1. Describe any previously held leadership position, activities, or experiences: (i.e. position where you guided or led a group of people, a project, or a cause)

As a Rwandan, I have had several experiences in leadership positions within my local Catholic Church community. One of the most notable positions I held was as the leader of the youth group. In this role, I was responsible for guiding and leading a group of young people towards positive change and community service.

Through this position, I organized and led community outreach programs such as visiting orphanages and providing donations to underprivileged families. I also coordinated educational and social events such as Bible study sessions, retreats, and picnics. Through these activities, I was able to foster a sense of community and belonging among the youth group members.

Additionally, I served as a leader in the church choir, where I guided and directed fellow choir members in rehearsals and performances. I was also responsible for organizing choir performances during church services and community events.

Overall, these leadership experiences taught me the importance of effective communication, teamwork, and service to others. I gained valuable skills in organization, decision-making, and conflict resolution. I also learned the importance of inspiring and motivating others towards a common goal, which has influenced my leadership style in all aspects of my life.

1. Describe activities you have undertaken that demonstrate commitment to your community, spirit of service, and/or give back qualities.

As an IT graduate, I have actively sought out opportunities to give back to my community, demonstrate a spirit of service, and embody qualities of generosity and empathy. Through various internships, I have been able to work on several projects that have contributed to the betterment of local businesses and organizations.

One of my most impactful experiences was volunteering at a non-profit organization that provided computer training and support to low-income families. My role involved setting up computer labs, troubleshooting technical issues, and teaching basic computer skills to clients. Witnessing the clients' growth in computer literacy and confidence in their abilities was a fulfilling experience.

Additionally, I have worked on website development projects for local businesses such as small retail shops, restaurants, and non-profit organizations. These projects helped these businesses establish an online presence and reach more customers. Furthermore, I provided training on how to manage and update the website so that they could continue to use it effectively.

I have also provided technical support for various community events such as fundraisers, concerts, and festivals. My responsibilities included setting up audio and visual equipment, troubleshooting technical issues, and ensuring the event ran smoothly. These events provided an opportunity to give back to the community and support local events that bring people together.

As an IT graduate, I have also mentored younger students who are interested in pursuing a career in technology. I have provided guidance on coursework, job opportunities, and professional development. It has been a rewarding experience to witness the growth and success of these students in their academic and professional pursuits.

In conclusion, my internships have provided me with numerous opportunities to use my skills and knowledge to make a positive impact in my community. Moving forward, I intend to continue seeking out such opportunities to give back to my community, demonstrate a spirit of service, and embody qualities of generosity and empathy.

1. Give an example of how you currently contribute to your community or show leadership. This could include serving as a role model to younger siblings or neighbours, or having a leadership role on a team, a community group or a club. Please describe your experience.

i How do you see yourself making a difference to your community, to your country or to Africa in the future.

One example of how I currently contribute to my community is through my leadership role as the president of a local community group. As the president, I am responsible for leading meetings, coordinating events, and ensuring that the group's goals and objectives are met. Through my role, I have been able to bring together members of the community to work towards common goals and improve the quality of life for everyone. I have also served as a mentor to younger members of the group, providing guidance and support as they develop their leadership skills.

i. In the future, I see myself making a difference to my community, country, and Africa as a whole by leveraging my skills and knowledge in the field of IT. I believe that technology has the power to transform lives and communities, and I am passionate about using my skills to make a positive impact. Specifically, I plan to work on projects that provide access to technology and education for underprivileged communities, particularly in rural areas. I also aim to mentor and support the next generation of technology leaders, particularly women and girls who are often underrepresented in the field. Through these efforts, I hope to contribute to a more equitable and prosperous future for my community, country, and Africa as a whole.