

# IMPACT REPORT 2025

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**BURUNDI**

# FOREWORD

## Message from the National Director

Dear Supporters, Friends and Partners of World Vision, It gives me great pleasure to inform you of the transformation that your gifts, time, prayer and encouragement have brought to the lives of the over 1,373,000 children and their families that we were able to serve in 2025. You will find in these pages testimonies of children who were able to eat and sleep better because of the positive decisions that their parents began making after working alongside World Vision staff to change their worldview and to begin investing in themselves and in their families.

You will read of the lives of thousands of children whose lives were saved because they were able to access health care in time and were saved from the deadly disease of malaria because they were able to sleep under a mosquito net.

You will read of stories of mothers and their children who no longer had to walk long distances to access water that was mostly dirty and not fit for consumption courtesy of the donations that you gave towards improving water systems.

Two things stand out for me when I reflect on 2025. One was the budget cuts that humanitarian and development agencies experienced because of policy decision changes by major donor countries. World Vision Burundi was not immune to this, and we experienced deep cuts in our food assistance, resilience and refugee programming. We adapted quickly, drawing more on private resources and prudently managing the resources we got to ensure that we minimized the impact of the aid cuts to the most vulnerable children.

The second thing that stands out for me is the influx of Congolese refugees in early 2025 and late 2025. The Burundian people welcomed their Congolese neighbours with open arms in spite of their own challenges and for this we are grateful to the Burundian government. Coming at a time when resources are constrained, we and other UN and NGO partners have been struggling to meet the basic needs of the over 70,000 refugees who came to the country. I have visited the refugees, and they live in basic shelters that leak when it rains and despite the efforts of everyone, lack in adequate water, health care, food and shelter. Children are missing out on education.



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We are grateful to the Startfund and the Dutch Relief Alliance that have provided much needed funds to provide immediate assistance to the refugees.

As we look ahead, we have completed our Strategy review, and we will continue focusing on health, education and food security with water and sanitation; a key component supporting health and nutrition.

I am grateful to you and our hard working and resilient team for the positive impact on children that you will read in this report.

Murakoze Cane

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National Director

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## ACRONYMS

AHAMR	: Agence Burundaise de l'Hydraulique et de l'Assainissement en Milieu Rural
AP	: Area Programmes
B4MCN	: Bio-Fortified Value Chains for Improved Maternal and Child Nutrition
CESP	: Community Engagement and Sponsorship Plan
CHW	: Community Health Workers
CP	: Child Protection
CPC	: Child Protection Committee
CVA	: Citizen Voice and Action
ECW	: Education Cannot Wait
FMNR	: Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration
GBV	: Gender Based Violence
GIK	: Gift-In-Kind
GMP	: Growth Monitoring and Promotion
IASC	: Inter-Agency Standing Committee
IGA	: Income Generating Activity
NGO	: Non-Government Organisation
OPD	: Organization of Persons with Disabilities
PD/Hearth	: Positive Deviance/Hearth
S4T	: Saving For Transformation
SMC	: School Management Committee
ToT	: Training of Trainers
TTC	: Timed and Targeted Counselling
UNDP	: United Nations Development Programme
UPG	: Ultra Poor Graduation
WASH	: Water Sanitation and Hygiene
WEE	: Women's Economic Empowerment
WLO	: Women Led Organization
WV	: World Vision

# WHO WE ARE

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 neighbors and are cared for, protected and participate in improving their lives.

World Vision International began working in Burundi in 1963. After a temporary suspension of operations, World Vision International Burundi (WVIB) resumed its work in 1995 in response to acute humanitarian needs arising from widespread civil war. Over the past three decades, WVIB has evolved from delivering emergency relief to implementing long-term, community-based development through area programs that address locally identified priorities.

Today, WVIB operates across all 18 provinces of Burundi, including refugee camps and transit centers. Its programming focuses on Food Security, Livelihoods, Health and Nutrition, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Education, and Child Protection, supported by cross-cutting approaches in gender equality and environmental sustainability.

## 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 Savior 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.

## Core Values

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



# IMPACT AT A GLANCE

90 projects implemented

\$31 million spent

288 staff employed

2.1 million people reached

761,040 adults reached

1,373,000 children reached

36,590

children reached by World Vision's faith-based approaches.

79,190

children benefited from violence prevention activities

7,580

children gained access to reporting and response systems for violence

118,490

children benefited from World Vision nutrition programmes

362,030

children (0-18 years) supported by health programs

56,640

people and children reached by water, sanitation, hygiene interventions

217,000+

children (6-18 years) joined education programmes for better learning

16,060

children (0-6 years) gained early childhood development support

29,640

children (12-18 years) completed life skills curriculum

648,320

children in households where parents benefited from livelihoods interventions

27,180

children reached via environment protection and restoration interventions

1,500

hectares regenerated

25,000

children reached through Gift-In-Kind aid

# 2025 PRESENCE MAP

## Programmes and Projects in Provinces and Communes

- **Long term Development Area Programmes in Muramvya** (Rutegama, Mushikamo, Mbuye, Kiganda, Bukeye and Muramvya), 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), Karusi (Bugenyuzi, Ntunda, Gihogazi and Shombo), Ngozi (Kirembe and Tangara).
- **Biofortified for Maternal and Child Nutrition (B4MCN):** Kirundo (Vumbi, Gitobe, Bwambarangwe, Ntega), Muyinga (Buhinyuza), and Karusi (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 (HGSE) project:** Muyinga (Gasorwe, Gashoho, Buhinyuza, Muyinga, Mwakiro, Giteranyi, Butihinda),
- **AID 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 Marangara)
- **Global Fund Malaria Project** (All provinces and communes)



- **Turamirane Project:** Kayanza (Kayanza, Kabarore, Gataru and Gahombo); Ngozi (Busiga, Mwumba, Nyamurenza, Kirembe, Gashikanwa and Tangara)
- **Start Fund :** Rutana (Giharo)
- **PATSAP:** Muyinga (Gasorwe, Mwakiro, Gashoho, Giteranyi, Muyinga, Buhinyuza)
- **School Feeding :** Gitega (Itaba, Gishubi, Mutaho, Bugendana, Ryansoro, Makebuko, Buraza, Nyarusange)

# 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 2,320,867 children (Boys 1,125,996, Girls 1,194,871) including 487,382 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 re-sources 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.

# FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION



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The Integrated Food and Nutrition programme aims to contribute to increase in children who are well nourished. The programme advanced Livelihoods and Resilience Strengthening within its operational area in 2025 as follows:

- Strengthened Food Production and Resilience
- Families now better handle disasters.
- Households coping with shocks rose from 47.6% to 79.9% within 2020-2025.
- Households grow more food, nourishing 325,840 more children.

**81,590** families got seeds, tools, or animals. This boosted farm yield

**11,110** farmers learned better farming techniques. This contributed to the improvement of the lives of 44,460 children.

**37,610** people accessed quality seeds on time. It helped 150,440 children.

Programme restored 1,500 hectares of land for lasting climate protection.

## Building Savings and Financial Access

More families save money safely, lifting 117,120 children out of poverty.

**80** farmer groups sold upgraded products, aiding 7,900 kids

Families using banks rose from 40% to 50.3% from 2020 to 2025, highlighting positive changes in saving behaviour

**280** new community savings groups were formed.

**1,460** savings groups now thrive, supporting families directly.

## Growing Incomes and Opportunities

Families diversify earnings, securing better futures for thousands of children.

**500** households with extra income sources grew from 14.8% to 21.2% from 2020 to 2025. Households strengthened their ability to cope with disasters.

**500** families received tools for income activities.

**710** families finished extreme poverty escape training.

**80** farmer groups sold upgraded products, aiding 7,900 kids

## Improving Child Nutrition

There is a slight and continuous reduction in children suffering from malnutrition.

**100** families got food aid right away.

Stunting in under-5 children dropped from 58.2% to 55.2% within 2020-2025.

**100** families got food aid right away.

**510** people used new business skills, helping 2,060 children.

**150** farmers linked to local markets for steady sales

**14,210** children joined nutrition sessions and gained 200g+ in 12 days.

Underweight among under five children declined from 32.6% to 27.9% within 2020-2025.

## Impact Story:

Empowered to Thrive: The Ripple Effect of Savings and Skills in Alberic's Community



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Before, my siblings and I often went to bed hungry. Every school day filled us with fear, not knowing when we'd be sent home for unpaid fees. My parents worked hard, but it was never enough," says 12-year-old Alberic, his voice still heavy with memories of those difficult days. Today, that fear is beginning to fade.

Through World Vision's Savings for Transformation training, Alberic's parents learned how to save, borrow wisely, and turn small efforts into growing income. "After the training, my father bought a cow," he says softly. "Now we have milk to drink, fertilizer for our fields, and even some to sell. We no longer worry about missing school."

The programme also strengthened local savings groups, teaching members about credit and business skills. Alberic's father, once overwhelmed and discouraged, now leads one of these groups, guiding others on how to rebuild their lives. Their home still shows signs of hardship, but something has changed. For the first time, Alberic speaks about the future with confidence and a smile.



# WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE



Households using basic sanitation facilities increased from 43% to 51%.

30

protected water springs constructed in Kirundo commune and Bukemba zone, resulting in 51 functional water points equipped with 106 faucets.

24,770

community members of which 11,639 children benefited from improved water access, including (9 609 persons with basic access and 15 156 with limited access).

27

water sources, 5 household samples and 3 taps tested for microbiological, chemical, and physical parameters in collaboration with AHAMR (L'Agence Burundaise de l'Hydraulique et de l'Assainissement en Milieu Rural)

30,060

people gained access to household sanitation, including 14,127 children.

3,640

children in six schools gained access to basic drinking water services.

11,310

children in 20 schools gained access to basic sanitation facilities.

7,500

refugees received emergency water service while 6,500 of them benefited from emergency sanitation.

## HEALTH

The health programme aims to contribute to Improved Protection of under five children from preventable infections and diseases in Burundi. During the FY21-25 strategy period, the programme achieved measurable improvements in child health and wellbeing, resulting in positive and lasting outcomes for children, families, and communities.

Health Breakthroughs: Safer Families, Brighter Futures

- Skilled birth attendance increased from 91.4% to 94.1%, contributing to safer deliveries and improved newborn survival.
- User satisfaction with health services rose from 84% to 90%, reflecting improved quality and client experience.
- Perceived responsiveness of health service providers improved from 79.2% to 81.4%, strengthening community trust and accountability.

To those outcomes, the programme contributions include:

2,040

Community Health Workers (CHWs) participated in community outreach activities addressing acute malnutrition.

1,000

CHWs were trained and provided household-level health services

97,150

children received health checks from trained health care providers.

28,750

pregnant women received home visits.

57,830

children (aged 0–23 months) were served by Community Health Workers



During this reporting period, World Vision Burundi's efforts prioritised sustainable access to clean water, sanitation facilities, and hygiene education, targeting vulnerable communities to promote child well-being and align with SDG 6. The WASH programmes emphasise behavior change, like handwashing and safe water handling in communities, schools, and healthcare facilities, alongside governance, finance, and water security for lasting impact. The programme outcomes include:

# Impact story:

From dirty streams to safe water: How Access Transformed Emelyne's School Life

# EDUCATION PROGRAMME



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Emelyne, 13, from Gihogazi zone in Shombo commune used to fetch dirty water from a nearby stream for drinking at school, personal hygiene and cleaning her classroom. Like many other pupils, Emelyne had to walk long distances to collect water.

"We often suffered from worms, diarrhoea and lack of hygiene at school environment because of the unclean water. We wasted a lot of time, which had a negative impact on our school performance.

Since World Vision supported our school with access to clean water, the situation has significantly improved. Cases of diarrhoea and worm infections reduced and the overall hygiene environment at the school has improved. Children no longer miss classes to fetch water, allowing them to spend more time learning and improving their academic performance.

Emelyne's school, which serves 710 children, was in urgent need of clean water, as children



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are among the most vulnerable to diseases caused by unsafe water. Beyond the school, the clean water system now also benefits 3590 people extending health and wellbeing improvements beyond the school.




WVIB's contribution in providing the desk benches allows children to sit comfortably at school. ©WVIB


The Education Programme delivered significant gains in early grade literacy and overall learning outcomes by strengthening access to quality, inclusive, and gender-responsive education. The programme focused on improving learning environments, building teacher capacity, enhancing school governance, and ensuring education continuity during emergencies. Together, these interventions contributed to measurable improvements in children's reading abilities, teaching practices, and community engagement in education.

- The proportion of children able to read to learn in the language of school instruction by the end of grade 2 rose from 59% to 65%.
- Regular attendance at reading camps and clubs reached 86%, reinforcing foundational literacy skills beyond the classroom.
- Parental and caregiver engagement in children's literacy development rose from 46% to 52%.

Key progress results enhancing learning outcomes included:

 18,230


children participated in Unlock Literacy intervention, strengthening foundational reading skills.

 6,410

children regularly attended reading camps and clubs, supporting consistent literacy practice.

 30


classrooms, 112 latrines, and 3,000 desks (including 500 desks for Congolese refugee resettlement sites) were constructed or distributed to improve the learning environment.

 1,380

teachers were trained to improve instructional quality, focusing primarily on newly recruited teachers.

 240

schools received support to strengthen school management committees and develop school development plans, promoting effective school governance.

 217,000

children across 243 schools in Gitega, Muyinga and Makamba, were reached through school feeding programme, significantly reducing school dropout rates.

# Impact story:

How a Better Learning Space Transformed Edith's Education



Since WVIB built new classrooms, Edith has been able to easily practice the exercises in her books. ©WVIB

For 11-year-old Edith from the Kigaragara community in the Gasorwe zone, going to school once meant struggling in overcrowded, deteriorating classrooms with too few desks. Learning under such conditions was discouraging and exhausting. "My motivation to learn had dropped," Edith recalls. "The classrooms were old, and sitting was a big problem. One desk had to be shared by three pupils, which made it very hard to study." After World Vision Burundi was informed about the poor learning environment, action was taken. A new block of three classrooms was constructed and fully equipped with desks, transforming the school into a safe, comfortable, and inspiring place to learn. Today, Edith's outlook has completely changed. "My dreams of becoming a leader in my province will be fulfilled," she says with confidence.

The improved school infrastructure is the result of strong collaboration between the school, community members, local authorities, and World Vision Burundi demonstrating how joint planning and partnership can create lasting change for children's education.



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In Buhumuza province, a couple is happy to be living together again after putting the "Celebrating Families" approach into practice.. ©WVIB

During FY24-FY25, World Vision International Burundi (WVIB), in collaboration with national, international and local partners, implemented strategic advocacy interventions at both national and local levels to protect livelihoods and improve service delivery for vulnerable populations.

critical livelihood mechanism for low-income and food-insecure households, particularly smallholder farming families. The suspension posed a serious risk to household incomes and to children's access to education, nutrition, and health services.

## NATIONAL LEVEL

On 13 December 2023, the Government of Burundi, through the Bank of the Republic of Burundi (BRB), issued a policy decision suspending the activities of Saving for Transformation Groups (S4T) nationwide. S4Ts are a

World Vision International Burundi (WVIB), in collaboration with sister NGOs, initiated a structured engagement with the Bank of the Republic of Burundi to advocate for a review of the suspension decision. WVIB provided technical leadership and financial support to the advocacy process, which lasted for more than one year.

## VOICE AND PARTICIPATION

WVIB operates through five clusters and 30 Area Programs (APs) across Burundi. Apart from Tangara and Kiremba APs, all programmes have functional Citizen Voice and Action (CVA) groups facilitating community engagement with duty bearers. During FY25, each CVA group conducted at least one advocacy action addressing priority community issues related to: Health services, Infrastructure, Local governance.



## FY25 Advocacy progress results:

Level	Key achievements
National level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suspension of S4T activities lifted</li> <li>• Mandatory registration of NGOs and S4Ts with the BRB</li> <li>• Commitment to submit semester and annual activity reports</li> <li>• Reinforced monitoring and compliance mechanisms</li> <li>• An estimated 1.6 million children from vulnerable farming households across Burundi benefited directly and indirectly from the policy change.</li> </ul>
Local level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than 1 million people, including children and vulnerable adults, benefited from local advocacy actions</li> </ul>

## Impact story:

Doors to Dignity: A Community's Effort to Enhance Patient Privacy and Comfort



The construction of toilet blocks in health centers contributes to improving patient hygiene conditions. In addition to these blocks, water tanks are also being built.

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At Dunga Health Facility in Makamba Commune, patients frequently reported concerns about damaged doors in hospitalization wards, bathrooms, and toilets, which compromised privacy and dignity. The Kayogoro CVA group organized a joint site visit with health facility staff and community members; developed an advocacy action plan targeting infrastructure repair and engaged the Health Dis-

trict leadership to approve use of facility funds. Following approval, all damaged doors were repaired. The facility now provides improved privacy, comfort, and security, resulting in higher patient satisfaction and a more dignified care environment.

# CHILD PROTECTION



## Measurable Impact on Children and Families

The Community Engagement and Sponsorship plan (CESP) implemented the minimum requirements for child protection aligned with four core domains of change, contributing to measurable improvements in the safety, well-being and empowerment of children adolescents and families.

Impact measurement confirms significant positive change across relationships, protection, and participation:

Metric	Baseline value 2020	Evaluation value 2025
Positive family relationships (ages 12–18)	0%	80.3%
Healthy peer relationships (ages 12–18)	0%	76%
Adolescent participation in decision-making	2.3%	67.7%
Child protection cases followed up	0%	79.9%
Youth confidence and self-efficacy	0%	95.4%
Awareness of child protection services	12%	77%
Knowledge of positive parenting practices	8%	60%

## FY25 Key Achievements Across Four Strategic Areas:

Community-based systems were reinforced to prevent, identify, and respond to child protection risks:

**1,880** Community Child Protection Committees (CPCs) operational, reaching 19,453 community members through awareness campaigns and improving local surveillance..

**Strengthened 12** local child protection systems and enhanced coordination across hill, communal, and provincial levels.

**410** children reintegrated into formal education, and 253 children removed from child labour, including 211 boys prevented from cross-border trafficking.


**380** education actors trained in child protection, including response in emergencies.


**410** child protection cases reported and actively managed through community systems..

**13150** individuals, including 333 persons with disabilities reached with child protection messages via 352 trained child advocates using participatory approaches like forum theatre.

**130** children received birth certificates, securing their right to legal identity.


## Building Child and Adolescent Agency


 **36,040** adolescents engaged in accredited child-led groups


 **620** children, including 21 with disabilities and 10 Batwa, involved in organizational decision-making; 2 adolescents represented Burundi at the East African Children Advisory Council.


## Targeted Support in Emergency Contexts


Children affected by crisis received timely protection and psychosocial support:

 **174** youth graduated and achieved economic integration through business start-up kits.

 **35,980** children participated in spiritual nurture programs strengthening values and resilience.

 **20,370** child leaders elected across all 2,910 hills, amplifying child participation in local governance.

 Environmental clubs engaged 1,410 adolescents, cascading “smart habits” to more than 1,500 households.

 **73,579** children benefited from psychosocial support in emergency settings, supported by 1,783 trained teachers and 435 voluntary psychosocial assistants, who provided direct care to 4,594 children.

## Impact story:

Girls empowerment through dignity and care

For years, Ancille, a dedicated school aunt at a basic school under the Mugina Communal Directorate of Education, carried a heavy burden. She watched adolescent girls miss classes or face ridicule from classmates simply because they lacked access to sanitary pads.

“My heart was bleeding,” she recalls. “I wanted to help, but I didn’t have the skills or knowledge to do so.”

That reality changed with the arrival of the KOMEZAWIGE programme, implemented in partnership with Refugee Education Trust (RET) and Right to Play. The programme organised a transformative training for school aunts in Mugina, equipping them with practical knowledge on menstrual hygiene management and hands-on skills to produce reusable sanitary pads.

“We learned how to manufacture the pads ourselves,” Ancille explains. “We also received



essential materials including hand towels, scissors, tape measures, baby comforter (Ibigoma), needles, and bags so we could train the teenage girls at our schools.”

Today, the impact is visible and lasting. Girls are no longer missing classes due to menstruation. Armed with new skills, they can now make their own reusable sanitary pads both at school and at home, restoring their confidence, dignity, and ability to learn without interruption.

Ancille speaks with gratitude and pride. “KOMEZAWIGE has truly been a beacon of life,” she says. “It has contributed to access and continuity of education for children, especially girls.”




# GENDER EQUALITY, DISABILITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION (GEDSI)




**G**EDSI cuts across all technical programs. World Vision Burundi employs a twin-track approach to GEDSI, integrating targeted interventions for specific groups with systematic mainstreaming across all programming. The office celebrates achievements of 54% of women and girls in the Bio-Fortified Value Chains for Improved Maternal and Child Nutrition (B4MCN) project and 90% in the Innovative Entrepreneurship for Youth and Women Empowerment project. Further positive outcomes where World Vision Burundi brought its contributions are as follows:

- 66% reduction in community members reporting gender-based violence practices, down from 57% at baseline, marking meaningful progress in violence prevention.
- 54% of women now actively participate in income-spending decisions, empowering household financial agency.

### 2. Access to Resources & Economic Opportunities


 **1,680** entrepreneurs (980 women & 700 men) empowered with bankable business plans for formal credit access.


 **1,770** improved cookstoves produced by 60 trained individuals, advancing gender equality for women by reducing time spent collecting firewood and cooking, freeing up hours daily for education, income generation and childcare.

- Equitable household decision-making achieved: 19% high equity, 79% low, 3% medium, building foundations for gender-balanced homes.
- Women stepping into leadership roles: 57% in savings groups, 72% in community crèches, and 24% in farmer cooperatives, driving community transformation.


These achievements stem from a comprehensive strategy structured around five core GEDSI domains of change:


1. Decision-Making and Agency: 19,920 individuals including 10160 women, 9760 men, 848 persons with disabilities and 113 Batwa engaged in community dialogues on shared decision-making and household resource management.


 **2,500** dignity kits distributed


 **4,800** S4T group members (2300 women & 2500 men) reached through 203 Trainers of Trainers on Women’s Economic Empowerment module, giving women greater economic independence, control over household finances, and the ability to invest in family needs like education and health.

### 3. Well-being & Protection from Violence

 **19,650** people reached through 64 structured gender-based violence conversations led by 248 trained community actors.

 **20,950** individuals engaged across 420 forum theatre sessions on gender-based violence prevention, including marginalized Batwa and people with disabilities.


 **1,110** community members received targeted gender-based prevention messaging.


 **3** school-based gender-based risk mitigation measures implemented, including teacher training, survivor referral systems, and community monitoring.


### 4. Participation & Leadership

- Strategic partnerships established with 2 Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs), 1 Women-Led Organization (WLO), and 1 Batwa empowerment organization.

### 5. Systems & Normative Change

 **629,000** people reached through mass media campaign (radio emissions, spots, posters) on gender equality and women's economic empowerment.

 **2,230** community members directly engaged during key observances (International Women's Day, 16 Days of Activism, Day of Persons with Disabilities).

 **11,530** attendees (including 3,073 men) across 74 cooking demonstrations and interactive theatre sessions, breaking gender norms in traditionally female spaces.

## Impact story:

Joint decision making in the couple for harmonious families



The "Celebrating Families" approach allows couples who have been in conflict for a long time to find their smiles again.

There was a time when fear lived inside Francine's home. Her husband, Emmanuel, often beat and insulted her, spent what little money they had on alcohol, and was unfaithful.

Francine felt trapped, unloved, disrespected, and powerless. Even feeding her child was a daily struggle.

"I saw no future," she recalls quietly. "I stayed because I had nowhere else to go."

Everything began to change when World Vision Burundi arrived in their village. Through couples' training, Francine and Emmanuel were introduced to new ways of relating, built on respect, partnership, and shared responsibility. What followed was a gradual but powerful transformation.

The man who once caused her pain began to change. Emmanuel stopped drinking. He became supportive and involved Francine in family decisions. Violence gave way to dialogue, and fear slowly faded into trust.

Today, Francine's family is thriving. Together, they own farmland, run a small restaurant, and raise livestock. But the greatest change cannot be measured in assets.

"Our home is now full of laughter," Francine says with a gentle smile. "We plan together, we work together and our children are happy."



## HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY AFFAIRS



To enable families displaced by natural disasters (floods) to have quick harvests, WVIB distributed vegetable seeds and equipment to cultivate them.

### Overlapping Disasters Deepen Humanitarian Need in Burundi

In FY2025, Burundi faced an exceptionally challenging year marked by multiple, overlapping crises that compounded humanitarian needs across the country. Climate-related stocks remained the most disruptive, with El Niño driven flooding devastating western regions, destroying homes, displacing families, and damaging essential infrastructure while La Niña conditions triggered severe drought in the northern provinces, particularly Kirundo, leading to extensive crop failures and critical hydric deficits. These extreme weather variations affected more than 22,000 farming households, undermining livelihoods and eroding community resilience. At the same time, the country experienced a rapid influx of refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo, with more than 70,000 arrivals recorded between late 2024 and early 2025. By September 2025 alone, 35,828 new arrivals had been registered, with projections suggesting figures could reach 90,000 by year-end. This surge overwhelmed reception centers and placed significant pressure on already stretched host communities and basic services.



The goats are multiplying rapidly. This allows vulnerable households to consume the meat and sell some of it to generate some income.

Internally, displacement continued to rise, with 89,114 individuals forced to flee their homes due to climate disasters, further exacerbating rising food insecurity as floods, drought, and erratic rainfall destroyed harvests and reduced household food stocks. The situation was compounded by recurring outbreaks of cholera, Mpox, and measles, which strained an already fragile health system. Economic challenges, including high inflation, fuel shortages, and limited access to essential commodities, further deepened household vulnerability, leaving many families with diminishing coping capacities and increasing reliance on humanitarian assistance.

## Actions and key Achievements

Response	Actions	Achievements and impact
Preparedness and co-ordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-positioned essential WASH supplies and mobilised rapid assessment teams.</li> <li>Conducted joint needs assessments in Rugombo, Buganda, and Ndava with government and UN partners.</li> <li>Contributed to the development of the national inter-agency response plan.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthened national coordination systems and enhanced readiness for rapid response.</li> <li>Generated joint evidence that informed humanitarian planning and resource allocation.</li> </ul>
Refugee Response: Cash & WASH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allocated US\$195,290 under NEPRF (National Emergency Preparedness Response Fund) to support refugee households.</li> <li>Delivered three-month cash transfers to 248 households (1,798 individuals).</li> <li>Used mobile-money and token systems for safe, efficient distribution.</li> <li>Installed a 10,000-litre water tank with 120 taps in Musenyi Refugee site.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reached 99.6% distribution coverage, improving financial access and dignity.</li> <li>Significantly improved water access in overstretched relocation sites.</li> <li>Enhanced refugee self-reliance through predictable cash-based assistance.</li> </ul>
Flooding and Extreme Weather Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rehabilitated latrines and installed hand-washing stations in Kinyinya schools.</li> <li>Supported 404 households affected by heavy rains and hailstorms.</li> <li>Distributed vegetable seeds, shelter materials, and three-month cash assistance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restored safe learning environments and improved school hygiene conditions.</li> <li>Enabled rapid recovery for flood-affected families through multisectoral support.</li> </ul>
Drought Response in Kirundo Province	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distributed bean seeds to 2,858 households in Bugabira and Kirundo.</li> <li>Provided targeted cash assistance for persons with disabilities.</li> <li>Delivered financial support amounting to 55.66 million BIF (Bugabira) and 20.8 million BIF (Kirundo).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved food security and production capacity for drought-affected farmers.</li> <li>Ensured inclusive response by prioritizing the most vulnerable groups.</li> </ul>

## Impact story:

From Soap to Self-Reliance: Safi's Journey of Hope



At the Musenyi refugee site (Rutana), soap making provides income for members of a cooperative.

Safi, a mother of seven and leader of the Susuruka Cooperative in Musenyi refugee site, arrived from the DRC just a year ago. Determined not to remain idle, she and a few refugees began learning Kirundi and English. With support from World Vision Burundi, the group received soap and palm kernel oil

resources that became their first capital for soap making.

"Our goal was to be self-reliant," Safi says. "We wanted to find ways to supplement the limited humanitarian aid."

Today, Susuruka has grown into a thriving cooperative with its own workshop, a store, and two shops selling soap and bread. Profits have helped members launch side businesses, save money, and improve their homes. Esther, one member, says, "Small loans from the group helped me start selling sugar and buy household essentials."

Through determination and teamwork, Safi and the women of Susuruka have turned hardship into opportunity building dignity and hope, one bar of soap at a time.



## GIK Contribution

In FY25, World Vision Burundi's Gift-in-Kind (GIK) contributions transformed lives across the country, strengthening education, health, nutrition, and disability inclusion. Valued at \$3.53 million, these donations extended vital support to more than 25,000 vulnerable children through strategic partnerships and community-driven solutions.

### Key Achievements:

#### Education

11,081

girls got reusable hygiene kits, fewer missed school days

1,582

pupils benefited from new school furniture.

#### Health and Nutrition

6,382

children with severe acute malnutrition treated with Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food.

5,300

children got deworming care nationwide.

#### Disability Inclusion

102

individuals received wheelchairs, promoting self-reliance and participation.

#### Portfolio Impact

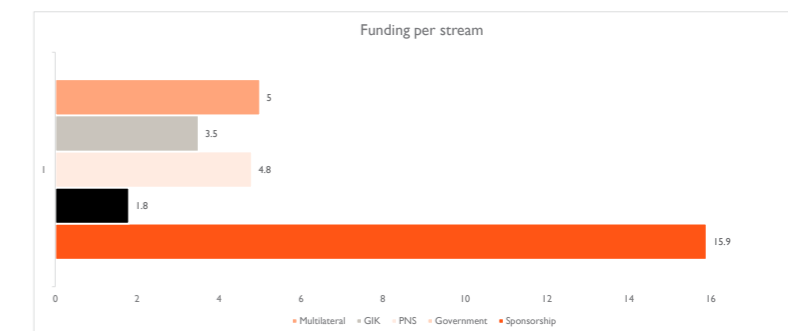
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in GIK resources strengthened community resilience in a context of growing humanitarian challenges.

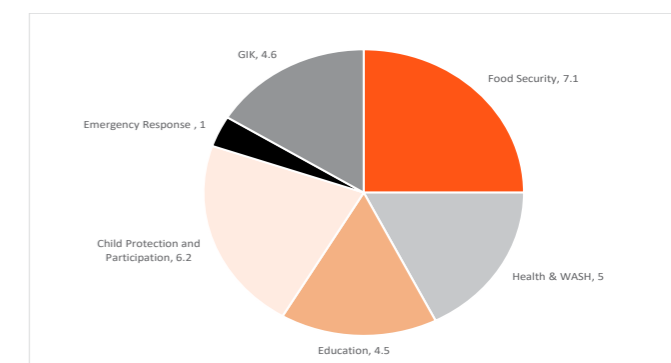


## FUNDING TYPES

In FY25, World Vision Burundi mobilised \$31 million USD to advance its mission of improving the lives of vulnerable children and families in Burundi. Sponsorship played a pivotal role, contributing \$15.9 million USD, representing 51.3% of the overall funding.



## EXPENSES PER SECTOR





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