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## Highlights 2014

During the period of 2014, World Vision Burundi made a strong contribution towards its 2014 goal of ensuring child wellbeing.

### What we achieved:

- **\$29 million** invested
- **252 staff**
- **18 Area Development Programs**
- **750,000 children** served
- **61,918 children** screened for malnutrition
- **68,092 people** gained access to clean water
- **79,835 people** supported with Food commodities
- **30,000 families** affected by flooding assisted with food and other first aid kits
- **26,435 sponsored children**  
**59,886 children** benefited from new school constructions
- **18,558 community members** accessed loans from savings of **314,856,321 Fbu (196,800\$US)** to start small businesses or to respond to urgent needs in their households



**Our Vision:**

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



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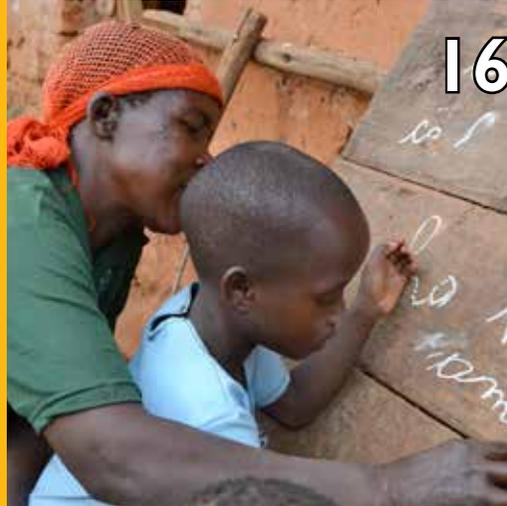
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Dear partners,

Thank you for joining us to celebrate the many blessings and milestones World Vision Burundi has achieved during FY 2014.

During this period, our resources and operations have continued to grow, giving us the unique opportunity we needed to serve many more children, families and communities. Our annual budget grew exponentially (from \$15m in FY 13 to \$29m in FY 14). Similarly, we managed to

start two long-term development programs and three key grants. These include a \$2.7m reproductive health grant funded by the European Union and two food security projects funded by WFP (worth \$3m). In addition, our emergency response reserves enabled us to quickly partner with the Government of Burundi and provide emergency support to 30,000 families who were displaced by the devastating floods that occurred in Bujumbura during February 2014.

All this great work was made possible through the passionate and consistent support from our donors, sponsors, other World Vision International entities and the government of Burundi. We thankfully acknowledge the efforts of all our partners. Your support has enabled World Vision to live its purpose - to support children, families and communities to improve their wellbeing.

FY 2014 was a special year for us! It marked the second year of implementing our 3-year country strategy during which we are committed to improving the wellbeing of one-million children (especially the most vulnerable). By the end of FY 2014, we had achieved three-quarters of this target, which gives us the confidence that we will be able to reach the remaining 250,000 children during FY 2015.

During FY 2015, we will continue to consolidate the progress achieved so far and develop a new country strategy that will guide our investments for the next five years (FY 2016-2018). We will reach out to all our partners to journey with us as we develop a new country strategy that will position World Vision Burundi to enhance its relevance and competitive advantage and to achieve its mission.

I encourage you all to continue praying for and supporting the noble cause of World Vision Burundi. I wish you a prosperous fiscal year 2015!

**Albert Siminyu,**

World Vision International/Burundi.

World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. World Vision serves all people, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or gender.

World Vision (WV) started operation in Burundi in 1963 with limited interventions in collaboration with local partners until closure in 1990. Following unprecedented humanitarian needs triggered by the conflict in 1993, WV restarted its interventions in 1995, opening an office in Bujumbura.

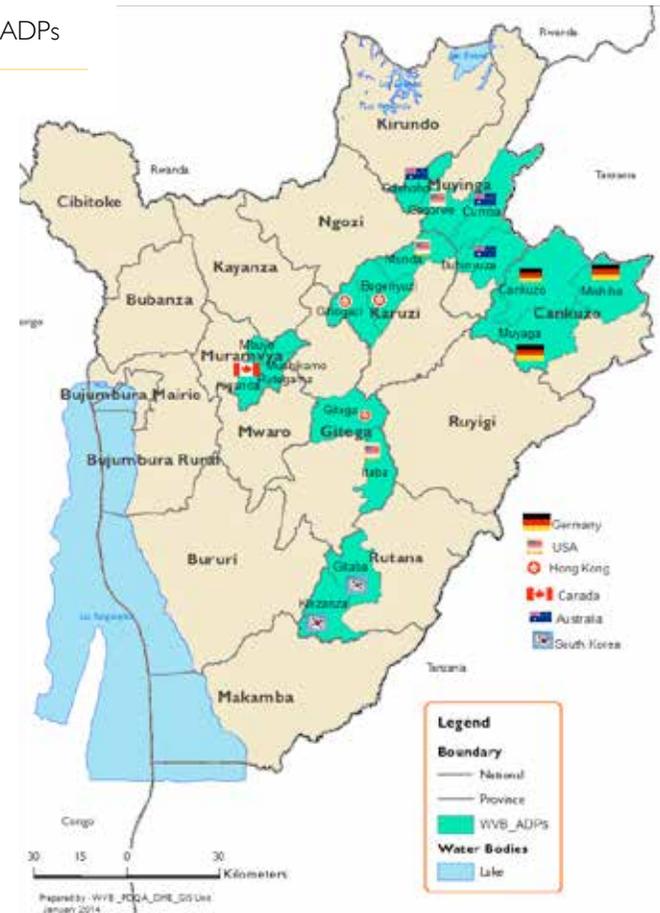
Since 2008, WVB has shifted its intervention from Emergency Relief to transformational development through long term Area Development programming that is funded through child sponsorship. WVB's Area Development Model is an integrated and holistic approach which focuses on the wellbeing of children through implementing programs in Health, Nutrition, Food Security and Livelihood, Education, Water, Hygiene and Sanitation in a specific geographic area.

World Vision Burundi has brought hope and assistance to over 750,000 children and their communities (out of which 26,435 are sponsored children) in 18 Area Development Programs (ADPs). This means that the number of children touched by our child wellbeing aspiration increased.

#### Distribution of ADPs per zone

Centre southern zone	Northeast zone
■ Muramvya: 4 ADPs	■ Cankuzo: 3 ADPs
■ Gitega: 2 ADPs	■ Karusi: 3 ADPs
■ Rutana: 2 ADPs	■ Muyinga 4 ADPs

#### WV Burundi Area of Operations

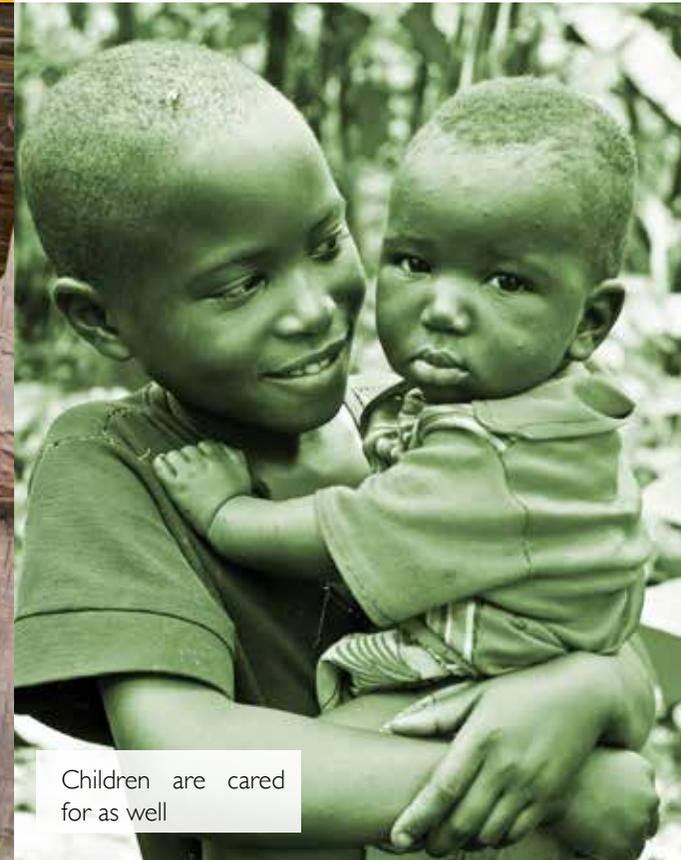


## World Vision's Intervention

The child well-being aspirations describe a good life for children, affirming our desire for children to experience life in all its fullness. World Vision International works with those who are the most vulnerable - the poor and the oppressed - regardless of the person's religion, race, ethnicity or gender.



Children are participating



Children are cared for as well



Children are educated for life



Children enjoy good health



Children experience love of God and their neighbours

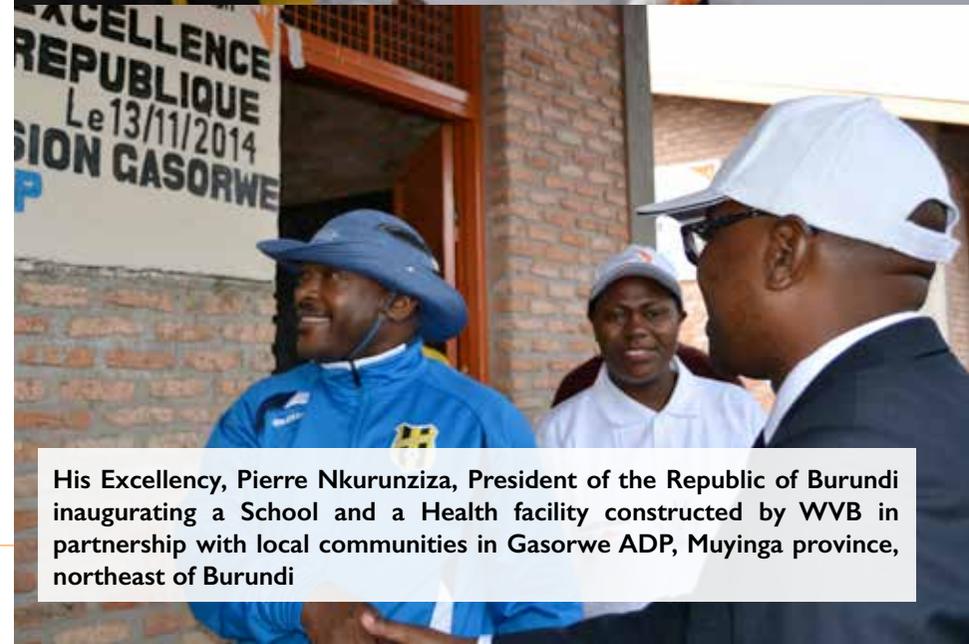
### What is the situation?

Offering free education, making it compulsory, and supporting it politically has been the winning strategy behind Burundi's successful bid to ensure that virtually all children get a primary school education since the end of the recent bloody civil war that lasted for more than a decade. The proportion of children in school increased from 59 per cent in 2005 to 96 per cent in 2011 (UNICEF, 2012). Schools are also being constructed by the Government in partnership with communities through community works. However, there is still much room for progress; learning conditions at different levels need improvement. Shortage of trained teachers, limited resources, few teaching hours caused by the double shift the government imposes to address the lack of enough classes to host all children seeking for admission, the high rates of repetition and dropouts are challenges that still need to be addressed for quality education in Burundi.

### World Vision's Intervention

We have been working to improve learning outcomes with equitable access, focusing especially on increasing the percentage of children who can read by age 11. We support the Government through the Ministry of Education to ensure children are learning in school. We currently focus on access but also the quality of education for children. We support them to learn basic skills of reading, writing and numeracy to prepare them for productive and fulfilling lives.

To achieve this, we construct schools and community libraries to foster the spirit of reading in children. We provide access to teaching materials for teachers and equip schools with desks and books. In FY 14, we constructed 28 classrooms/administrative blocks benefiting 59,886 children and 143,000 books were supplied to schools in need and community reading camps where around 10,000 children are learning how to read and write, most of them being children who haven't started school. We also train teachers, parents and local leaders to support our education programmes.



His Excellency, Pierre Nkurunziza, President of the Republic of Burundi inaugurating a School and a Health facility constructed by WVB in partnership with local communities in Gasorwe ADP, Muyinga province, northeast of Burundi

### What is the situation?

The Government of Burundi joined officially in July 2013 the scale up nutrition (SUN) initiative to fight against malnutrition. Since then, the country has made great progress in bringing together various partners and in engaging them in a multi-stakeholders platform for coordinated interventions. In the domain of health Burundi initiated major reforms, mainly free health care for under five children and pregnant women. This contributed to the reduction of deaths of mothers and children at delivery stage and many other benefits to the Burundian population. However, the situation of general poverty the country is in has an implication on the country investment even in the key sectors of life. Total expenditure on health is at 11 percent and only 50 percent of the Burundian population use improved sanitation facilities (WHO, 2011). Despite the progress made in both nutrition and health sectors, Burundi still has a high number of children suffering from malnutrition and other health issues. 58% of underfive children are stunted and 29 percent are underweight (DHS 2010).

### What is World Vision Doing?

In the domain of nutrition, World Vision Burundi is a key partner of the Burundi Government in the implementation of the SUN movement. WVB is leading the involvement of the civil society organizations in SUN through the implementation of the SUN/MPTF project and is currently hosting the Civil Society Alliance for SUN. We contribute to the reduction of severe and moderate malnutrition among children under the age of 5 and women of child bearing age. In FY14 61,918 children were screened for malnutrition through World Vision nutrition interventions and 5,256 among them found to be moderately malnourished were rehabilitated in WVB FARN (Foyer d'Apprentissage et de Rehabilitation Nutritionnelle) program. In the domain of health, we increase access to quality and affordable primary health care particularly for children, women and other vulnerable community members, and foster health development of children to adulthood. We contribute to

the reduction of mortality of delivering mothers through our Birth Spacing Programme. During this year, with our funding, 162,805 under-five children were dewormed (90 per cent) during the MCH weeks in WVB areas. 164,720 children were supplemented in vitamin A during MCH weeks in WVB areas (around 91% in our areas of work). The immunization rate in WVB areas now reaches 90% and consequently mortality due to measles was consistently estimated at 0% in the country (Burundi Countdown 2014-2015).

We also lobby and advocate for policy changes. Several papers were released to the Government advocating for the introduction of immunization against diarrhea as part of the national immunization calendar but also advocated for sufficient and sustainable funding on immunization.



World Vision Burundi supports health facilities with equipment and drugs much needed in some areas.



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## Food Security and Economic Development

### What is the situation?

Despite the commitment of the Government of Burundi to invest more in the agricultural sector, thirteen years of civil war since 1993, contraction of lands, combined with recurrent climatic shocks still have a strong negative impact on Burundi's economic development. Food security for the majority of Burundians has not improved in recent years.

With a population growth rate of nearly three percent per annum, per capita agricultural production has declined by 24% since 1993. As a result, even during harvest season, households spend up to two-thirds of their income on food (WFP, 2014).

For a population made up largely of farmers (90%), the pressing need for land undermines the resilience of Burundi. Families live a day to day existence and find difficult to save and prepare for eventual emergencies. Any unexpected obstacle in their daily struggle for life, like a disease or natural disaster, is a devastating shock to the family. Most of Burundi families have no savings, and there are no institutions in the rural areas which can help them save.

### What is World Vision Burundi doing?

World Vision Burundi is contributing to the sustained well-being of children through improved and resilient livelihoods among the people World Vision works with. We empower

families to enable them to provide food to their families.

Land contraction in Burundi is one major issue smallholder farmers face. We help them to improve their livelihood through employing a diverse set of activities that produce food or generate income for the household by encouraging farmers to diversify their farming systems or develop other income earning activities. In that way they are enabled to be more resilient to external shocks, they increase their incomes and produce what is needed to ensure more nutritious diets for all family members. We also support them with improved livestock and seeds.

To help them be more resilient, World Vision launched in partnership with the communities, Village and Savings Loans Associations (VSLAs). Surveys prior that work showed that community members are not saving, not because they are poor but because they do not have safe and convenient ways to do it. We train them on how to run their saving associations and how to keep records. This improves livelihoods and decreases vulnerability.

Last year VSLAs revealed themselves to be a tremendous milestone achievement in World Vision Burundi's ministry. Using VSLAs, "our bank for poor people", 18,558 community members were able to save 322,765,364 Fbu (201,000\$US) that allowed them to access a total of 314,856,321 Fbu (196,800\$US) of credits invested to start new businesses or respond to households needs.



**Community members of Rutegama ADP, centre west of Burundi in Muramvya province supported by World Vision Burundi can now access loans. Thanks to the savings and loans associations (VSLAs)**

## What is the situation?

Supplying drinking water and basic sanitation to the Burundian population, prioritising water and sanitation at the same level as health and education, increasing internal financing for access to sanitation and hygiene, strengthening the monitoring of progress towards the national targets and the targets defined by the Millennium Development Goals, are the different approaches that Burundi has been targeting for the last five years.

In 2009, Burundi committed to raising the rate of access to clean drinking water from 85 per cent to at least 92 per cent by 2015 (endwaterpoverty,2012). Current statistics show that the Burundian population using clean drinking water is 72% in urban areas and 62 % in rural areas.

Though the Government of Burundi did not reach its targets, it has significantly contributed to the well-being of a large part of its population in terms of access to clean water:

However most of the visits to health facilities are linked to lack of access to drinking water, poor hygiene and inadequate sanitation facilities. Diarrheal diseases caused by unclean water and poor sanitation are still the biggest killers of children in Burundi (DHS, 2010); increased progress is urgently needed.

## What is World Vision doing?

For a half of a decade, World Vision Burundi has been providing clean water and sanitation for thousands of children and their families.



We started in 2009 with primarily small water projects in our Area Development Programmes. World Vision constructs on spot springs capping, rehabilitates broken ones, constructs/ rehabilitates gravity water schemes and installs other systems such as rainwater harvesting tanks, especially in schools and health centres, and water pumping using solar energy. 68,092 direct beneficiaries gained access to clean water in the year of 2014.

For long-term sustainability of our WASH activities, we train WASH committees selected among the beneficiaries and set in place by community members themselves to make sure water facilities are maintained and repaired when needed. These committees take responsibility for operating and maintaining facilities, using fees-collection to pay for spare parts procurement and maintenance services.

Our sanitation and hygiene interventions focus also on promoting lasting behavior change. After building latrines, especially in public places such as schools and market places, World Vision sensitises also to motivate households in the area to build and adequately use their own households latrines equipped with hand washing stations.

Our WASH programme plays an important role in the reduction of waterborne diseases in our areas of work.

Children of Bugenyuzi ADP drank unclean water before World Vision's intervention





## What is the situation?

Since the end of the recent civil war, the Government of Burundi has been striving to rebuild its economic and social structures torn by a history of conflict that widespread poverty. Burundi has been working with UN agencies and NGOs including World Vision International to rebuild peace and security, and provide basic services in all sectors of life. And with the support of its donors, Burundi has made progress towards political and social stability and social welfare. Net primary enrollment in school increased, under-five mortality decreased and

births assisted by skilled personnel increased. Vaccination rates have improved. However some children still don't go to school or drop out of it, because of poverty in their families. As a consequence, child labour increases in some areas, especially for girls at school going age. They are employed as baby sitters to help parents fend for the families. Some of them become victims of mistreatment including sexual assaults. And despite the effort of the Government to promote the health sector, lack of enough health facilities, lack of essential medicine and qualified staff still affect service delivery.

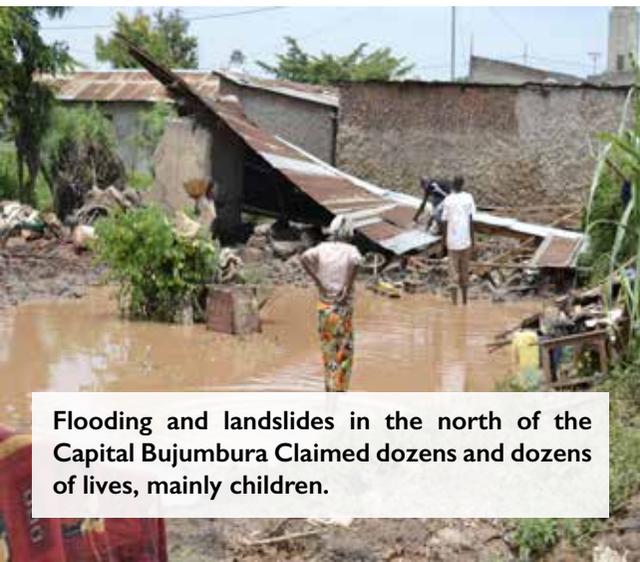
## What is World Vision's doing?

World Vision Burundi has been deploying efforts in partnership with communities and the different stakeholders to prevent and respond to abuse, neglect, exploitation, and other forms of violence against children — especially for those who are the most vulnerable. In this last year, community level advocacy models such as Citizen Voice and Action have been initiated and reinforced. They are now being complemented by national level advocacy campaigns such as Child Health Now. These, not only inform, but also amplify the voices of communities through clubs in schools. Besides those advocacy campaigns, World Vision also lobbies to influence policy making by the government. Different papers have been released to the government as part of the campaigns to advocate for sufficient and sustainable funding for the health sector. Besides lobbying and raising voices of communities, we intervene in different sectors: Health, Education, Food Security, WASH to create a protective environment around children to ensure that their physical, emotional, psychological, and spiritual needs are met in caring and protective families and communities. An effort is made to establish child protection committees so that they can report and follow up in case of any child abuse.



### What is the situation?

Burundi is one of the 'red zone' countries identified by both FAO and WFP as being among the most affected by soaring food prices. After so many years of conflict, the capacity of the government to respond to this new challenge is limited. Burundi is also prone to natural disasters. Floods, hailstorms, drought and torrential rain are recurrent in Burundi. In recent years, the country has registered an unusually high number of natural disasters which have contributed to the displacement of communities, the destruction of homes, the disruption of livelihoods and the further deterioration of food and nutrition security. Burundi was also characterised by cyclic wars since its independence until recently in 2005 with the peace accords. Thousands of people who were displaced or fled to neighbouring countries for their safety have been voluntarily returning or expelled by host countries and come back in urgent need of assistance.



**Flooding and landslides in the north of the Capital Bujumbura Claimed dozens and dozens of lives, mainly children.**

### What is World Vision doing?

WVB contributes to the recovery process of the population affected by that long cyclic war; returning from Tanzania and disaster affected people. In FY14 World Vision assisted communities of Rutana, Bukemba, Giharo, Gitanga communes in Rutana province; Cankuzo commune in Cankuzo province; Gitaramuka, Bugenyuzi and Gihogazi communes of Karusi province. From June to October 2014, WVB assisted 61,235 people who enrolled in our Cash and Voucher Project to accompany them and enable them to reach the next farming season. There has been irregularity of rains which impacted negatively production of food in those areas. Food and other first aid kits were provided to 12,874 people affected by flooding and landslides when torrential rains hit the north of the capital Bujumbura, claiming dozens of lives.

WVB is active member of a humanitarian coordination cluster, participating in Food Security and Education. 2861 households were registered to receive food and NFI (Non Food Items) and from GIK (Gift In Kind) items to respond to basic needs since they had lost shelter and households supplies in the flooding.

Conditional food assistance to returnees from Tanzania and other most vulnerable people in Rutana and Cankuzo provinces through community assets rehabilitation. 79,835 people benefitted from 1858 MT (Metric Tons) of food.



### **Birth spacing = good health**

“Before I adopted birth spacing, I gave birth to two children in a space of less than two years.” Francine, of Muramvya province recounts. During that period, she often had health problems.

When she went to hospital, a nurse realized that the space between the two births was very short. That was dangerous for her; the nurse told her and even advised her to use birth spacing methods.

She decided to adopt family planning but told no one in the community. Many community members were still reluctant to adopt birth spacing. Religious beliefs are mainly the cause of that reluctance.

“If you look at my child now I still breast feed him at almost two years old. He is healthy and I am healthy too”, Francine says smiling.

One year later, after that she had adopted family planning, World Vision Burundi started its birth spacing project in her community. It was an occasion for her to go out with the support of World Vision to sensitise other mothers. She is now a health mobiliser.

Before World Vision Project, many mothers wanted to practice family planning but they were still afraid to say it publicly, drugs were also lacking at local health facilities.

Now, World Vision supports health facilities with necessary equipment and drugs needed.

Francine explains that most of the community members were not practicing family planning not because they didn't want to, but because they were not aware of how to practice it and drugs were lacking.

Now she is happy that many mothers she sensitises are practicing family planning.

### **Literacy is not hard to understand**

Nadine of Cankuzo ADP, in eastern Burundi came out first in grade one last year, she continues to do well in grade 2. Her success in school has never been observed in any other members of her family. Thanks to World Vision's Literacy Boost Project, she went to school already knowing how to read and write. She learned from a nearby World Vision reading camp and at home from her grandmother Elisabeth Kaguruguru. “After training, I realised that literacy is not hard to understand,” 55-year-old Elisabeth, Nadine's grandmother says.

What was lacking was their awareness on how to teach their children, she continues.

Now that schools are available, she is determined to teach her grandchildren and wants Nadine to become a nurse when she graduates, Elisabeth explains while holding Nadine's hand.

### **A bank making a difference.**

Edmond is a twelve year-old child of Rutegama ADP, centre west of Burundi. He used to lack school materials, his mother Colnelie and the whole family relied on the father who is away in the capital Bujumbura.

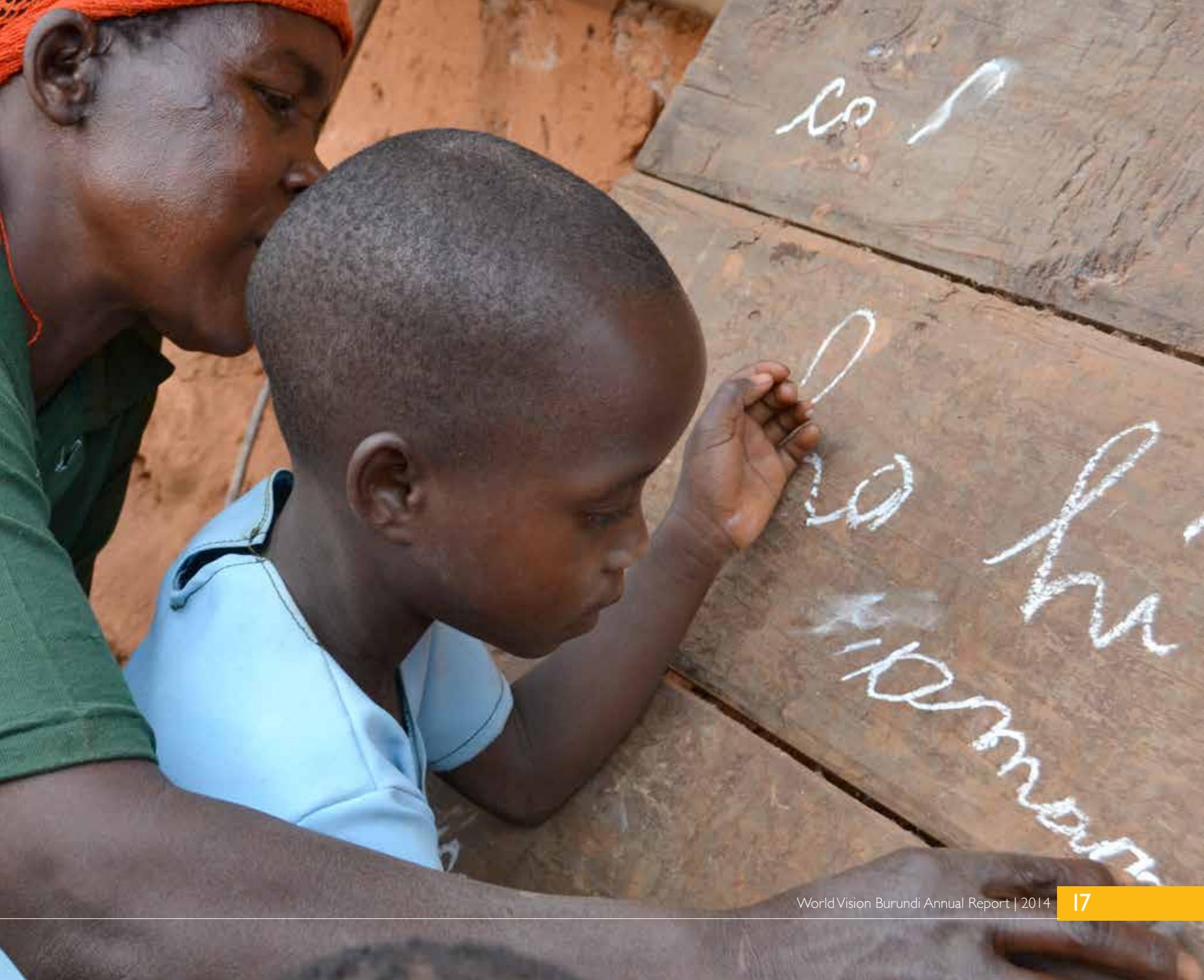
“I no longer rely always on my husband who went to town to fend for the family, I used to ask for everything from him, but now I am happy and my husband is thankful too because of World Vision's Village Savings and Loans associations”

When a pen or copy book is lacking, she just sells a guinea pig or rabbit she herds since she got a loan from Twiyunge association, her village saving and loan association.

Her association has been struggling to meet needs of members until World Vision supported them with saving materials and training sessions. WVB trained members on how to run VSLAs

“We were finding it difficult to track back loans and keep records which prevented us from progressing,” Colnelie explains.

Now, community members throughout our areas of work, are accessing loans and last year a total of around \$210,000 were saved and those associations are serving as really rural micro finance institutions attending to people no other bank would have attended to in their situation of poverty.





**Children of Kaniga Primary school, Rutegama ADP enjoying clean water supplied at their school**

### **Sponsorship**

With the support of Sponsors, World Vision is able to create change in the lives of children from vulnerable families through education, nutrition, water and sanitation and health care. We plan and work together with communities selected as the most vulnerable by local leaders and community members themselves. We identify together issues that affect communities in general and children in particular.

Children from the most vulnerable families are identified and connected to local communities and donors and they are supported through our sponsorship programme. We work alongside those communities as they work towards addressing those issues for the well-being of children. Currently, World Vision Burundi sponsors 26,435 children in its 18 Area Development Programmes located in two zones. Sponsored children are supported to go to school, to get clean water and many other well-being needs. Their families are supported to lift themselves out of poverty by receiving trainings, small loans, and improved livelihood techniques such as new ways of farming. They are supported with improved seeds and small livestock for organic manure. World Vision works with those families in partnership with the whole community to help them produce enough food so that their children can enjoy life in all its fullness.

**What is the Situation.**

In Burundi, 80% of all deaths of children under five are caused by preventable diseases (DHS, 2011). That means that eight out of ten children under five die from diseases that could be **prevented using proven, affordable and cost effective interventions.**

**Over 120 children under five die per day (Unicef, 2012)** It is a “silent” emergency which requires an urgent, scaled up response. Only 6 of every 10 births are attended by skilled health personnel. This contributes to the deaths of mothers and babies.

Around 58% of children under five are stunted, putting them at disadvantage for the rest of their life.

Burundi has made significant progress towards reducing under five and maternal deaths over the last few years. In 2005, the Government of Burundi declared free health care for pregnant women, lactating mothers and children under five years old. This improved access to essential health services for poor mothers and their children. It has introduced vaccines against pneumonia, distributed free treated mosquito nets for malaria prevention, provided access to free family planning, antiretroviral drugs treatment and Preventing (HIV) Mother –To-Child Transmission (PMTCT) services.

**Maternal mortality** reduced in Burundi up to 72.9% and the child mortality continues to

regress. There has also been an increase in the rate of skilled birth attendance.

But, despite these great achievements and many lives saved, Burundi still has a long way to go. Mother and child mortality remains high.

**What World Vision is doing?**

World Vision Burundi through CHN Campaign works closely with other stakeholders on increasing access to healthy timing and spacing of pregnancy for women of child bearing age and the uptake of Preventing (HIV) Mother –To-Child Transmission (PMTCT) services. Community sensitization forums focusing on the importance of family planning, antenatal and post natal care, and promotion of community dialogue around PMTCT issues are organized. Through CHN campaign WVB also advocates for the expansion of these services to all health centers. A particular emphasis has been put on supporting Community Health Workers structures which are playing a critical role in the promotion of good health and nutrition practices within the communities.

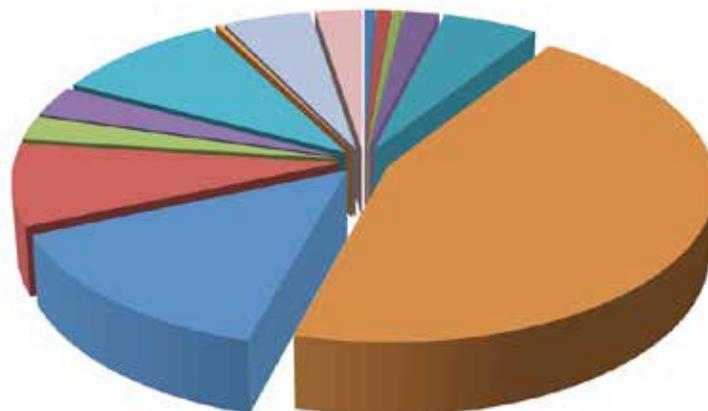
WVB contributes to the improvement of diseases prevention and malnutrition among children under five. CHN supports the implementation of Community-based Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (C-IMCI) approach, the Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) national guidelines and other initiatives/ approaches which are instrumental for better child health services. We conduct regular meetings with other stakeholders as a follow

up on how Every Woman Every Child (EWEC) commitments are being implemented.

World Vision is also working to ensure adequate and long-term funding for MNCH. CHNC advocates and lobbies for the Government of Burundi to fulfill the Abuja Declaration commitment - the allocation of at least 15% of the national budget to the health sector. The government has increased this budget from 8.8 per cent to 11 per cent in 2014 but this is still far from the target.



Actual Expenditure by Sector



Sector and percentage spent

- Emergency Response 45%
- Food Security 14%
- Health 8%
- Infrastructure 2%
- Nutrition 3%
- Programme and Projects Management 10%
- Child Protection 1%
- Sponsorship Management 5%
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene 3%
- Advocacy 1%
- Assesment / Design 1%
- Christian Commitment 1%
- Economic Development 2%
- Education 5%

Revenue

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual PBAS Budget	Remaining Budget
SPONSORSHIP	7,365,094	7,778,458	7,582,441	411,250
GOVERNMENT	2,241,495	2,474,115	2,474,115	232,620
LOCAL INCOME	515,588	827,508	827,508	311,920
PNS	2,065,645	2,169,003	2,365,020	105,474
GIFT IN KIND (GIK)	12,613,193	12,613,193	12,613,193	n/a
FOOD	3,193,170	3,193,170	3,193,170	n/a
	<b>27,994,185</b>	<b>29,055,447</b>	<b>29,055,447</b>	<b>1,061,264</b>



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