**In 2015**

Like many social entrepreneurs, starting a great idea of founding an organization needs to be a motive behind experience. When we first started working on community issues in 2015 in high school, many of our team were leading different clubs such as antimalarial, science, environment activists and many others. Our emphasis was supporting communities to the current burdens they are facing as our school was located in a very rural area. Along community outreaches, we discovered many gaps and people were still profoundly affected by malaria, soil erosion, pneumonia, diarrhea and other diseases relating to poor hygiene and sanitation. Although a couple local and international organizations were actively deploying various solutions and some spent many years in field implementation, we discovered that those very rural communities in Rwanda haven't had any people and/or organizations to care for their burdens.  We saw personally different people in the same family dying and non-immediate effects were alarming. We all reflected on where our families live and some of us shared testimonies to how people died due to lack of education or local control interventions.

**In 2017**

We have shared our heart and discovered that working together as a collaboration of young leaders is something we should deeply care about to transform the lives of rural communities. In late 2017 after finishing our mandates, we created what we called Ubuzima (means wealth) Initiative to uniquely work with impoverished rural communities for improving their living conditions.  We organized different community outreaches to provide education to different diseases, built toilets and small houses to extremely poor households.

**In 2019**

Later on, we got many other social change leaders who recognized our work and joined what we can call our coalition, in late 2019, we decided to call it a hub where innovators can come and use this platform to implement cutting-edge solutions hence Our name shifted to the Ubuzima Innovation Hub, a collaborative NGO working to harness young generation with sustainable solutions to ensure better outputs and impacts to the minority groups. Day to day, things were getting better and we were motivated to see how the lives of impoverished people were changing and a couple of youths joined our journey.  Our families and friends financially and technically supported us along the way.

**In 2020**

In that time, we hadn’t knowledge to how we can leverage platform of Ubuzima Innovation Hub to apply for grants or looking for donors to support our work, and we remember in January 2020, a person came and told us, you guys are doing amazing work; may you try to look for grants and funding partners to support you? It was my first time hearing about the work grant. So he gave us a quick introduction to how we can apply different opportunities and in June 2020, we won a $1000 grant from Digital Opportunity Trust (DOT) Youth Street Team (DOTYouth) cohort 1 through the project we called Stop Covid19 Campaign Project. DOT capacitated us and skills we got were life changing to us. Though COVID19 Pandemic affected our activities, Ubuzima Innovation Hub found other ways to synergize effects.

In December 2020, two members of our Team (Samuel NIYOMUREMYI and Vainqueur INEZA HABYARIMANA) were selected in Young African Leaders’ Initiative (YALI) cohort 42, a four week fellowship.

**In 2021**

 In January 2021, we won another grant called DOTGirlsInICT as top nine #DOTYOUTH to implement another solution called Menstrual Cycle devices and Mental Health Rehabilitation Center.

**In 2022**

Our works were very motivating and won a couple of grants such as Kumwe Hub grant provided by Save the Children, MasterCard Grant through GiveBack Collaboration Initiative, Global Youth Mobilization grant….

In the midst of 2022, Our Chief Executive got selected in Unleash Global Innovation Lab 2022 and was One Young World Manchester Delegate 2022 as global talent doing amazing work in the community through Ubuzima Innovation Hub.

**In 2023**

We are continuing to pivot our efforts toward collaborating with local organizations to design principal campaigns, community outreaches and workshops that benefit our beneficiaries. Our incentives and emphasis is providing local control strategies which address root of issues to the extremely rural communities and paving innovative ways to improve their living standards.

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