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ADRA Burundi Capability Statement



- Health
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MAP OF BURUNDI



OUR EXPERIENCE

The **Integrated Empowerment Project** for civil society actors in Makamba and Cibitoke, funded by DANIDA, consolidates the capacity of 2,070 beneficiaries in target communities to empower and reinforce civil society in the areas of HIV/AIDS and health, food security, livelihoods and peace and reconciliation.



ONGEA, funded by DANIDA, facilitated a co-operation between women and men to advocate against gender based violence and inequality in Burundi, benefitting an estimated 500,000 people.

Using radio as an important medium for social change, ONGEA trained listening committees and citizen journalists in advocacy and the production of 180 radio

Buy a house in Burundi has been ongoing since 2000 and is funded by private donors from Denmark. More than 15,000 vulnerable families have been provided with shelter and agricultural kits for their security and livelihood.

“Improving living conditions of refugee children in Cibitoke province”, funded by Danish Television, has constructed two primary schools, shelter and security for an estimated 4,500 vulnerable returnees.



The award-winning **'Breaking the Silence'** initiative reduced the risk of children being infected with HIV and improved their capacity to deal with the effects of HIV/AIDS. Implemented in Makamba and Cibitoke provinces, children were formed into 42 listening clubs in primary schools for discussion on topics related to HIV/AIDS. Using 'Communication for Social Change' as a tool for advocacy and change, 24 radio programmes were produced, together with 8 role model and 8 advocacy shows. A community-based initiative,

activities involved children, parents, schools, local administrators and other stake-holders.



IN BRIEF

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is a faith based humanitarian organization established by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It has a presence in over 120 countries worldwide. The Agency implements major relief and development programs that improve lives and strengthen local capacity through health, education, livelihoods, food security and social programs.

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency in Burundi is a member of the global network, with a local Board who is responsible for the country program. The Africa Regional Office, based in Kenya, coordinates the activities on the African continent. The agency's total global turnover per annum is about USD 150 million and the total number of beneficiaries is about 20 million.

ADRA Burundi has been operational since 1981, and have a signed agreement with the Government of Burundi. We have a comprehensive knowledge of the country and a thorough understanding of the environment, having actively participated in programs of resettlement, health, livelihood, peace and reconciliation, community development and advocacy across the country.



OUR STAFF

ADRA Burundi has highly qualified staff with extensive field experience in rural community development programs and project cycle management. Our team consists of 30 experienced national professionals who have a thorough understanding of the dynamics of economic and social development in Burundi, extensive experience in project cycle management and the ability to ensure a smooth liaison and proper implementation of programmes. We have expertise in the areas of communication, health, agriculture, civil engineering, education, community mobilization and community development. We have an infrastructure which consists of a Head Office in Bujumbura and two field offices in Cibitoke.



MISSION STATEMENT

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



VISION STATEMENT

ADRA Burundi will have empower vulnerable families through its expertise in Food Security, Basic Education, Economic Development, Primary Health and Nutrition and Humanitarian Assistance.



CURRENT PROJECTS

Action for Social Change...

... is building the capacity of community based groups to identify, analyse and seek solutions to problems common to the citizens they represent in Cibitoke Province. Intervention areas include food security, health and economic

Youth for Unity 2...

... following on from the success of the first phase, preparing 6,700 young people to engage in peace-building activities, phase 2, funded by the Rockwool Foundation, trains teachers to implement ADRA's Conflict Prevention Education curriculum in schools and involves pupils in monitoring its impact.

Community Health Empowerment...

...is training community health workers and practitioners, using the integrated community care model approach, to deliver quality basic health care to the communities that they represent.

Empowerment of Batwa Families...

...provides training and equipment to 100 Batwa families, in establishing food security initiatives that supplement their livelihoods.



OUR PARTNERSHIPS

We have signed memoranda of understanding with the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Solidarity. The ministries assist us with their respective expertise during orientation and capacity building workshops. The Agency has full NGO accreditation status with the UN and it has been assessed as potential UN-agency partner for recipients of direct funding.

We have local partnerships that strengthen impact on the communities, including partnerships with local associations, civil society, foundations and community-based groups. These local organizations are key to delivering responsive initiatives and sustainability. As the principal media of information exchange in Burundi, radio is a fundamental tool for social change and we have partnerships with radio and media providers. We are well known for the communication projects aired by radio and television.

OUR CAPACITY

ADRA Burundi has managed and implemented highly successful projects in the areas of relief and development, including advocacy for women and men against gender based violence, peace and reconciliation, integrated health and agriculture,

school construction and humanitarian assistance.

We have provided extensive assistance in the construction of shelters to more than 15,000 households, and this is one of our ongoing activities. Our project entitled "Breaking the Silence" won the



AfriComNet 2012 Annual Award for Excellence in HIV and AIDS communication in Africa due to its powerful impact on the lives of children and their families in vulnerable communities among returning refugees to Burundi. All projects are aimed at peace-building and reconciliation, and they have HIV/AIDS and gender as crosscutting issues.

We are networked to 120 agency offices around the world, including hospitals and universities, that can provide technical support in all development priority areas, including health, education, livelihoods, WASH, renewable energy and food security.

STRATEGIC STATEMENT

ADRA Burundi's programme targets the most vulnerable in its efforts to alleviate poverty, distress and disadvantage by empowering citizens to transform their communities with locally-driven solutions to local problems, through its new programmatic strategy consisting of advocacy, capacity building, and service delivery through the use of the Communication for Social Change (CFSC) approach.

TARGET PROVINCES

ADRA Burundi's programme will target the provinces of Cibitoke, Makamba, Cankuzo, Kirundo, Ngozi, Gitega, and Bujumbura where ADRA has had a presence since 1981.

KEY DEMOGRAPHICS

Population: 9.850m (2012)

GNI per capita: USD279

Infant Mortality: 9.10%

HDI Ranking: 185/187

Life Expectancy: 50.7 (m) 54.0 (w)

At national poverty line: 66.9%

Adult Literacy: 67%

School Enrolment (primary): 165%



OUR STRATEGIC APPROACH

ADRA Burundi aligns all development activities to national priorities that contribute to the alleviation of poverty. In order to guarantee ownership of activities, ADRA Burundi uses participatory approaches when designing development projects and programmes. The projects are designed with the involvement of the local community, stakeholders, and local authorities, to ensure sustainability. ADRA Burundi's strategic approach is focused on capacity building, advocacy, and service delivery. With this in mind, and utilizing a rights-based approach, we work extensively with civil society actors and community based groups, utilizing participatory tools such as REFLECT and communication for social change. We confer with and engage people actively as agents of their own change, equip them to voice their concerns, and facilitate and support dialogue between them and duty

DEVELOPMENT SOLUTIONS

Our programme aligns with CSLPII and supports key policies aimed at achieving Government development priorities. With this in mind, ADRA Burundi's key priority areas are:

Priority 1: Food Security:

Integrated farming and agribusiness

Priority 2: Basic Education:

Literacy for development, livelihoods and formal education support

Priority 3: Economic Development:

Microfinance for women through the village banking model

Priority 4: Basic Health and Nutrition:

Integrated maternal-child care

Priority 5: Humanitarian Assistance:

Shelter



QUALITY ASSURANCE



ADRA has developed key processes for accomplishing client satisfaction and operational excellence by building competent and committed human resources, maximizing use of appropriate information and technology, and creating a pleasant organizational climate where ADRA's beliefs and values are reflected.

The impact of ADRA Burundi's Programme Strategy will utilise the balanced scorecard method, with the participation of internal human resources, beneficiaries, stakeholders and funders.