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ACRONYMS

B4MCN	Bio-fortified Value Chains for Improved Maternal and Child Nutrition
CHW	Community Health Worker
CMAM	Community-Based Management of Acute Malnutrition
CoH	Channels of Hope
CSA	Climate Smart Agriculture
CVA	Citizen Voice and Action
FMNR	Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration
GEDSI	Gender, Disability and Social Inclusion
GIFT	Gender-Inclusive Financial Literacy
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
PDH	Positive Deviance Hearth
RET	Resilience Empowerment Transformation
RUTF	Ready to Use and Therapeutic Food
TTC	Timely Targeted Counselling
UPG	Ultra Poor Graduation
WASH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
WVIB	World Vision International Burundi



Message from the National Director

Dear Supporters, Staff and Partners of World Vision Burundi.

It is with immense pleasure that I present to you our Impact Report for 2024. This year, I want you to hear directly from the mouths of persons that have been positively impacted by your donations, your hard work and your partnership with World Vision.

I want to highlight the story of Pontien, one of our Lead Farmers in commune Kigamba of Cankuzo province, who at best, could hope to harvest 300 kilogrammes of maize and 200 kilogrammes of beans. But with the support and training from World Vision and the provision of improved seeds, he not only grew his harvest to 16,000 kilogrammes of maize and 6,800 kilogrammes of beans and is now a certified seed multiplier. During peak season, he provides employment to 50 members of his community.

Alice, a 12-year-old from Buyongwe in the Mishiha commune of Cankuzo Province, used to fetch water 2 kilometres away from her home. The water was not of good quality and she would suffer from stomach pains and miss school days. Thanks to a 7-kilometre water pipeline project in her community, she no longer suffers stomach problems and does not miss school as she now has clean water right outside her home.

World Vision provided school books to Awezaye's school, Samwe Basic School in Rugombo commune of Cibitoke province, enabling each student to have a text book. Awezaye told us how this has improved her academic performance as she is able to follow her lessons well and revise at home.

Edmond, a 10-year-old from Shombo in Karusi, saw the dramatic transformation her father went through when he and Edmond's mother attended our Celebrating Families programme that teaches couples on positive parenting and creating a common vision for their families. His father stopped excessive consumption of alcohol and invested the resources in the family, and Edmond is grateful for the changes he has seen in his father.

Neilla, 10 years old from Buyengero school in Shombo commune of Karusi province is so happy with her school desk provided through the World Vision GIK programme that enables her to sit and learn comfortable in class. She compares herself to a parliamentary deputy.

I conclude with the story of Anita, who struggled with getting adequate food during her pregnancy and ended up giving birth to an underweight child. Through our partnership with the Ministry of Health, she was able to get access to Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food and her son gained weight and is now in good health.

All these positive stories would not be possible without your support that saw us positively change the lives of 1,055,000 children, across 26 programmes implemented by our hard working 290 staff. Your giving and donations provided us with 30.4 million US Dollars that we strived to prudently use to bring about the results outlined in this impact report.

We remain grateful to you and look forward to working together in bringing positive change to children and their families in 2025!

God bless you !

Simon NYABWENGI
National Director / WVIB

We are **World Vision**

World Vision is an international Christian relief, development and advocacy organisation dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice.

We work alongside families and with local, national, and global partners, helping children take an active role with their families in building lives free of need and full of promise. We speak the truth against injustice, and continuously challenge ourselves and others to do our utmost for those we serve.

Our aspiration is to help ensure girls and boys enjoy good health, are educated for life, experience the love of God and their neighbours and are cared for, protected and participate in improving their lives.

We have been working in Burundi since 1994 with our basic model being the Area Program addressing context specific issues within a geographically defined community.

Our Vision

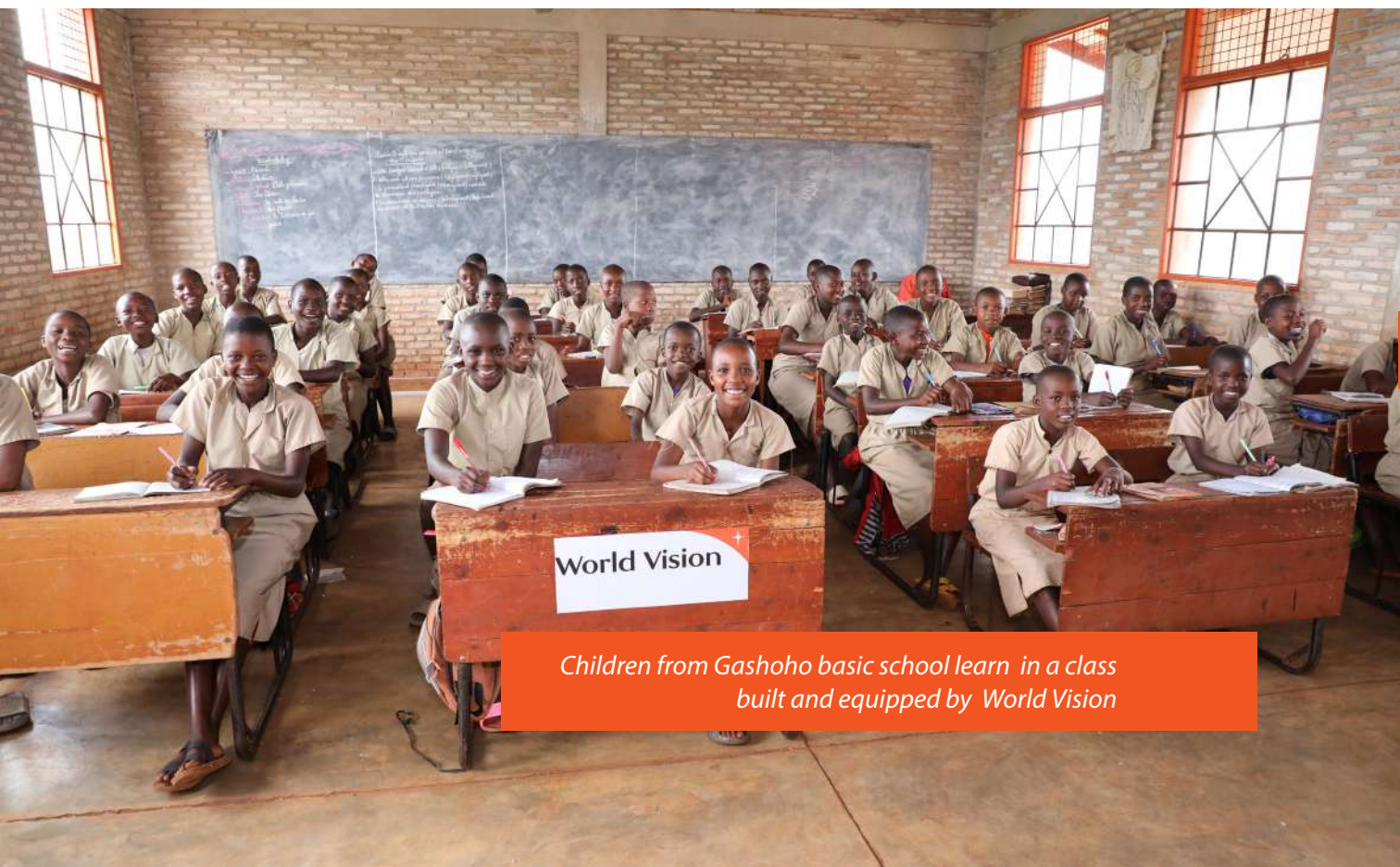
Our vision for every child, life in all its fullness;
Our prayer for every heart, the will to make it so.

Our Mission

World Vision is an international partnership of Christians, whose mission is to follow our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, in working with the poor and oppressed to promote human transformation, seek justice and bear witness to the good news of the kingdom of God.

Our Core Values

We are **Christian**
We value **people**
We are **partners**
We are **committed to the poor**
We are **stewards**
We are **responsive**



Children from Gashoho basic school learn in a class built and equipped by World Vision



A lead farmer supported by World Vision in his farm



Aline (Musongati) enjoying her cabbage harvest, she was trained through Impact + WVIB's approach



Breeding centres enable community members to access and keep improved breeds of pigs to diversify their sources of income



At Cumba basic school, WVIB built a block of latrines children were in need of and that improved their learning environment

2024 PROGRESS SNAPSHOT



Adult people reached:

851,000



Children reached:

1,055,000



Registered children

86,000



26 programmes



FY24 Cash Funds:

US \$30,4 million



Staff:

290

2024 GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE AREA

Programmes and Projects in Provinces and Communes

Long term Development Programmes in Muramvya (Rutegama, Mushikamo, Mbuye and Kiganda), **Gitega** (Gitega -Rural and Itaba), **Ruyigi** (Butezi) **Rutana** (Gitaba, Kinzanza, and Musongati), **Makamba** (Kayogoro), **Cankuzo** (Cankuzo, Mishiha, Muyaga and Kigamba), **Muyinga** (Cumba, Gasorwe, Gashoho, Buhinyuza), **Kirundo** (Vumbi, Kirundo and Bugabira), **Karuzi** (Bugenyuzi, Ntunda, Gihogazi and Shombo).

Bio-fortified Value Chains for Improved Maternal and Child Nutrition (B4MCN):

Kirundo (Vumbi, Gitobe, Bwambarangwe, Ntega), Muyinga (Buhinyuza), and Karuzi (Gitaramuka)

Komezawige Project:

Makamba (Kayogoro, Nyanza – Lac), Cibitoke (Rugombo and Mugina).

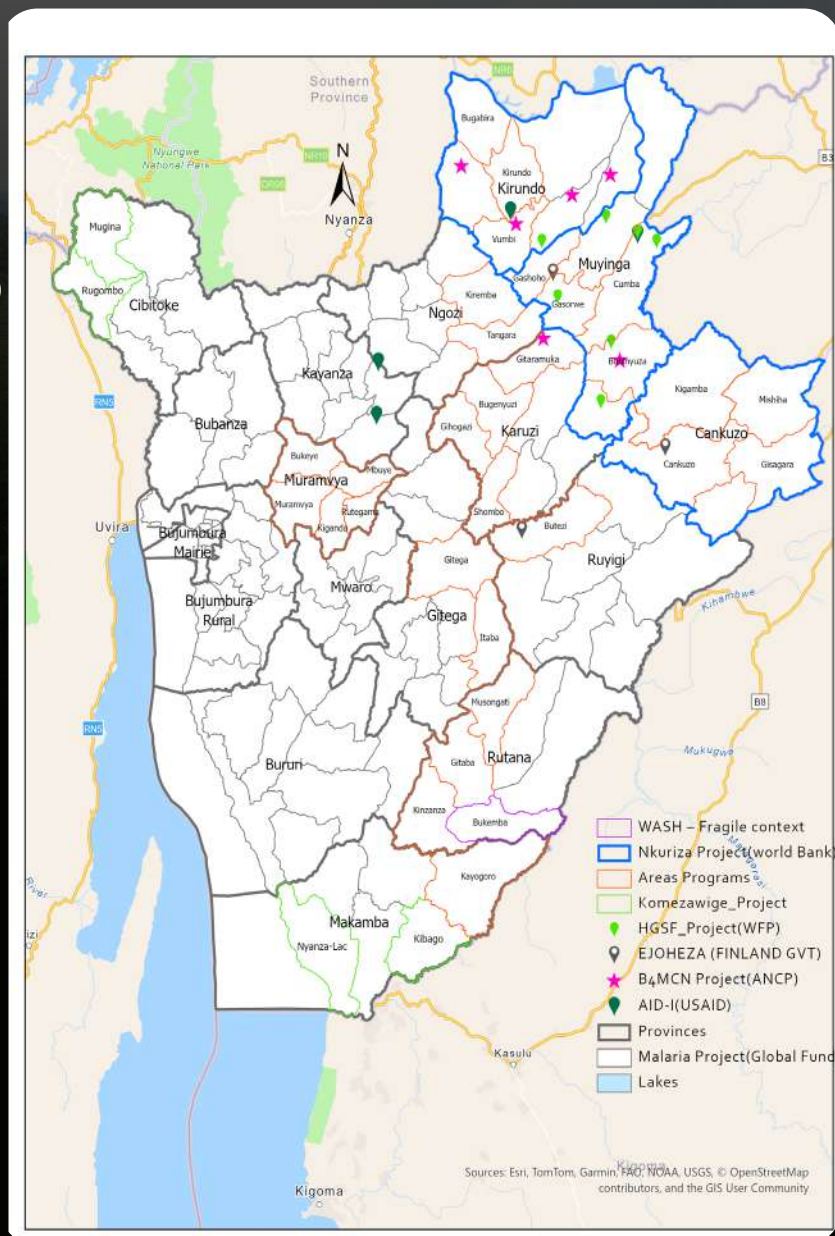
Disability Inclusive WASH and Livelihood Project: Ruyigi (Bwagiriza Refugee Camp)

Ejoheza (Child Protection and Youth Empowerment) Project: Ruyigi (Butezi), Cankuzo (Cankuzo), Muyinga (Gasorwe)

Burundi WASH Project Wash Programme/ US base fund: Rutana (Bukemba)

Nkuriza Project: Cankuzo (All communes), Muyinga (All communes), Kirundo (All communes).

Home Grown School Feeding (HGSF) project: Muyinga (Gasorwe, Gashoho, Buhinyuza,



Muyinga, Mwakiro, Giteranyi, Butihinda),

Accelerated Innovation Delivery Initiative project : Muyinga (Gashoho, Muyinga), Kayanza (Rango, Muhanga), Kirundo (Kirundo, Vumbi, Bugabira, Bwambarangwe and Busoni), Bubanza (Bubanza, Mpanda, Rugazi), Cibitoke (Mugina, Rugombo), Ngozi (Mwumba, Nyamurenza, Ngozi and Marangazi)

Burundi Strategy Map

Financial Year 2021-2025

STRATEGIC GOAL:

By **2025** World Vision Burundi (WVI/B) will contribute to improved quality of life and brighter future for **2,321,000 children** (Girls **1,195,000** ,Boys **1,126,000** ,) including **487,400** identify as most vulnerable.

MINISTRY IMPACT

Objective 1: Increase in children who have positive and peaceful relationships in their families and communities.

Objective 2: Increase in children who are well nourished (ages 0-5)

Objective 3: Increase in children protected from infections and disease (0-5).

Objective 4: Increase in primary school children who can read.

MINISTRY FUNDING

Objective 1: Strengthening resources growth and donor diversification for ministry impact

Objective 2: Improved Financial Resource Management, Compliance and accountability.

Objective 3: Improved Strategy and programme quality through MEAL.

OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Objective 1: Enhanced Communication and Engagement to position WVI/B as preferred partner by sponsor and donors, strategic organisations & government.

Objective 2: Enhanced systems, Risk, management and internal control processes.

Objective 3: Strengthened Networking and collaboration for optimal impact. quality through MEAL.

PEOPLE, LEARNING & GROWTH

Objective 1: Enhanced people management skills among line and potential managers.

Objective 2: Staff technical skills aligned to WV International integrated competency Development and Core Competencies.

Objective 3: Improved staff engagement, motivation and performance.

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OUR IMPACT

The Sponsorship programme in Musongati is bringing change in Cyriaque's family



"TWIYUBAKE" association cabbage farm on Wingoma hill in Buhinyuza commune covers an area of more than 20 acres and has 19 members

FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY

Strategic Objective 2: Increase in number of children who are well nourished (ages 0-5)

The Integrated Food and Nutrition Programme achieved remarkable progress in 26 Programmes, reaching a total of 1,313,000 beneficiaries, including 272,280 girls, 262,000 boys, 293,300 women and 485,420 men.

This remarkable progress is in alignment with «Our Promise 2030» and Burundi Government's priorities, as we continue to work towards ensuring that no one is left behind in the fight for better nutrition.

The programme focused on enhancing household food production through hands-on training in modern agricultural techniques. By equipping farmers with the skills needed to thrive, we were able to support 113,150 vulnerable households. In collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Agriculture, and Livestock, we established and strengthened

4,530 farmers' groups, building a strong foundation for long-term food security.

A game-changer for sustainable agricultural production, the adoption of Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) practices and Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR) techniques by 3,210 households.

These efforts have benefited 413,000 community members, including 200,000 girls, 206,000 boys, 4,000 women and 3,000 men, ensuring that agriculture remains both resilient and environmentally sensitive.

Beyond food security, the programme worked to improve livelihoods by enhancing farmers' skills in seed production and small animal breeding, opening new pathways for household income diversification and savings. In 2024, 465,000 children (237,000 girls and 228,000 boys) directly benefited from

key Achievements

113,150

small-scale farmers trained and mentored in new and improved agricultural technologies



261,080

most vulnerable households enabled to access sufficient and adequate quantities of good quality seed and /or planting materials



16,800

individuals were trained and applied new entrepreneurial skills acquired



1,920

saving groups created



13,450

malnourished children rehabilitated through Positive Deviance Hearth approach



227,620

children reached through routine Growth Monitoring and screening

World Vision-supported livelihoods initiatives, and 1,920 new savings groups were created, fostering community-driven financial growth.

Our commitment to maternal and child nutrition has also shown significant achievements. By strengthening the capacity of community health workers and mother leaders, we improved feeding practices, reaching 227,620 children (111,540 girls and 116,080 boys). Notably, 13,450 children (6,590 girls and 6,860 boys) were rehabilitated from malnutrition, demonstrating the effectiveness of community action in improving health and addressing malnutrition.



Christelle (Cumba) was supported with goats after being trained through the Impact+ Approach



A parent at a PDH session in Kiganda commune receives from World Vision an orange bowl and a spoon

Impact Story

Pontien, a lead farmer, holding a portion of his maize harvest



“Before I was trained by World Vision, I could only harvest 300 kgs of maize and 200 kgs of beans for a whole farming season”, says Pontien. “But that is now a story of the past”, proudly shares Pontien.

After applying the skills he learned from World Vision, Pontien’s farming practices have improved, leading to impressive harvests. In the 2023 farming season, he recorded a yield of 16 tons of maize and 6.8 tons of beans, all certified as quality seeds. Throughout the season, he hires up to 50 casual laborers daily, each paid 4,000 BIF (approximately \$1.50) for their work, further contributing to the local economy. “One of my farms has become a learning and demonstration plot where my fellow community members come to learn and procure certified seeds”, Pontien shares.

Increasing food production through farmer led approach

The lead farmer approach was introduced by World Vision as a solution for extending agricultural services to local communities. Trained volunteers are empowered to share valuable farming knowledge with their peers. This approach expands access to agricultural inputs and services, benefiting both men and women farmers with enhanced skills and resources.

When you meet Pontien, a trained lead farmer of Kigamba commune, Cankuzo province, his testimony highlights the transformative impact the Lead Farmer approach can have on the lives of rural farmers. Thanks to training, guidance and support, Pontien has become a living example of the approach’s success. He has grown into a seed multiplier, harvesting tons of maize and beans.

He credits World Vision for providing him with the support and resources that have enabled him to achieve his success today. He was trained, supported with fertilizers, connected to specialized agricultural institutes like ONCSS and ISABU to be registered as seed multiplier. “In 3 to 4 coming years, I project starting using a vehicle to transport organic manure and use land tilling tractors”, says Pontien.



Children from Gashoho basic school drinking water from a water ramp availed by WVIB

HEALTH, WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE



The integrated Health and WASH Technical Programme aims to increase the number of children protected from diseases and infections. In fiscal year 2024, the programme was implemented in 13 programmes and two grants, covering 10 out of Burundi's 18 provinces: Muramvya, Gitega, Karusi, Muyinga, Kirundo, Ruyigi, Cankuzo, Rutana, Makamba, and Ngozi. Over the course of FY24, the program reached 343,030 people, including 21,320 women, 22,190 men, 146,770 girls and 152,750 boys.



*A community health worker treating a child at community level
in Mbuye commune*

Improving Quality of Care for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health

The health component of the programme contributed to improved adoption and utilization of maternal and child health services at the community level. Trained community health workers provided health checks to 156,030 children, while 39,150 children aged 0-23 months and 24,070 pregnant women received at least one visit from a trained volunteer. Counseling provided to women of reproductive age led to 1,590 women newly adopting modern contraceptive methods. Additionally, 2,840 community health workers received support in the form of aid kits, including umbrellas, rain-protective clothing, boots, bicycles, lamps, and data collection tools.

Through health systems strengthening for the delivery of optimal health care to children and mothers, 22 health facilities were equipped with hospital beds and mattresses. Infrastructure improvements included the construction of five health facilities and two blocks of latrines. The programme also conducted three quarterly supervision sessions to maintain high standards of care. In partnership with health districts, we provided medical supplies, including, 1,028,640 tablets of amoxicillin, 334,000 tablets of zinc, 839,850 packs of Oral Rehydration Solution, and 1,420 boxes of gloves, supporting 10 health districts in delivery life-saving treatments.

key Achievements

156,030
children who received
health checks from a trained
health care provider



9,650
people gaining access
to basic drinking water
services

2,460 Children with access
to basic sanitation facilities,
at education centres



4,860
households enabled to access
sanitation facilities

1,230
people gained access to
handwashing facilities



1,390 community
health workers trained on
antenatal and postnatal care

24,070

pregnant women received at least one
visit from a trained ttc CHW/HIV



39,150
children aged 0-23 months were
served by ttc/CHW/HIV



Our National Director and staff visiting a water tank built by WVIB in Rutana province

Transforming Communities through Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

In terms of WASH, World Vision Burundi focused on improving household access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene, aligning with Sustainable Development Goal 6. The WASH programme built 89 water points, providing 23,730 beneficiaries (11,840 females, 11,890 males) with basic drinking water (53% of the plan). Additionally, 9 schools gained access to safe drinking water, benefiting 6,010 children (2,910 girls, 3,100 boys), and 2 health facilities were equipped with improved water sources. Sensitization efforts led to 55,080 people gaining sanitation services through latrine construction, and 10,090 households accessing handwashing facilities. 140 sex-separated latrines were built in 17 schools, serving 9,250 children (4,710 girls, 4,540 boys), and all 17 schools were equipped with handwashing facilities. At health centers, 18 latrine stalls were built in six facilities, enhancing sanitation.

WATER SYSTEMS CONSTRUCTED OVER FY24

Province	Commune		Water system name	Length (Km)	# people reached
Muyinga	Muyinga	Kinazi	Rugari-Kinazi	10.5km	7052
	Muyinga	Mukoni	Extension of Cumba	4.6km	1972
	Gasorwe	Bwasare	Rusimbuko Masasu	5km	4534
Makamba	Kayogoro	Kirombwe, Gatabo	Kirombwe Gatabo Gravity Water system	17km	3194
Rutana	Bukemba	Kabanga	Nyaciha phase 4	6km	1265
Kirundo	Vumbi		Ruhona Nyakibanda	4.6km	869
Cankuzo	Mishiha	Kibimba	Rusumo-Kibimba Gravity	6km	868
Karusi	Gihogazi	Mugero, Mugogo	Mugero-Mugogo Gravity	4km	370

Impact Story

Clean water brings hope of an improved life to Buyongwe community members



Alice fetching clean water from a water point near her home

In Buyongwe, a remote community in Mishiha commune (Cankuzo), a 12-year-old girl, Alice, in 5th grade faced daily struggles due to the lack of clean water. Alice lives with her parents and 5 siblings. Her parents are farmers.

Every day, she walked a 2 km long journey to fetch unclean water, which often caused her and her family to suffer from diarrhea and other waterborne illnesses.

Alice's community knew the risks of drinking unsafe water, but they had no other choice.

During community engagement meetings with World Vision, the people of Buyongwe voiced their concerns about the lack of clean water. Recognizing the urgent need, World Vision, in partnership with the local administration, took action to change lives with the construction of a drinking water system with a length of 7 km to help provide safe water benefiting to 868 people, improve sanitation and hygiene.

«I used to miss class three or four times a month because of stomach pain from drinking dirty water», Alice recalls. «But now, I thank God that World Vision brought clean water near my home».

Alice's smile reflects the joy of no longer worrying about falling sick from contaminated water. "World Vision installed a water tap near my house, and now children in my neighborhood enjoy clean water without fear of getting sick," she shares. "My siblings and I happily drink clean water and wash our hands regularly to stay healthy."

To ensure the long-term sustainability of the water system, World Vision, in collaboration with local authorities, trained and empowered 70 community members (42 women and 28 men). These volunteers now form water point committees, responsible for managing and maintaining the water infrastructure.

EDUCATION

The education technical programme is making remarkable progress in increasing the number of primary school children who can read. This is achieved by enhancing the learning environment accessible, attractive and inclusive that meets gender-specific requirements. The programme also strengthens the quality of education by building teacher's capacities and equipping them with teaching materials, contributing to reinforce school and education management as well as responding to emergencies affecting education.

This year, the programme reached 226,120 people including 106,980 girls, 102,790 boys, 8,700 women and 7,650 men. To create an improved and conducive learning environment, World Vision constructed 49 classrooms, 120 latrines and distributed around 3,000 desks.

Playing balls were provided to promote active and engaging learning experiences. In relation to quality, 1120 teachers were trained in teachings techniques either in Unlock Literacy methodologies or in programme curriculum especially the newly recruited ones. To support effective school governance especially in the schools that are running school feeding programme, around 250 schools were supported to train their schools management committees and school development plans were the most discussed topic and were established.

Addressing school dropouts, especially among teenagers, remains a priority. In an innovative approach to finding practical solutions, World Vision collaborated with the University of Burundi to conduct research on this pressing issue. The findings are now ready to be shared, leading the way for targeted and effective interventions to keep more children in school.



Children enjoying their break at kiremba basic school in Muyinga province



WVIB built 2 blocks of latrines at Gasorwe basic school

Key Achievements



1,120 Teachers capacity built



24,780 children have been taught using the Literacy Boost teaching methodology

151,640 children supported through school feeding programme



235 of schools supported with teaching and learning materials or trainings



49 schools constructed

10,000 parents/caregivers trained in unlock literacy support



6,300 community members reached through awareness raising sessions and access to information on education



1,900 children participating in life skills activities



Success story

A donation of books igniting interest of learning



For Awezaye, (who is raising her hand ready to answer to a question), having a book in her hands has improved her school performance.

The Komezawige programme, implemented by World Vision Burundi and funded by Education Cannot Wait programme, is making a difference for schools in need of books. In 182 schools across 4 communes in Makamba and Cibitoke provinces, the programme has provided books covering all subjects: Languages, Mathematics, Science and Technology, entrepreneurship and Human sciences. The educational resources have been the game changer, significantly enhancing the quality of teaching and learning in these communities facing educational challenges. The impact is evident as both students and teachers experience improved educational outcomes and a more engaging learning environment.

Awezaye, a 16-year-old student from Samwe basic school in Rugombo commune, shares how access to books has transformed her learning experience: “Having books allows us to follow the teacher very well. It became easier to see exercises, and practice reading. Before, we missed books, had no reference during lessons and this affected our learning”, says Awezaye while holding her human science book.

Paveline, the headmistress of Samwe basic school recalls the challenges they faced: “We had very few and old books, many missing pages. Now, each child has their own book but we still need more books for entrepreneurship and mathematics”, says Paveline whose school accommodates 1,300 children”.

Previously, 6 to 7 children had to share one book but now, in some instances 1 child is having their own book. To make the donation sustainable the books are carefully covered, and each child is responsible for maintaining their book. “We really appreciate this support. We are hopeful that it will also improve our school’s performance”, says Paveline.

SPONSORSHIP, CHILD PROTECTION, ADVOCACY, FAITH & DEVELOPMENT



The Community Engagement and Sponsorship Programme (CESP) aims to promote positive relationships among boys and girls, their families and communities. In FY24, the programme reached 304,530 people including 118,790 women, 29,760 men, 79,590 girls and 76,390 boys.

Elevating Child Protection to a Societal Imperative

Throughout FY24, strengthening child protection systems remained a key priority. This was achieved primarily through capacity-building initiatives targeting community-level actors, including child protection committees, community volunteers, teachers, and school management committees. These efforts aimed to enhance their ability to prevent, identify, and respond effectively to child protection risks. Additionally, WVIB played a key role in influencing partners to develop and implement child and adult safeguarding policies, fostering safer environments for children.

Service delivery was reinforced through child-friendly case management and referral systems, ensuring vulnerable children had access to psychosocial support and essential protection services. Further, targeted interventions engaged families and local leaders through training and awareness campaigns on child rights, positive parenting, and elimination of negative behaviors and attitudes.

To enhance coordination, efforts focused on strengthening multi-sectoral collaboration at communal, provincial, and national levels. WVIB actively contributed to key national child protection platforms, including the National Coordination of Child Protection Actors, Child Labor Task Force, Child Protection in Humanitarian Action Sub-Committee, Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Network, Gender-Based Violence Working Group, and Gender Think Tank.





A family from the Gashoho commune that received training on Empowerd world view has improved their well-being

Key Achievements :



71,860 People reached through child protection campaigns



310 children's survivors of child trafficking reintegrated into their families



480 Functional community-based child protection committees



120 schools with response and feedback mechanisms meeting standards



1,720 child protection cases reported and referred



9,175 children reintegrated into school



14,070 children receiving delayed birth registration



Children enjoying their break at Cumba basic school in Muyinga province

Amplifying Voices: Local Level Advocacy for Change

This FY24 was marked with intensive advocacy activities where 20 Citizen Voice and Action (CVA) groups conducted 89 interface meetings, engaging 2,460 community members. As a result, 43,340 children (22,100 girls and 21,240 boys) benefited from World Vision's local and national advocacy efforts.

Building Safe and Supportive Communities

The program also invested in creating a more protective environment for children by addressing negative attitudes and behaviors. Through Empowered World View (EWV) training, 6,190 community members (3,000 women, 190 men) were reached while Celebrating Families trainings reached 2,575 couples with the aim to strengthen family dynamics.

Developing resilience, life skills, and voice of adolescents

To develop life skills and resilience among adolescents, the programmes reached 19,390 adolescents through various child-focused groups. This included 8,240 adolescents in Impact+ clubs, 5,280 children in hygiene clubs, 3,250 children in peace-building clubs, and 2,620 adolescents as peer educators on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights. Additionally, 3,660 children actively participated in World Vision's decision-making processes, ensuring that children's voices are represented in key discussions affecting their well-being. Lastly, in relation to mental health of adolescent, 492 volunteer teachers were trained to provide targeted psychosocial support in schools. These teachers are now facilitating 246 school-based discussion groups.



The youth from Gitwenge Technical High School that received training on sexual and reproductive health

Key Achievements



63,950 Children reached by WV's faith-based approaches, including spiritual nurture of children

5,730 children (12 -18 years) involved or participating in peace building initiatives



81,890 Adolescents completed a life skills curriculum

6,950 Children, adolescent and youth (CAY) participated meaningfully in actions that support ending violence against children



1,130 children participating in decision making

24,120 girls and boys members actively participating in children's groups



1,165 girls and boys received appropriate psychological support services

Impact story

Improved harmony in families for the bright future of children



Edmond can now spend time together with his parents

Edmond, is a 10-year-old boy living in Shombo commune, Karusi province. Though he is still very young, he recalls the atmosphere that used to prevail in his family. His parents quarreled almost every day. His father was addicted to alcohol and could not contribute to the family's well-being and would misuse the little harvest they had to buy the local wine for himself. «Sometimes, he prevented me from attending school so that I stay at home to support my mother's work in the field», Edmond recalls. «My dad had made my home life miserable », adds Edmond.

World Vision is running several activities in Shombo Area Programme and trained 54 couples including Edmond's parents on Celebrating families' approach. Among other things, they were trained on positive parenting and living in harmony in families.

The follow up was made after the training and underscored that 47 couples that makes 90% among the trained ones have changed their behaviours while the remaining 10% are still under follow up and monitoring. Those families are living peacefully, working together and sharing the same vision for the future.

«Now, my home is peaceful and parents love each other says Edmond. They love us and we love them. We are well fed, educated, and treated well», joyfully shares Edmond. Edmond's parents have now engaged in pigs and rabbits breeding.

GENDER EQUALITY, DISABILITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION



Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) is integrated across all our programmes and interventions. Our commitment to inclusiveness ensures that every child and community member, regardless of gender, ability, or social background, has equal access to opportunities and resources.

By embedding GEDSI into our approaches, we ensure that no one is left behind. Our interventions provide equitable access to essential services, empowering communities to live healthier, safer, and more resilient lives. We work closely with communities to challenge stereotypes, reduce stigma, and promote positive social norms that empower women, girls, people with disabilities, the batwa community or other excluded groups.



The KEREBUKA impact+ club in the Bugwana community produces more than 1,200 soaps per day for 1,000 BIF each

Beyond Parity: Building Inclusive and Sustainable Systems for Women and Girls

World Vision Burundi is dedicated to advancing Gender Equality and Social Inclusion through a strategic twin-track approach for meaningful and sustainable change. This involves both integrating inclusion across all interventions and implementing targeted initiatives to address specific gaps.

During this reporting period, WVIB reached 45% of women and girls across all programmes and projects. Beyond mainstreaming, targeted interventions across all programmes and projects focus on improving access, decision-making, participation, well-being, and addressing systemic barriers that disproportionately affect marginalized groups.

Key Achievements



7,750 adolescent girls received menstrual hygiene products, addressing a critical barrier to education and dignity in a country where at least 60% of girls have reported missing lessons or schools due to menstruation



6,185 community members (3,000 women, 3,185 men,) participated in Empowered Worldview trainings, promoting gender-equitable attitudes and behaviors



2,575 couples (2,575 women, 2,575 men) were reached through Celebrating Families trainings, fostering more equitable relationships within households



1,060 community members (530 women, 530 men) received training in Gender-Inclusive Financial Literacy (GIFT), empowering joint financial decisions



1,240 improved cooking stoves distributed to women's associations to address women's time poverty



6,480 People reached through awareness-raising campaigns to fight against gender-based violence

These targeted interventions, combined with mainstreaming efforts, demonstrate World Vision Burundi's commitment to gender equality across multiple domains. By addressing both the symptoms and root causes of gender inequality, World Vision Burundi is contributing to create a more just and equitable society for all.

Beyond Elimination of Barriers: Empowering Persons with Disabilities Through a Rights-Based Approach

World Vision Burundi is dedicated to fostering a more inclusive society through targeted interventions aimed at empowering people with disabilities (PWDs). Recognizing the disproportionate challenges faced by this population, particularly children, World Vision Burundi has integrated disability inclusion across all projects and programmes. By working in close collaboration with Organizations of People with Disabilities (OPDs) and other local partners, World Vision Burundi is striving to break down barriers, challenge discriminatory attitudes, and create a more equitable and supportive environment for PWDs throughout the country.



An association of the youth living with albinism making multi-purpose soaps with the support of World Vision



An association of the youth in Gitega making multi-purpose soaps with the support of World Vision

Key Achievements



170

children with disabilities
benefited from assistive devices

160

PWDs trained in sewing
and supported with 107 sewing machines



23

children with disabilities
enabled to access specialized education



1,720

people with disabilities supported
with income generation activities through GIK
resources.



59

children with disabilities supported
with specialized medical care

4,660

people with disabilities mapped
using the Washington Group Questionnaire



6,120

people reached with awareness-raising
campaigns on disability inclusion

These achievements reflect World Vision Burundi's holistic approach to disability inclusion, which encompasses not only direct support to individuals but also efforts to transform systems, challenge discriminatory attitudes, and empower PWDs to participate fully in all aspects of society. By continuing to work in partnership with OPDs, local communities, and other stakeholders, World Vision Burundi is committed to creating a more inclusive and equitable future for all Burundians, regardless of their abilities.

HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY AFFAIRS



In 2024, Burundi experienced severe climate hazards due to the El Niño phenomenon, leading to extensive flooding and landslides. Over 366,000 individuals were affected by torrential rains, strong winds, floods, landslides, hail and the overflowing of Lake Tanganyika. More than 10,000 households and around 50,000 people were displaced, and 21 deaths reported. Flooding and landslides along Lake Tanganyika (Bujumbura Rural, Bujumbura Marie, Rumonge, Makamba and Bubanza) were the most serious, while other regions cyclically affected by climate change also suffered significant damages. During the same period the country was coping with the effects of climate change, multiple epidemics were also reported in various parts of the country. Since the appearance of the first case of MPOX (25 July 2024), the extent of its spread has been extremely worrying: 2,975 positive cases and 1 death had been reported by 31 December 2024.

The response to the affected populations was initiated from May 2024 and World Vision joined the Government and other Humanitarian Organisations efforts with interventions in different sectors such as food assistance, shelter, education and WASH. Across 20 communes in 13 Provinces, US\$278,875 were provided to 8,045 Households as cash-based assistance for different livelihoods needs with various Non-Food Items costing US\$185,195 value. Where educational infrastructure was totally or partially destroyed, in collaboration with the education authorities and communities, World Vision contributed to the rehabilitation of 15 classrooms, construction of 3 new classrooms and 19 latrines, enabling 12,040 children to continue their learning despite the impact of the disasters.



World Vision distributing NFIs to people affected by floods in Buterere, Bujumbura city



WVIB built at Ruzibura basic school 3 classrooms. The school had been affected by torrential rains mixed with heavy winds

In partnership with the Government of Burundi and other organizations, World Vision Burundi is addressing immediate humanitarian needs while implementing long-term strategies to build resilience and promote sustainable peace among crisis-affected populations, including vulnerable migrants and returnees. The organization provided life-saving humanitarian assistance and education in emergencies while supporting the government in finding durable solutions for displacement and returnee situations. Additionally, World Vision enhanced the Burundian population's resilience to recurrent climate-induced shocks.

Collaborating with the World Food Programme, World Vision contributed to the decentralized commodity voucher procurement model to improve school meals provision in 145 schools in Muyinga Province, benefiting 141,135 children aged 6-18 and enhancing their learning outcomes. The Komezawige project continued to support 21,700 children with hot meals and provided cash transfers to 8,060 households. As a result of these efforts, World Vision is making strides towards addressing immediate needs while fostering long-term recovery and resilience in the face of ongoing climate challenges.



WVIB has built a block of 16 latrines for internal displaced people from Gatumba at Kinyinya I, Mutimbuzi Commune



WVIB has rehabilitated a water point at Ruzibira basic school, Musigati Commune



WVIB has constructed 3 classrooms at Ruzibura Basic School in Musigati commune

Key Achievements



8,045 households supported with US\$278,875 of cash transfer

1,484 households supported with construction materials



12,040 children received education support

340 households received cash transfers to support children education



3,860 households supported with Non-Food Items costing US\$185,195



12,040 children supported with classroom constructions or rehabilitation

700 Community Health Workers from 11 Health Districts trained on MPOX preventive measures



Impact story

School canteens stirring school performance and reducing dropouts

Esther, 13, a young school girl who is in grade 6 at a local school in Nyanza-Lac commune, Makamba province appreciates the benefits that a school canteen implemented in her school since October 2023 has brought to her.

"I could spend one or 2 days per week without having lunch. Nowadays, I have my lunch at school and then when I go back home, I feel energized to revise my lessons", says Esther whose other 3 siblings benefit from the school canteen at the same school.

Esther says that the food she is given is delicious and of sufficient quantity. Asked about what is her contribution to make the canteen continue running, "we are only asked to bring firewood", she joyfully replies. According to Honoré Nkurunziza, a headmaster at the school, dropouts are reducing and school performance improving thanks to the school canteen

"We will evaluate its impact well at the end of the school year", Honoré says. Esther's school is hosting 1,300 school children.



Esther, 13, (in a green plate) having her lunch at a local school in Nyanza-Lac, Makamba province

Parents of school children are asked to come on rotational basis to prepare food for their children, "it is my modest contribution to the success of this school canteen programme", says Francine. In Burundi, despite free education system in basic and post basic schools, parents lack the means to provide their children with school supplies. According to surveys carried out by the National Institute of Statistics, the most affected areas with dropouts are provinces that socio-economic conditions are poor.



Children receive hot meals at Kigembezi basic school, Nyanza-Lac commune

GIFT-IN-KIND

During FY24, focusing on the most vulnerable children in our programming has strengthened our identity towards compliance and accountability. Gift-In-Kind contributed to raise the NO annual budget from 2,000,000 USD to US \$4.3 million. Over the course of FY24, 7,050 children (3,820 girls, 3,230 boys,), 1780 families and 1120 associations have been reached using Gift-In-Kind funds.



In Karusi, a GIK donation of chairs and desks intends to improve learning conditions for children

Leveraging Gift-In-Kind for Enhanced Health and Nutrition Outcomes

The GIK for Health and Nutrition comprised medical supplies including albendazoles, Ready to Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) and other nutritional supplements. These supplies were donated to the Ministry of Health and benefited 313 Most Vulnerable Children including 275 children living with disabilities and 38 with albinism, ensuring they receive the care they deserve. Through 1800 boxes of RUTF, we reached and rehabilitated 5,500 under five children with moderate malnutrition, giving them a second chance at life and health.

Impact story

Anita with her healthy son Fiston

Anita, a 20-year-old mother from Kiganda, carries a story of courage and hope. At just 16 years old, Anita became pregnant with her son, Fiston, facing a challenging reality with no means or strength to provide herself with a balanced diet worthy of a pregnant woman.



"I gave birth to a premature child. Breastfeeding a new born in a situation where getting a daily meal is a miracle was the hardest experience in my life," she recalls. Living off pottery and laboring on other people's land, Anita constantly feared losing her son or even her own life.

Since birth, Fiston was frail and frequently ill, suffering from colds, flu, digestive disorders, diarrhea and fever. The endless hospital visits drained Anita both physically and emotionally preventing her from working and providing food for her child. In January, Fiston was screened and diagnosed with severe malnutrition. I thank God for health facilities workers. He was put on a two-month plumpy nuts treatment, consuming two packages per day as supplemental food. There was no shortage because they do a quarterly procurement from the ministry of Health as confirmed by the health facility lead.

"At first, it was not easy for him to get used to the treatment but soon RUTF became his preferred meal. Fortunately, my son recovered and started to gain weight and grow stronger, developing normally.

When I look at him, I thank God and pray for blessings on the donors who support our community Health facilities with adequate treatment. I paid nothing to receive the RUTF and I cannot imagine what would have happened if I had to pay for his treatment. My son would not be here today.

The Strategic Role of Gifts-in-Kind in Supporting Education

The GIK for education has contributed to the Komezawige project efforts where 3 schools have been equipped with school furniture benefiting in 1000 children whose school learning environment has been improved.

Impact story

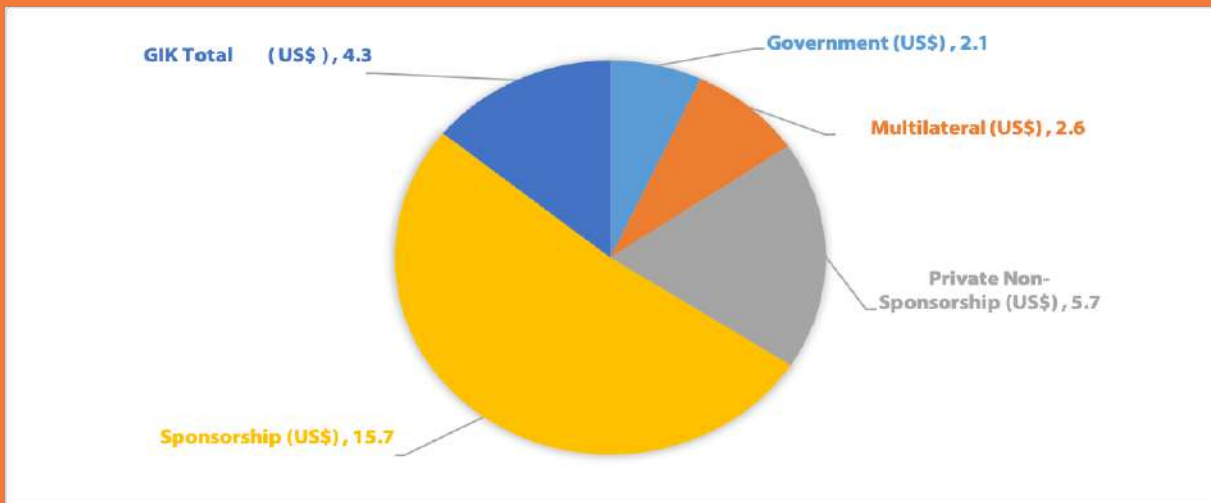
Neilla, 10, in grade 6 of Buyengero school cannot contain her joy and excitement over the nice desks that have transformed her classroom says: "Before, four or five of us squeezed onto old, worn-out desks. Now, we sit one to a nice and comfortable desk. We look like deputies sitting in congress hall. We hope to achieve higher marks for the remaining period of the year." 49 brand-new desks were donated to Neilla's class.



Neilla sits comfortably after her school was provided with desks

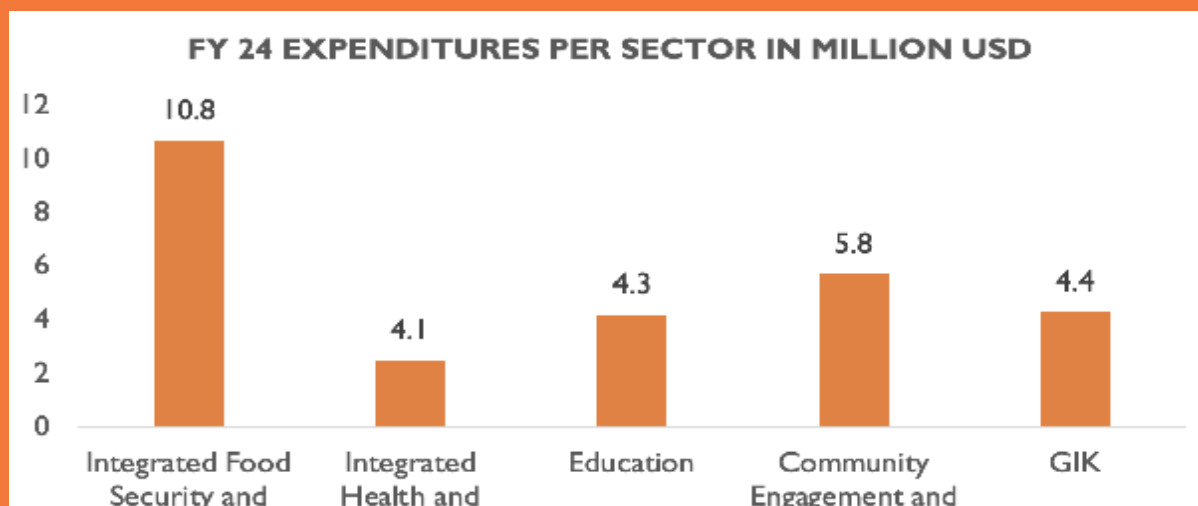
FUNDING SOURCES

30.4 million USD were committed in FY24 to fulfil World Vision mission in Burundi. The sponsorship took a leading edge in supporting the lives of children over FY24 with a 15.7 million USD representing 51.8% of the total funds.



FY24 EXPENDITURES PER SECTOR

In fiscal year 2024 (FY24), World Vision Burundi's total income reached \$30,382,825 USD, with \$29,401,696 USD allocated to various programmes. The largest portion of these expenditures, 36.7%, supported integrated food and nutrition security initiatives. Community engagement and sponsorship programs received the second-highest allocation, accounting for 19.6% of the total. Education initiatives comprised 15% of the overall expenditures, followed by Gifts-in-Kind (GIK) at 14.9%, and integrated health, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programmes at 13.8%. The table below provides a detailed breakdown of these expenses in millions of USD per sector.



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