of America, Italy, Poland and Canada that thru Development Agencies have provided the resources for our service in Rwanda; to the Government of Rwanda that by a sincere interest in the wellbeing of its people have allowed us to operate in the country and have thru partnerships and cooperation shared our desire to improve the Rwandan society; to the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Rwanda for the unconditional support and complete trust. To those our sincere desire and prayer is that God continues to bless the Rwandan people thru their generosity.

The information of ADRA Rwanda's Annual Report of 2010 must assure you that we have advanced towards the fulfillment of our desire of 'Changing the World, One Life at a Time'.

*Jefferson Kern  
Country Director  
ADRA Rwanda*



# Africa



## Rwanda

**President:** Paul Kagame (2000)

**Prime Minister:** Bernard Makuza (2000)

**Area:** 26,340 sq. km.

**Population:** 11 million

**Capital:** Kigali

**Monetary unit:** Rwanda franc.

**Languages:** Kinyarwanda, French, English.

**Education:** Years compulsory, 9. Attendance (prewar), 75%.

Literacy (2008), 70%.

**Health:** Infant mortality rate (2008 est., Rwandan Government)-- 62 deaths/1,000. Life expectancy (2008 est.)--49.8 years.

**Work force (2000):** Agriculture: 90%; industry and commerce, services, and government: 10%.

*Source: [www.gov.rw/](http://www.gov.rw/); [www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/2861.htm](http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/2861.htm)*

## ADRA Rwanda's Work

ADRA has been working in Rwanda since 1978 and focused its work on the positive change of individuals through community development initiatives targeting Education, Health, Food Security, Economic Empowerment, Disaster mitigation and management.

Our Portfolios:

**Education** - Adult Education, Special Needs Education, Accelerated program for primary school dropouts, Teacher training, school management, Infrastructure construction, Text books provision).

**Health** - HIV/AIDS/STIs Prevention, Family Planning, Hygiene and sanitation, Nutrition, Disease control/prevention).

**Food Security** - Improved farming practices, promotion of improved seeds, promotion of organic farming, post harvest handling and storage.

**Economic Empowerment** - Promotion of self-help groups (associations and cooperatives), basic commerce, group dynamics and management, marketing, linkage with service providers e.g. banks and relevant authorities, promotion of savings and credit organization.

**Disaster mitigation and management** - ADRA Rwanda being part of ADRA's Network of Relief and Emergency has the ability of responding to immediate needs of populations affected in event of disaster. Part of the secondary level as per the GoR policy in promoting EFA with at least 9 years of education.



# Education

2010



For over 30 years, ADRA Rwanda is known for its passion and strong support to the education sector in Rwanda. The trend has not been different for 2010. ADRA has continued to partner with the government of Rwanda in this area believed to be fundamental for the personal, community and above all the national development.

In the promotion of inclusive and special needs education, ADRA Rwanda has been able to develop a Curriculum that has been approved by National Curriculum Development Center (NCDC) and adopted by the Ministry of Education. ADRA Rwanda constructed 250 ramps in 64 Primary Schools as way of creating a conducive and tangible access for children with disabilities to classes. These 7105 children who are living with disabilities now enjoy access in Child Friendly Schools. 835 teachers have been equipped with skills to assess and handle children with Special Educational Needs in addition to making low cost learning and teaching materials. Having identified children with mobility challenges, ADRA Rwanda solicited and distributed 27 wheelchairs to those children that needed most, opening real access to education.

This year ADRA Rwanda, using the Functional Adult Literacy Approach, facilitated the graduation of 2173 adults in Gatsibo and 3900 in Karongi Districts. Over 65% of this group was women. ADRA Rwanda is known for the facilitation of FAL activities in the whole country.

In support to the government of Rwanda for the transition from French as a medium of instruction to English, ADRA Rwanda was able to facilitate English training to 400 teachers from Eastern Province schools expecting they will serve as promoters of the English language among their peers. In the same area, 130 000 English books were donated to the government and private schools (primary, secondary and university) for reference to teachers and students as a mean to foster the English language.

# Success Story

*I am Domina Bamurange and most of my life I've lived in extreme poverty. From my childhood to the time I got married, never did family planning and after becoming a widow with 8 children (two of them adopted) I have had difficulties to maintain my family and myself. A could not read or write. My eldest son is 25 years old and the last-born is only seven years old. My husband died in 1997.*

*It was in 2007 when I was going to my usual job of cleaning peoples' houses around town when I saw the signpost of ADRA Rwanda and remembered that ADRA helps people who are in grief like me. I descended slowly and reached the gates of ADRA where I was directed to the people responsible. I was crying, hungry, unhappy and miserable but I was welcomed with love and passion at ADRA offices in Kigali. I expressed my needs and told them about my children who have lost hope for education.*

*I went back to my life and continued my work but after a short period, ADRA sponsorship program manager visited me and told me that my children had gotten sponsorship from Reach Italia, through ADRA Rwanda. Today I have two of my youngest children studying only because they are receiving school fees, books, pens, and sanitary kits such as basins, soap and mosquito nets to prevent malaria.*

*It is now three years since I was rescued from that situation because Reach Italia through ADRA Rwanda made my tears dry. I can see hope for my children, I have hope that my two youngest children will make it to the University and have good jobs so that they be liberated from poverty forever.*

*As a family our lives have improved. ADRA Rwanda taught me to start some income generating activities that will help me carry my own expenses in the near future. I know how to buy and sell the products the market. We eat twice a day, we sleep on a mattress, my children talk about what they learn and that makes me really happy. Today I pay the house rent myself, we have Medical insurance, I learned how to have a culture of savings and I have my own account number at the "Popular Bank". I'm proud of ADRA Rwanda's sponsorship project. I can say that I am a very lucky mother.*



Beneficiaries: 19564 people

Total Investment: \$2,671,675.80





ADRA Rwanda believes health is basic for the achievement of any kind of development. Our interventions and activities have a special focus on preventive measures instead of curative. Awareness on communicable diseases has been one of the major tools used to enhance knowledge on how to stay free, live positively with long-life diseases such as HIV/AIDS – a major killer disease in Africa, including Rwanda. Our role also entails supporting those affected and infected.

This year, ADRA Rwanda was able to support 2,638 People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) grouped in 40 associations operating in 3 Districts. 1,965 HIV/AIDS orphans were equipped with technical skills in carpentry, tailoring and masonry as means to enable them to become independent and productive for themselves, their community and their nation.

Working with the most vulnerable PLWHA, importance has been given to nutrition. Emphasizing the need for balanced meals based on vegetables grown in kitchen gardens around their own homes and planted by the same beneficiaries. Hygiene and Sanitation have been integrated within the activities as a mechanism to minimize chances of contracting any preventable disease that could harm their already weakened bodies.

ADRA Rwanda was able to run eight radio programs on the national radio focusing on various health and ethics related issues such as Gender Based Violence, use of Condom, HIV/AIDS prevention among the uniformed personnel and their spouses, among others. These programs brought together representatives from decision-making institutions such as National AIDS Control Commission (CNLS) and the Ministry of Health. These programs were used as a forum for dialogue between these representatives and the citizens who were given an opportunity to call in and raise issues of concern.

*I am Mpozayo John and I live in Gatsibo District. My wife and I are HIV positive. When we found out that, I lost hope of living and thought that it was the end of our lives. This happened because when my wife and I decided to go for voluntary testing, I was very sick. The doctor who attended us advised me to start taking ARVs because my CD 4 count was as low as 152, and I weighted only 38 kg. As per the advice, I started taking the ARVs, but due to my bad nutrition, the medication was weakening me even more. I was thinking in stopping with the medicine.*



*It was at this time when one of my neighbors, that is also positive, advised me to join the association of PLWHA that was supported by ADRA Rwanda. At that time ADRA Rwanda was distributing food like Corn, Soya, Bulgur (CSB), and vegetable oil. I registered myself to be one of the food-aid beneficiaries because I was too weak to be enrolled on the food-for-work program. After only one month in the program, my weight increased to 44 Kg, at the end of the 3rd month I weighted 53 Kg. I was feeling strong enough to enroll in the food-for-work activities and support my family.*

*It so happened that my wife got pregnant and she gave birth to twins! My wife didn't have enough breast milk to feed our two babies and this was a dilemma for my family. Having been one of the goat beneficiaries of the project and given that my goat had given birth at the same time as my wife, I decided to do the most unusual thing in the Rwandan culture. I decided to milk my goat and feed my babies with goat milk! Today my babies have grown and are very healthy, thanks to God!*

*My experience working with ADRA Rwanda, have thought me that I gained a lot, from maximizing the production from my small piece of land, to the nutrition values that I learned. I can say that today I am more independent than before, and full of life*





In 2010, ADRA Rwanda has been actively involved in promoting Food Security and Livelihoods among the most vulnerable population, as per its mission. In the Districts of Nyagatare, Gatsibo and Kayanza of the Eastern Province, more than 90 Cooperatives and Community Based Groups (CBGs) have benefited from capacity building programs that enhanced their skills and knowledge in improved farming practices, nutrition and marketing.

Rwanda food security scenario is gloom with close to 80% of Rwandans working in the agriculture sector, mainly for subsistence, 67.8% having incidences of food insecurity, 11.5% of the population is landless and 28.9% living on less than 0.2 hectares of land. ADRA Rwanda has mobilized mostly vulnerable individuals to form self-help groups. Most of these vulnerable individuals, such as people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA), youths, orphans, widows as well as those with the least means of resources, have graduated to agricultural cooperatives recognized by the government.

With the new Action for Social Change (ASC), over 400 CBGs have been identified for support in terms of training. The training scheduled for 2011 will focus on improving and strengthening the way they have been doing their activities especially related to farming. Already some are engaged in new cultures of vegetable, mushrooms, and cereals growing while others are specializing in beekeeping and already connected to the market at national level.

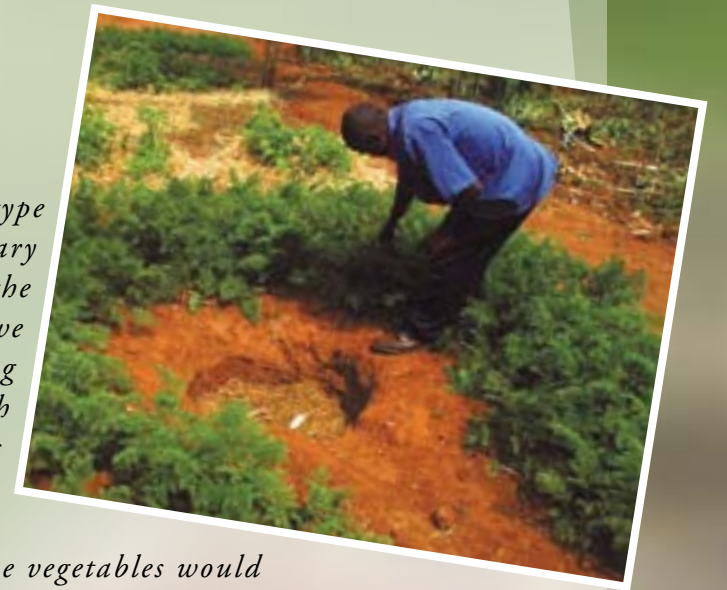
ADRA Rwanda is supporting the beneficiaries in using the small pieces of land to cultivate high nutritious crops that are fast growing yet with high money value. Different vegetable varieties, watermelons, mushrooms, cereals and others where they can feed the families with nutritious products and, at some instances, have surpluses to sell for cash. This is ADRA Rwanda changing the game on food security.

*We all knew the significance of this type of farming in meeting our dietary requirements. We have even tried to do it but the results were disappointing. This is because we lacked the technical skills to do it. After getting the training from ADRA Rwanda in March 2010, we realized its possible to grow vegetables and get good harvest even during the dry spell.*

*Before ADRA Rwanda gave us trainings, all the vegetables would dry during the dry spell. Now we know how to apply the right amount of manure and conserve water for using during the dry spell.*

*We now expect not less than 50kg of carrots that were planted on six square meters piece of land, and more than 20Kgs of ground nuts on another smaller parcel. Before the training, we would get not more than 15Kgs of carrots and 5Kgs of ground nuts on the same piece of land.*

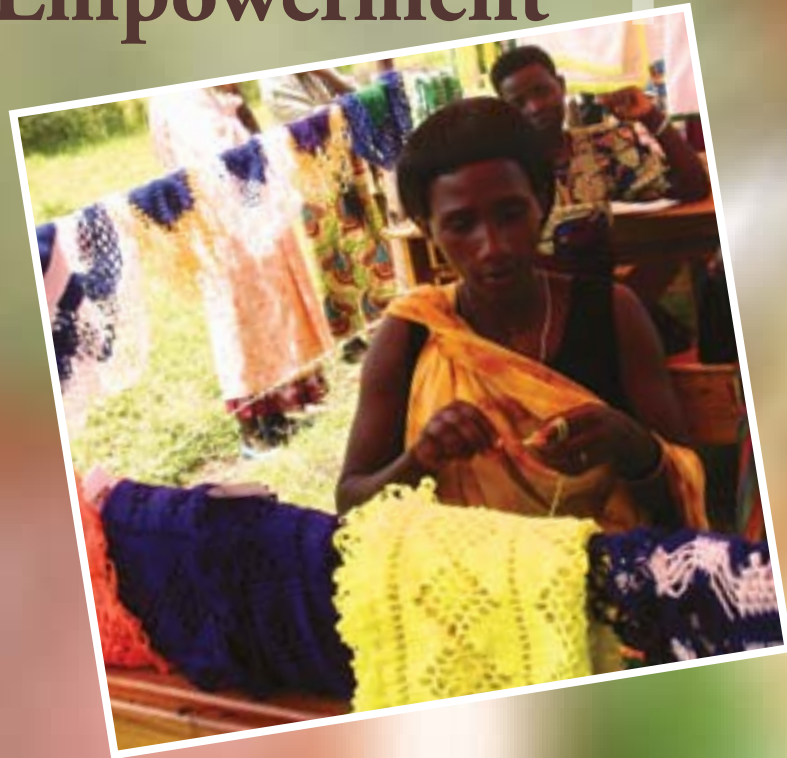
*ADRA Rwanda has worked hard in 2010 to mobilize all vulnerable beneficiaries to have the same type of gardens at home. Kanyabugande is one of Associations implementing this vegetable plots. Never before had the association had such a green garden in the middle of the drought in June. The difference is the technique thought and the new water conservation skills learnt from ADRA Rwanda.*





# Economic Empowerment

2010



ADRA Rwanda believes that development, from the individual to the national level requires personal sacrifice and commitment, rather than through spoon-feeding that creates dependence. In all its interventions ADRA Rwanda emphasizes the need for the beneficiaries to grow morally, mentally and economically to be able to provide their basic needs such as food, shelter among others.

ADRA Rwanda was able to mobilize and support individuals in order to get together in areas of common interest to implement income generation activities. In 2010, 90 Cooperatives, 24 youth groups, 134 Community Based Groups from the Eastern, Southern and Western Provinces have benefitted from the Training of Trainers (ToTs) activities, empowering their cooperatives/groups in various skills and knowledge. Among the topics covered it was included the new concepts of Intensive Integrated Sustainable Organic Farming, Animal Husbandry, Soil Management, Crop Husbandry, Vegetable Growing, Improved Beekeeping, Health & Nutrition, Farm Record Management, Environmental Conservation, Appropriate Technology, Mushroom Growing and Voluntary Saving and Lending. In addition to these, members of the same groups have been as ToTs in group dynamics, cooperative management, record keeping and documentation with a view of creating trust and confidence among members.

In reinforcing the training already given, ADRA Rwanda runs regular radio programs where relevant information is communicated with opportunities for people to call in and ask for clarifications.

In the light of sustainability, ADRA Rwanda has been working in collaboration with various entities both public and private thus linking the formed groups with service providers. These include, for example, the Rwanda Cooperative Agency charged with managing Coops, Rwanda Agricultural Development Agency in charge of safeguarding the seeds, Training institutions like GAKO-Organic farming Training Center and Rwanda FLORA as some of the private enterprises in both service and marketing business.

## Success Story

*DUTERIMBERE Voluntary Saving and Credit Group is part of the GIRIBAMBE Cooperative that is supported by ADRA Rwanda since 2009. This group is composed of people living with HIV/AIDS operating in Rukara Sector of Kayanza District in the Eastern Province. DUTERIMBERE group is made of 21 members comprising of 12 women and 9 men.*

*The group was sponsored by ADRA Rwanda and some of the members were trained as ToTs in order to support their peers in the areas of intensive bio-gardening using various forms of kitchen gardens to maximize the usage of land and therefore, not forgetting the participant's limited energy due to sickness.*



*From the Kitchen gardens training, DUTERIMBERE members today are enjoying nutritious vegetables from their common and personal kitchen gardens. The harvest is so far more than they can consume providing a balance to be sold to neighbors and market, allowing an extra income for their families.*

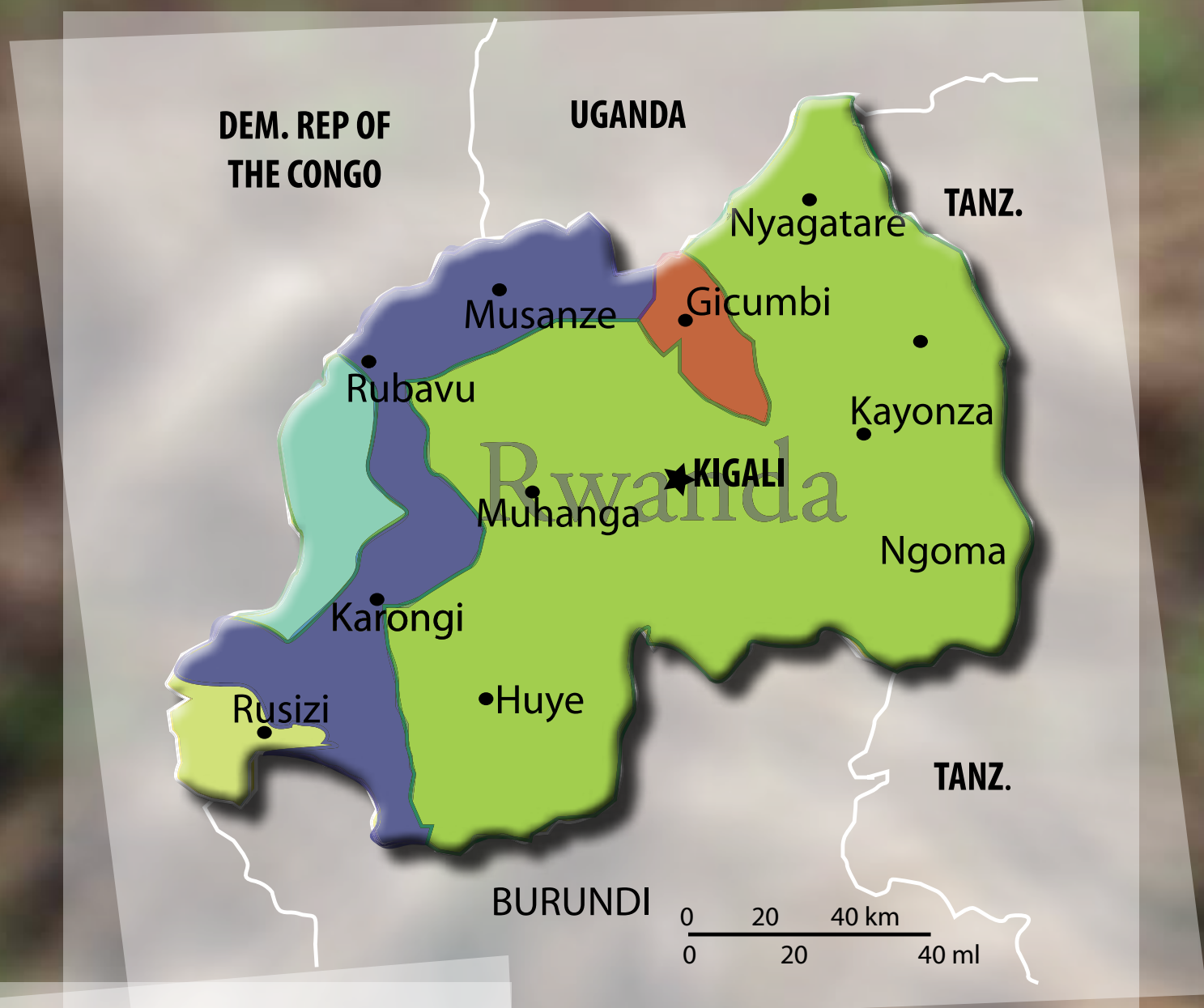
*In addition to the training in kitchen gardening, nutrition, hygiene and sanitation and positive living training, ADRA Rwanda has mobilized the group to start up a small capital for their future investment. The group has started up a Voluntary Savings and Credit framework with a 12-month cycle. During the cycle, members contribute with a small amount every week. From the group savings, members now have access to both developmental and social credit at minimal interests.*

*Some of the members have acquired livestock, renovated their houses, and improved the size of their farmland as part of investment. From the social aspect, all the members pay the national Health Insurance (Mutuelle de Santé) on time and some of the members of the DUTERIMBERE Group are able to send their children to school. For 2010, the group was had saved 1148 times the weekly contribution. A large amount was given out as credit to the members where 46% of the loan clients were women.*

Beneficiaries: 150 people

Total Investment: \$71,549.00





- Natural Disaster Prone Areas**
- Earthquakes and Mudslides
  - Draught and Rainstorms
  - Mud slides

ADRA Rwanda in 2010 established a partnership with UNHCR being given the mandate to handle the education sector in the three refugee camps that are mainly hosting refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). During the year, 3957 refugee children (Primary and Secondary) benefited from this partnership where they received school fees and scholastic materials, hence enjoying the right to education like any other child.

ADRA Rwanda again was able to along with the US State Department – PRM, by the US Embassy in Rwanda to address the issue of the shortage of classrooms in refugee camps. In collaboration with the refugees and the community, ADRA Rwanda was able to construct 2 new classrooms benefitting 100 more students per year.

These classrooms have been assigned to handle part of the 9 Year Basic Education allowing some of the refugee children to get an opportunity to study part the secondary level as per the Rwandan Government Policy in promoting Education For All, with at least nine years of education.

ADRA Rwanda being part of ADRA's Network of Relief and Emergency has the ability of responding to immediate needs of populations affected in event of disaster. Part the secondary level as per the GoR policy in promoting EFA with at least 9 years of education.



# Interventions



# Investment in every Project



Other Projects: \$ 78,422.00      Total Investment: \$ 561428.00



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