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Literally translated, imbuto  
[eem-bu-toh] means ‘seed’.

“A seed well planted, watered,  
nurtured and given all the necessary support,  
successfully grows into a healthy plant  
– one that reaches high and stands tall.  
Imbuto Foundation envisions this for all its  
current initiatives and those in the future.”

First Lady of the Republic of Rwanda  
and Chairperson of Imbuto Foundation,  
H.E. Mrs Jeannette Kagame

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**ENGAGE. EDUCATE. EMPOWER.**



## VISION

A nation of empowered and dignified Rwandans.



## MISSION

To support the development of a healthy, educated and prosperous society.



## VALUES

Excellence, Integrity, Innovation, Solidarity and Commitment.



## STRATEGY

Imbuto Foundation's work is aligned to national priorities and it fulfils its mission through advocacy, community outreach, mentorship, fostering partnerships and unleashing young talent.

## Our Guiding Principles

We are guided by the following five principles, that are integral to the role we must play in catalysing growth in the education, health and youth empowerment ecosystems:

1. We invest first and foremost in people: our mission is to empower individuals to take advantage of opportunities. Fundamentally, our work needs to touch a person and consequently their communities.
2. We invest in challenges that are not being addressed by others: we like to be catalytic and sustainable. If other funding and implementing partners are adequately addressing a problem, we will move on. If it is not being addressed, we will build a sustainable way to do so.
3. We invest with partners whose values resonate with ours: we understand that the challenges we face cannot be solved by individual action but rather with collaborative action. However, we will only work with like minded and value-driven partners.
4. We invest in solutions that lead to the achievement of national, regional and global goals: we see ourselves as partners for the development of Rwanda, the region, and the world at large. We therefore align our objectives with the country's National Strategy for Transformation (NST), with Agenda 2063 for the Africa We Want, and with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
5. We invest in harnessing the power of innovation and technology: technology gives us, on a scale and speed never before possible, the opportunity to further our impact, and tap into latest trends and developments.



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# ACRONYMS

Acronyms	Descriptions
<b>AERG</b>	Genocide Survivors Students Association
<b>ANC</b>	Antenatal Care
<b>AY/SRH&amp;R</b>	Adolescent and Youth/Sexual Reproductive Health
<b>ASRH</b>	Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health
<b>CBOs</b>	Community-Based Organisations
<b>CBHI</b>	Community Based Health Insurance
<b>CHWs</b>	Community Health Workers
<b>COVID-19</b>	Coronavirus Disease 2019
<b>CYRWA</b>	Celebrating Young Rwandan Achievers
<b>ECD</b>	Early Childhood Development
<b>ECD&amp;F</b>	Early Childhood Development & Family
<b>FP</b>	Family Planning
<b>GS</b>	Groupe Scolaire
<b>GBV</b>	Gender-Based Violence
<b>HC</b>	Health Centre
<b>HIV</b>	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
<b>HIV/AIDS</b>	Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
<b>ICTs</b>	Information Communication Technologies
<b>IGAs</b>	Income Generating Activities
<b>KBC</b>	Kigali Business Centre
<b>NCDs</b>	Non-Communicable Diseases
<b>PAC</b>	Parent-Adolescent Communication
<b>PACFA</b>	Protection and Care of Families against HIV/AIDS
<b>RMNCAH</b>	Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health
<b>STIs</b>	Sexually Transmitted Infections
<b>TND</b>	Twige Neza Dutsinde
<b>TVET</b>	Technical and Vocational Education and Training
<b>USD</b>	United States Dollar
<b>YFS</b>	Youth Forum Series



# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

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This year Imbuto Foundation marks 20 years of empowering communities. For myself and many others, this year has been an opportunity to reflect on our journey so far, and the motivation to take the very first step.

Looking beyond the birth of the Foundation, to the early days of PACFA, we were driven by the need to transform a country and lives that were on the brink of destruction. The evolution from PACFA to Imbuto Foundation was a clear indication that indeed, with passion, hardwork and discipline, we could contribute to our government's vision to ensure dignified lives for all Rwandans government.

Today, 20 years later, Rwanda, along with the rest of the world, is living through unprecedented times. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed life as we know it. This pandemic has and still continues to impact our economic development trajectory.

However, our history and collective experience has taught us that through unity, we are stronger and more resilient. More so, our work, first as PACFA and later Imbuto Foundation, was driven by a strong sense of duty to respond to the crisis that plagued Rwandans then and rebuild our nation. Today, as we face the COVID-19 pandemic, we carry the same spirit.

However, for us to claim victory over this virus, we must each play our part in mitigating it. We must prioritise staying safe and protecting others, while learning to adjust to the new normal. Together, we truly can win. We have done it before.



In this light, I would like to thank the Imbuto Foundation Family for their contribution and dedication to serving Rwandans. I also thank our partners and Friends of Imbuto, whose support contributes immensely to our success and longevity.

To 20 and many more years of engaging, educating, and empowering our communities.

**Her Excellency,  
Mrs Jeannette Kagame**



# MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

Looking back at this year's achievements and challenges, we are reminded of the dedication and commitment from our members, staff and partners, and the resilience of the Foundation as a whole, over the past 20 years. This year has been an opportunity for us to mark this milestone, and we are doing so under the theme: "An Edifying Past. An Empowered Future.", or 'Imbuto Itoshye. Ejo Haganje' in Kinyarwanda.

It has been an opportunity to share our story, engage with the communities and individuals we have served over the years, and most importantly express our gratitude. Our 20-year journey of engaging, educating and empowering Rwandans could not have been a success, without the support and commitment from all our partners.

These events, however, are happening at a time when Rwanda, and the world at large, is still facing the COVID-19 pandemic. To the Foundation, this is yet another call to action, one that is reminiscent of the birth of our organisation- first as PACFA, and later Imbuto Foundation.

This year, as the world and Rwanda grows in terms of knowledge and understanding of the COVID-19 virus, efforts continue to be placed in protecting essential workers and the most vulnerable among us, in order to protect our collective gains. Rwanda's vaccination roll-out campaign, driven by the need to ensure equitable access, brought Rwandans a significant step closer to managing this pandemic. However, with new variants emerging and cases surging, we need all hands on deck, to support our Government's efforts in protecting and serving all Rwandans.

At the Foundation level, our focus has been to support front line workers, risking their lives on a daily basis, to ensure citizens are traced, tested, treated and safe; as well as equipping our partners on the ground, to reach and continue serving communities and families. Our staff have also contributed to coordination efforts during vaccination roll-out, and food distribution across the country, especially during periods of lockdown.

More specifically, and to highlight a few interventions impacting communities during these difficult times; through our Education Programmes, we are providing training countrywide to home-based ECD caregivers to support the education, health, nutrition, hygiene and sanitation needs, as well as child protection services for 75,000 children aged 2 - 6 years, and their families.

Through our Health Programmes, we are employing innovative methods, such as the Mobile GBV Clinics, to promote family planning and sexual reproductive health, as well as provide legal support, counselling, nutritional advice, child registration, among other crucial services to teen mothers, their children and parents, in high risk districts across the country.



Last but not least, we are leveraging popular media, such as the popular TV and Radio drama series 'Ejo si Kera', to impart life-saving information on mental health, drug abuse and domestic abuse, among other topics, to youth - empowering them to make informed decisions about their health, and lives in general.

We wish you and your loved ones good health and thank you for continuing to observe life-saving safety measures, in order to curb the spread of COVID-19.

Together, we shall overcome!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandrine Umutoni".

**Sandrine Umutoni**  
Director General

# OUR STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Through its work and advocacy, the Foundation has, over the years, emerged as a trusted and committed partner of choice for the nation's development, reputed for its ability to deliver impact efficiently and effectively. The Foundation has grown to manage over 20 projects in the area of health, education and youth empowerment, since its inception in 2001.

To expand on this past experience and maximise its impact, Imbuto Foundation continues to direct its interventions within the framework of its Strategic Operation Plan 2018–2024. The Foundation has transitioned to developing the capacity of implementing partners and to fostering greater collaboration in the ecosystem within which it operates.

More specifically, the Foundation is:

- Supporting and implementing targeted, people and community-centred projects.
- Increasing emphasis on generating and documenting lessons learnt from its experience in implementing projects.
- Facilitating and catalysing effective collaboration to strengthen ecosystems in its areas of intervention.

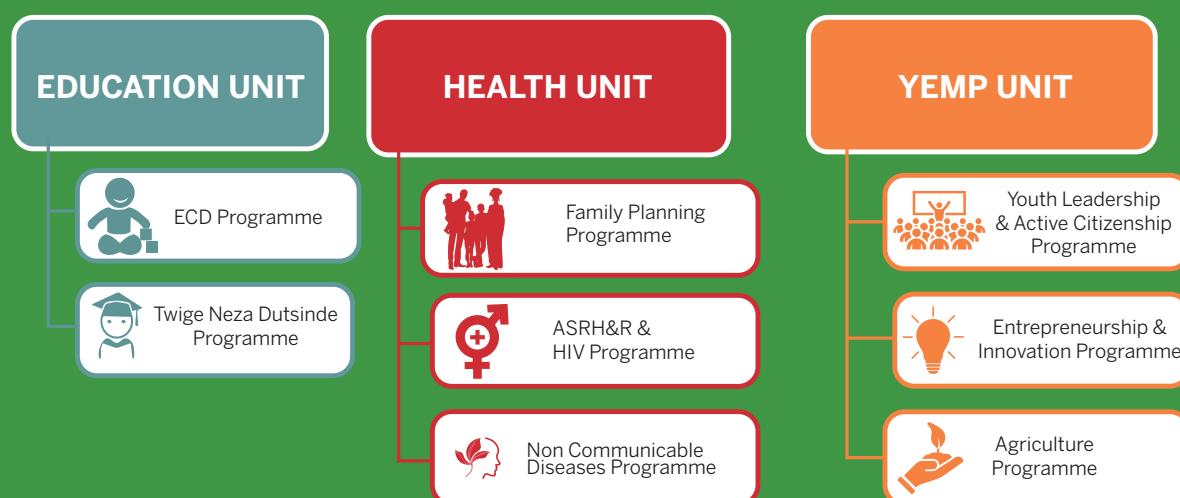


# TARGET FOCUS

The 2018-2024 Strategic Operating Plan has opened the way for a new direction, under the following priorities:

- Contributing to a competitive knowledge-based economy through motivated, excellent and well-educated students.
- Contributing to the improved quality of life through informed, confident and healthy citizens.
- Contributing to equitable and sustained national development through productive and engaged youth and women.
- Multiplying and scaling up impact generated by Imbuto Foundation interventions.
- Imbuto becoming a self-sustained and philanthropic Foundation to make an impact.

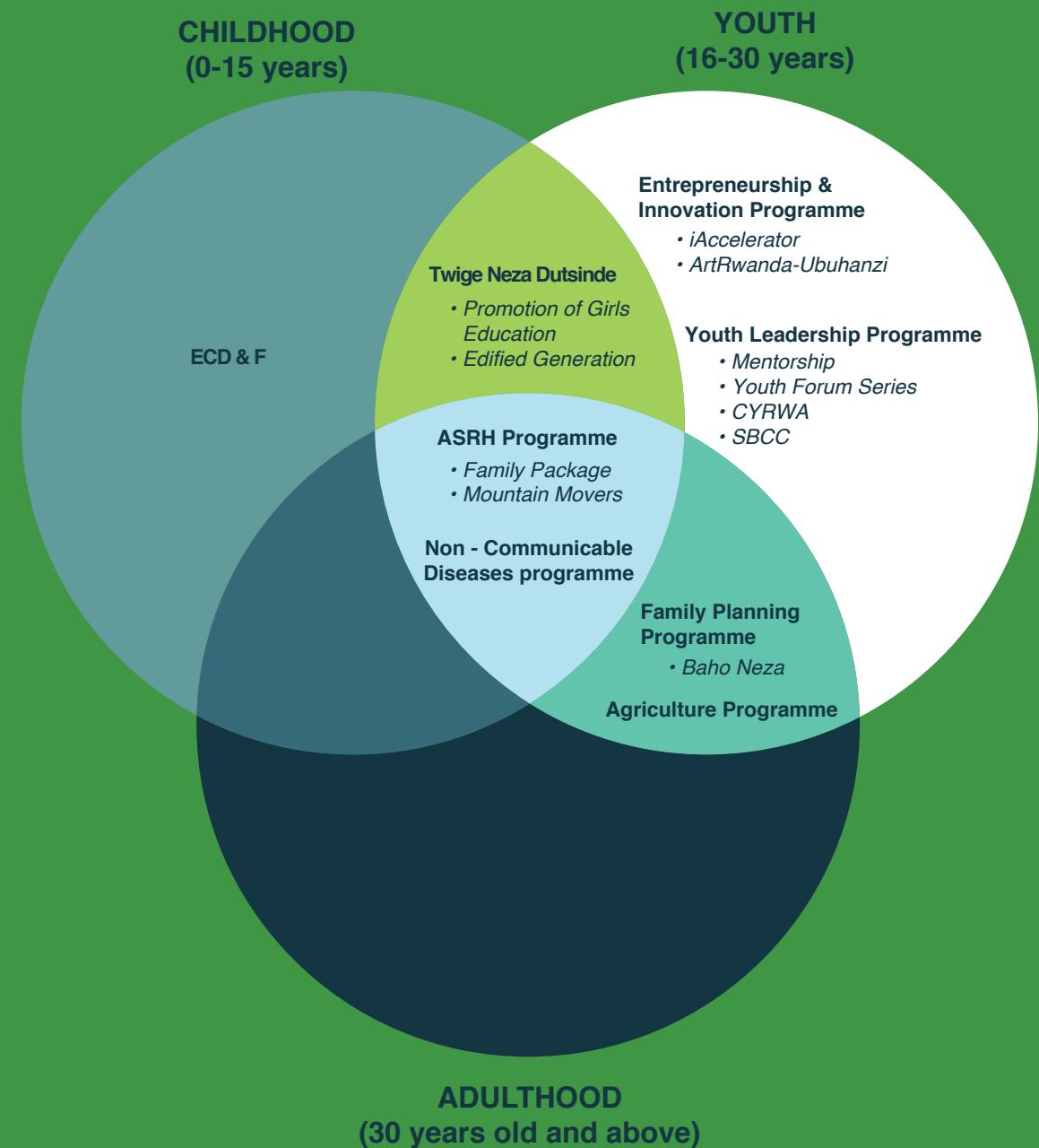
Our programmes, therefore, have been strategically restructured to feature targeted programmes and initiatives aimed at maximising our impact and realising our newly established goals.



Two departments were created under the 2018-2024 Strategic Operating Plan, in order to strengthen the capacity of implementing partners and to finance new strategic initiatives: Knowledge Development and Dissemination, and Resource Mobilisation and Partnerships.

# OUR UNIQUE APPROACH

Our unique approach is a community-centered and holistic model that seeks to meet the needs of those we serve during their entire life cycle, from early childhood to adulthood.





Neza, a girl who has been forged by her painful past, is fighting an uphill battle to change her destiny and that of her mother, who suffers from bipolar disorder. On the other end Jado, the model of a "spoiled" child, must defeat his worst enemy drugs.

Their paths are so different that it is almost impossible to imagine love blossoming between them, enabling them to tackle the hardships of life together, for good and particularly for worse.

Ejo Si Kera is a series filled with twists and turns, and it offers the audience, especially the youth, a broad perspective on life and the dangers that threaten them: drugs, unplanned pregnancies, family conflicts and many more trials.

# EJO SI KERA

TV & RADIO DRAMA SERIES

#### Ejo si Kera TV drama series

 Thursdays 6:30 p.m & Saturdays 10 a.m.

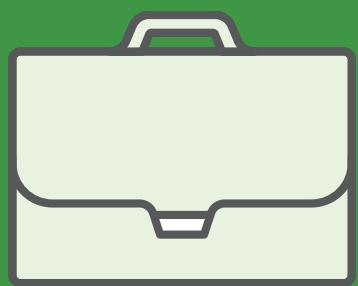
 Saturdays 7:30 p.m & Tuesdays 6:05 p.m.

#### Ejo si Kera Radio drama series

 Thursdays, 8:15 p.m

 FULL SEASONS are available on **Imbuto Foundation Channel**

**PORTFOLIO**



**EDUCATION**



# EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY (ECD&F)



In 2013, Her Excellency Mrs Jeannette Kagame launched the ECD&F programme to support the holistic development of children aged 0 to 6. The goal of the programme is to ensure that all children are intellectually stimulated, healthy and safe, while their families and communities are empowered with the right tools to nurture and protect them.

The ECD&F programme focuses on the following approaches:

- **ECD centres (3 to 6 years old)**
- **Home-based services (3 to 6 years old)**
- **Home visits (0 to 3 years old)**

In addition, parents receive training and support in Income Generating Activities (IGAs). Imbuto Foundation offers and delivers the integrated ECD services in all 30 districts.



## ECD Programme - Ngoma Home-Based ECD

*In Nyagatugunda (Ngoma), parents who benefit from home-based ECD services in Nyagatugunda cell mobilised funds to build a community-based ECD, to ensure a safer space for their children. The community-based ECD was inaugurated in celebration of the 27th anniversary of Rwanda's Liberation and will serve the surrounding community.*

## SNAPSHOT OF ACHIEVEMENTS

**60,106**

CHILDREN AGED 0 TO 6 AND THEIR FAMILIES ENROLLED IN MODEL AND HOME-BASED ECD&F CENTRES.

**25,357**

PARENTS BENEFITED FROM PARENTING SESSIONS IN ECD & F CENTRES.

**19,340**

CAREGIVERS TRAINED IN INTEGRATED ECD&F AND OFFERED RELEVANT SERVICES.

**3,039**

ECD SPACES ESTABLISHED: 16 MODEL ECD CENTERS, 20 COMMUNITY BASED ECD CENTERS & 3,003 HOME BASED ECDS.

**789**

TRAINERS (503 MALE AND 286 FEMALE) TRAINED IN THE INTEGRATED ECD PACKAGE ACROSS 30 DISTRICTS.

RADIO TALK SHOWS ON ECD AIRED ON DIFFERENT RADIO STATIONS (5 EPISODES, FOR 3 MONTHS).

# TWIGE NEZA DUTSINDE



This initiative aims to improve learning outcomes for students in basic education, through increasing access to remedial learning support services for under-performing students, supporting the education of brilliant but vulnerable students as well as empowering girls to excel in education.

This initiative has been successful in meeting its programme objectives, with reports of students performing better academically, being more respectful of gender diversity, more enthusiastic about learning and developing strong group work skills.

The initiative works with the families of its beneficiaries, whose support is essential in instilling positive values, such as politeness and respect in the classroom, cleanliness and punctuality.



## TND Programme Beneficiary - Kelia Iragiraneza

*Kelia Igitiraneza, 10, is a primary student formerly enrolled at GS Nyagatare in Nyagatare District. After the COVID-19 lockdown was partially lifted, her mother took her to Rwanamana District (where she lives) without her father's and grandmother's awareness. As teacher mentors carried regular follow ups to monitor children's subscription to remote learning, they noticed that the child had gone missing.*

*In collaboration with these teacher mentors, the head of school and local leaders, the programme's district supervisor followed up in an effort to locate the child. When she was found, further follow up was made to ensure that she is not deprived of her rights to attend school. Kelia was registered and now attends school in GS Byinza, in Rwanamana District.*

## SNAPSHOT OF ACHIEVEMENTS

**13,906** CHILDREN  
BENEFITTING FROM EXTRACURRICULAR  
PROGRAMMES TO IMPROVE LEARNING.

**3** PUBLIC PRIMARY  
SCHOOLS BUILT IN  
GASABO, GICUMBI AND  
NYARUGENGE DISTRICTS.

**270** TEACHERS  
TRAINED AND MENTORED  
ON EFFECTIVE TEACHING.

**201** REMEDIAL  
LEARNING CLUBS  
ESTABLISHED IN 151  
SCHOOLS FROM 13  
DISTRICTS.

**201** SCHOOL  
LEADERS TRAINED  
IN SCHOOL  
MANAGEMENT  
EFFECTIVENESS.

**5,113** YOUNG  
GIRLS AWARDED  
FOR ACADEMIC  
EXCELLENCE SINCE  
2005.

**10,241**  
ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS  
PROVIDED TO  
SECONDARY SCHOOL  
STUDENTS SINCE 2002.

# EDUCATION



During this fiscal year 2020-2021, our activities and efforts in the area of education aimed at achieving two overarching outcomes, which included:

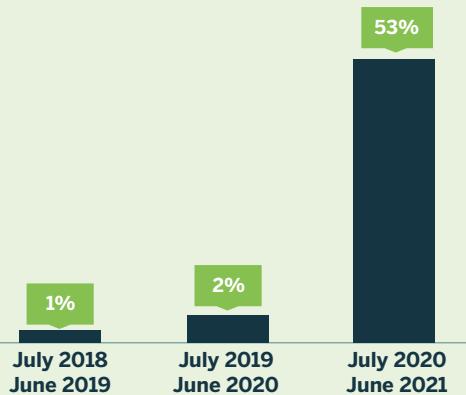
- **Increased and equitable enrolment in quality ECD services.**
- **Improved learning outcomes for learners in basic education.**

Through efforts aimed at ensuring equitable enrolment in quality ECD services, Imbuto Foundation has seen:

1. 78% increase in the number of children enrolled in model and home-based ECD&F within our areas of intervention.



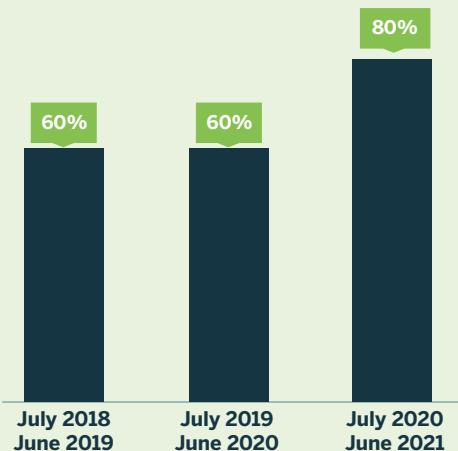
2. 53% of targeted caregivers delivering the integrated ECD&F Package within our areas of intervention.



3. A proportion of 13% ECD spaces implementing the comprehensive package within our areas of intervention.



4. 80% of targeted institutions implementing the ECD&F integrated package within our areas of intervention.



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# ADOLESCENT SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS (ASRH&R)&HIV



The ASRH&R and HIV programme promotes positive behaviour among adolescents aged 10 to 24 years old. The programme targets adolescents both in and out of school, pairing schools and out of school clubs with youth organisations and health centres to provide youth-friendly services. The programme also trains peer educators to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and teaches adolescents to reduce the risks of unplanned pregnancies.



## ASRH&R and HIV Programme Beneficiary - Uwase Claudine

*Uwase Claudine is 19 years old and a mother of a three-year-old child. When Uwase became a mother, her family rejected her, and her community stigmatised her. Uwase Claudine was then invited to attend the outreach sessions targeting adolescent mothers at Vision Jeunesse Nouvelle - a community based organisation that works in Rubavu district. There she was introduced to the "Agaciro Kanje" booklet and its ASRH information; and through this organisation, she also gained other life skills.*

*It was after these sessions that she made the decision to not only help empower other teen mothers about their worth, but also on how to live a positive and healthy life. She has currently formed a group of 6 adolescent mothers that she reaches out with the knowledge she gained.*

## SNAPSHOT OF ACHIEVEMENTS

**299,834** YOUNG PEOPLE  
ACCESSED ASRH SERVICES, INCLUDING HIV  
& STI SCREENING & TREATMENT.

**35,667** COMMUNITY HEALTH  
WORKERS PROVIDED WITH ESSENTIAL  
EQUIPMENT TO FACILITATE THEIR DAY-TO-  
DAY HEALTH SERVICES DELIVERY.

### GBV MOBILE CLINICS IN BURERA

**DISTRICT:** **14** NEW GBV CASES  
SUBMITTED TO RWANDA INVESTIGATION  
BUREAU, 53 CASES REGISTERED FOR  
LEGAL SUPPORT AND 18 CHILDREN  
REGISTERED (BIRTH REGISTRATION).

**14,414** PEOPLE REACHED THROUGH  
PARENTAL-ADOLESCENT COMMUNICATION  
FORUMS: 8,800 PARENTS, 5,426 TEEN MOTHERS,  
188 ADOLESCENTS AND YOUTH.

**755** HEALTH FACILITIES SUPPORTED  
THROUGH COMMUNITY BASED HEALTH  
INSURANCE (CBHI).

**3,422** TEEN MOTHERS BENEFITED  
FROM PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT.

# FAMILY PLANNING



The family planning programme aims at increasing contraceptive prevalence among families with unmet needs, by improving the quality, access and uptake of family planning services.

## FP Programme Beneficiary - UTAMURIZA Vestine

*When I got married, my husband wanted me to give birth instantly without first planning and thinking about the source of income to feed our children, as well as taking care of other home needs. He was drunk on a daily basis and life was not easy for us. After giving birth to three children, I became very sickly and did not get any support from my husband. Instead I would get help and food from my neighbours.*

*I was approached by FASACO through Imbuto Foundation's Baho Neza project. They talked to us about the benefits of family planning for family welfare and the different contraception methods available. Though I was invited as a Community Health Worker to support awareness efforts, I also benefited from their services, in order to find a lasting solution to my family health issues. Opting for a long term contraceptive method improved my life in different ways. I became physically fit and was no longer concerned about unplanned pregnancies.*

*I was able to focus on generating an income to support my children, as there was a lack of support from my husband. I did several casual jobs until I had enough money to buy land, where I planted vegetables. I was no longer begging for food from my neighbours but was giving them food instead. By sharing my experiences with others in my community I have also seen a big change. As a Community Health Worker, I used to see a lot of malnutrition cases but these have reduced as a result of more people taking on family planning in my community.*

## SNAPSHOT OF ACHIEVEMENTS

**604,992** PEOPLE REACHED THROUGH AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS ON FAMILY PLANNING.

**89** PRIMARY HEALTHCARE FACILITIES BUILT IN NYAGATARE, GISAGARA & GICUMBI DISTRICTS: 87 HEALTH POSTS, 2 HEALTH CENTRES.

**197** TV AND RADIO TALK SHOWS, 17 TV DRAMA SERIES, 12 RADIO DRAMA SERIES AIRED ON DIFFERENT MEDIA HOUSES, TO RAISE AWARENESS ON FAMILY PLANNING, SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH.

**20** AMBULANCES PURCHASED AND DISTRIBUTED TO 20 HOSPITALS NAMELY BUTARO, BYUMBA, KABAYA, KABGAYI, KIBAGABABA, KIBIRIZI, KIBOGORA, KIBUNGO, KIBUYE, KADUHA, KIRINDA, MIBIRIZI, MUGONERO, MUHIMA, MUHORORO, MUNINI, MURUNDA, NEMBA, NYAGATARE, RUTONGO.

# NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES



The Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) programme aims to improve knowledge, attitudes and practices among Rwandans, to decrease the burden of NCDs and mental health issues.

## NCDs & Mental Health Programme Beneficiary- Coco (not her real name)

*Coco, from Nyarugenge District is now 42 years old and is a mother of 5. She was beaten and thrown in a deep hole during the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi. This traumatic experience left her depressed and feeling hatred towards herself - she avoided people and any social interactions during the commemoration period, as it would trigger painful memories and relive them, which pushed her to lose control.*

*As one of our trainees, she attended sessions on trauma and healing where she has been getting counselling. By applying the lesson learned in her everyday life, the sessions have given Coco comfort and the ability to cope with her situation. Through the strength she regained from those sessions, she was able to visit the Kibeho Memorial Site, after her trauma had made this visit impossible for years.*

## SNAPSHOT OF ACHIEVEMENTS

**200**

COMMUNITY-BASED COUNCILORS TRAINED ON HOW TO LEAD HEALING GROUPS.

**4,702**

INDIVIDUALS ATTENDED HEALING/COUNSELING SESSIONS.

**100**

HEALING GROUPS CREATED WITH 1,610 MEMBERS.

**720**

PEOPLE REACHED THROUGH 5 ONLINE CONFERENCES ON MENTAL HEALTH.

# HEALTH

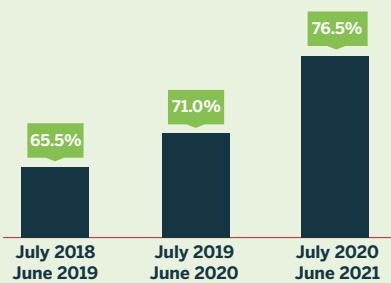


During this fiscal year 2020-2021, our health programmes aimed at achieving three major outcomes:

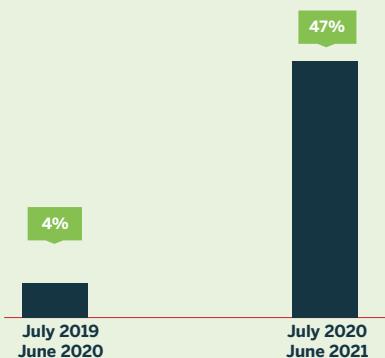
- **Increased knowledge, information and will power to make timely, informed, positive and safe health choices.**
- **Improved knowledge, attitude and practices to decrease the burden of NCDs and mental health issues.**
- **Improved efficiency and effectiveness of programme management.**

This has resulted in:

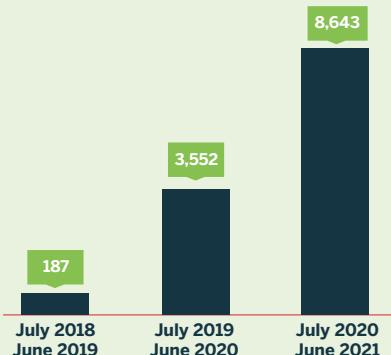
1. 76.5 % of targeted young people and teenage mothers using comprehensive ASRH and HIV prevention services, in our areas of intervention.



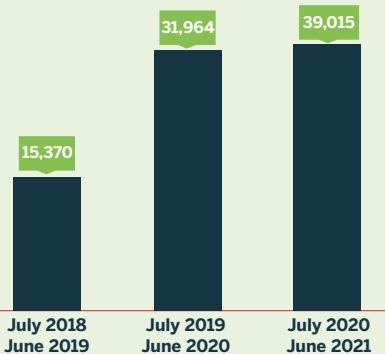
2. 47% of targeted teenage mothers were reintegrated in their families within our areas of intervention.



3. 8,643 of targeted people using long acting reversible contraceptive methods within our areas of intervention.



4. 39,015 workforce (doctors, nurses, CHWs, teachers, peer educators and CBOs) were trained and delivered youth-friendly SRH services, including HIV and family planning services, within our coverage area.



# YOUTH EMPOWERMENT



# YOUTH LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP



The Youth Leadership and Active Citizenship programme aims at providing youth, of different socio-economic backgrounds, with the support and platforms to participate in leadership initiatives and be active members of the Rwandan society. Through youth forums and training, the youth is encouraged to discuss and identify common solutions, while at the same time, being oriented towards personal development.

## Youth Leadership & Active Citizenship Programme Beneficiary - Isimbi Edwige

*I have attended nine YFS events, the latest one was during the iAccelerator Phase 2 awarding ceremony that took place in December 2019. Through these series I learnt that as a young person I have a role to play in achieving national goals. Through the latest YFS I attended I learnt a lot about Sexual Reproductive Health and different myths around it.*

*Through these events I have also come to learn that there are hundreds of opportunities for us young people and that it's up to us to make the first step and grab them. The different speakers that took part in the different YFS events inspired me to follow my dreams no matter the sacrifice I have to make, and to never settle for less. As a way to give back and pass on the lessons I have learnt, I use my social media platforms to share almost everything that was said at the YFS events, so that even those that didn't get a chance to attend remain informed and able to learn from the discussions.*

## SNAPSHOT OF ACHIEVEMENTS

**28,203** YOUTH EMPOWERED THROUGH 39 YOUTH FORUMS ON TOPICS INCLUDING LEADERSHIP, PATRIOTISM, CIVIC RESPONSIBILITIES, VOLUNTEERISM, FINANCIAL FITNESS, CAREER GUIDANCE, PUBLIC SPEAKING, MENTAL HEALTH AND SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH.

**19** CANDIDATES REACHED THE PRE-FINAL STAGE FOR THE YOUTH CONNEKT CHAMPIONS AND CYRWA AWARDS.

**48** YOUNG WOMEN AND MEN AWARDED FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL ACTIVITIES UNDER THE YOUTH CONNEKT CHAMPIONS AND CYRWA AWARDS.

THROUGH THE SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR CHANGE COMMUNICATION PROJECT, **12 TV** TALK SHOWS AND **12 RADIO** TALK SHOWS DEVELOPED AND AIRED ON VARIOUS MEDIA HOUSES, TO RAISE AWARENESS ON MENTAL HEALTH.

# ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION



The Entrepreneurship and Innovation programme aims at promoting job creation, creativity and entrepreneurial spirit among the youth. Through initiatives such as ArtRwanda-Ubuhanzi and Innovation Accelerator, the programme provides mentorship, training and financial support to young entrepreneurs and innovators, especially those seeking to provide solutions in response to challenges related to SRH, comprehensive sexuality education, family planning, and maternal health, among others.

## ***Innovation Accelerator Beneficiary - Aimee Laetitia Umubyeyi***

*Aimee Laetitia Umubyeyi is both an iAccelerator and a CYRWA awardee. She is the founder of Umubyeyi Initiative that is implementing the 'Urujeni' project, which she started in 2017. The Urujeni project, currently based in Kirehe district, aims to support teen mothers and their families by providing them with trainings on ASRH and on economic empowerment (i.e. income generating activities). Her organization is currently serving a total of 824 beneficiaries and is one of the finalists of iAccelerator 2021. Urujeni Project, has organised several outreach activities in the Kirehe district to educate and support 101 teen mothers by promoting social cohesion and financial training.*

## **SNAPSHOT OF ACHIEVEMENTS**

**68** YOUNG ARTISTS BENEFITING FROM THE ARTRWANDA-UBUHANZI INCUBATION CENTRE.

**411** ARTWORKS PRODUCED AND SOLD AT THE ARTRWANDA-UBUHANZI SELLING POINT.

**RWF 290,000,000 (USD 293,819)**  
DISTRIBUTED AND COACHING PROVIDED TO 29 CREATIVE PROJECTS BY BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS NETWORK, UNDER THE CULTURAL AND CREATIVE INDUSTRY RECOVERY PLAN.

**11** YOUTH-LED INNOVATIONS SELECTED AND AWARDED 10,000\$ EACH, UNDER IACCELERATOR PROJECT.

# AGRICULTURE



The Agriculture programme aims at improving the lives of women and youth from disadvantaged families through income-generating activities.

Programme recipients are grouped into cooperatives where they are taught how to generate an income from horticulture, as well as manage cooperatives. In addition, they receive start-up funds for agricultural activities inputs.



## Agriculture Programme Beneficiary - Nyiragatarama Faisi

*Nyiragatarama Faisi is a parent in Kubinya Cooperative based in Nyamuragira Sector, Kirehe district. Before joining the programme she was living with limited financial resources since her only activity was food cultivation that she could only rely on when the small farm generated small profit.*

*Back in 2010, Nyiragatarama started an initiative to approach her community small groups within her neighborhood to start a 700 r wf/Profit daily saving strategy (Ikibina) that would facilitate their demands, especially at home. As the group grew, they decided to move from groups to a cooperative(KUBINYA) with only 30 members. They eventually heard of Imbuto Foundation empowering women in different aspects through various training sessions. They couldn't miss the opportunity, and later on were provided a Green-House for growing tomatoes, which incurred quite the benefit, with each member generating a profit of 10,000 Rwf/monthly.*

*'I have generated a lot of income since. I bought one goat which got me another 2 goats, and on Knowledge gain I learned how to create more with little capital' Faisa said. From then, she bought beans to resell to her community, from which she benefited and bought a cow, and built her entire house. Currently, her family is happy, despite COVID-19 challenges. She keeps working hard as a self-made woman empowering others. She extends her massive gratitude towards Her Excellency Mrs Jeannette Kagame, for standing out and giving them words of encouragement, which allow these women to live proudly, claiming their voice among others. 'We will always be thankful'.*

## SNAPSHOT OF ACHIEVEMENTS

**37** COOPERATIVES BENEFITING FROM OUR PROGRAMME CONNECTED TO MARKETS.

**3,410** FARMERS: 2,890 WOMEN (81%) AND 520 MEN (19%) FROM 37 COOPERATIVES DIRECTLY BENEFITED FROM AGRICULTURE INTERVENTIONS.

**508** FARMERS FROM 18 COOPERATIVES IN KIREHE, NGOMA AND NYARUGURU TRAINED IN AGRICULTURE TECHNIQUES, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND LEADERSHIP.

**92,929 KGS** OF TOMATOES, MAIZE, BEANS, SOJA, VEGETABLES, FRUITS HARVESTED FROM 18 COOPERATIVES.

A BOOKLET SUMMARIZING WOMEN'S LAND RIGHTS AND MOST EFFECTIVE PRODUCTIVE USE OF LAND RESOURCES WAS PUBLISHED AND 4,550 COPIES DISTRIBUTED IN 30 DISTRICTS.

**287** BOOKLETS ON AGRICULTURE TECHNIQUES AND GROWING CROPS (CABBAGE, CARROT, GREEN BEANS, AND ONIONS) DISTRIBUTED TO 18 COOPERATIVES.

**Rwf 22,114,310 (USD 22,405)** GENERATED FROM SELLING MAIZE, BEANS, SOJA, VEGETABLES, TOMATOES, FRUITS.

# YOUTH EMPOWERMENT



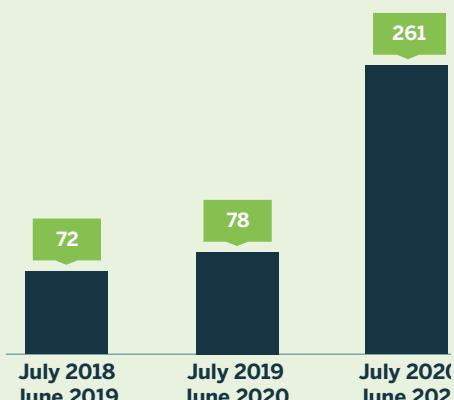
During this fiscal year 2020-2021, our targeted programmes under Youth Empowerment aimed at achieving the three following key outcomes:

- Enhanced Youth Leadership, participation and engagement in national development.
- Improved entrepreneurial and social innovation skills among participating beneficiaries.
- Increased agriculture and livestock quality, productivity and production.

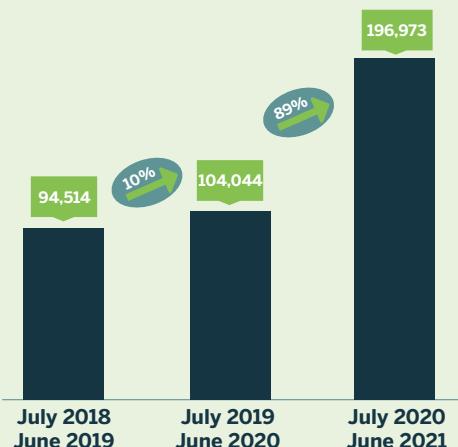
1. 3% increase in the number of youth participating in leadership and policy dialogues.



2. 261 decent jobs were created as a result of entrepreneurial and social innovation skills.



3. 89% increase in Kgs harvested from 18 agricultural cooperatives within our areas of intervention.



4. 42% increase of income generated from harvest within our areas of intervention.



# FINANCIALS



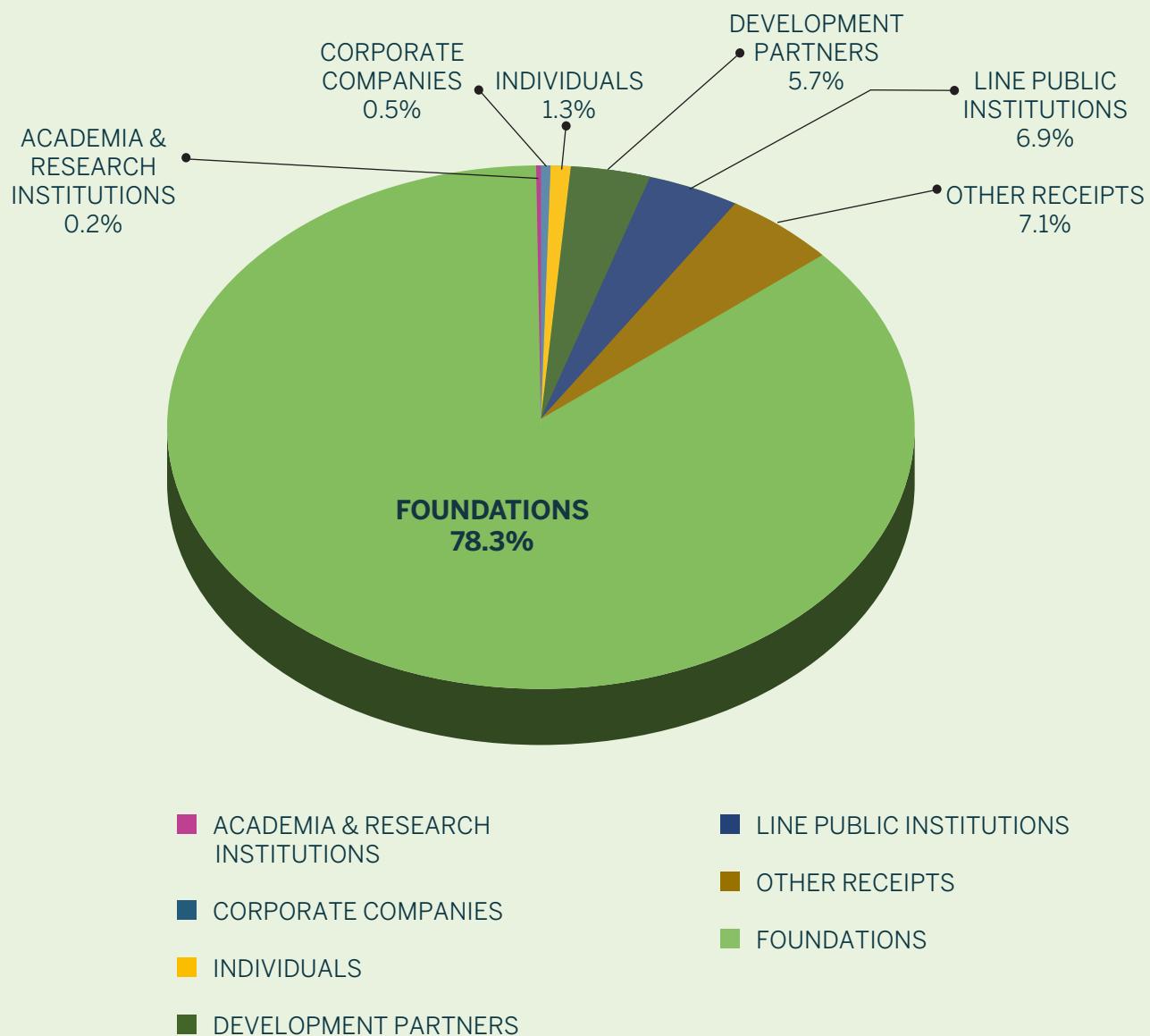
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### INCOME

Total income: Rwf 18,869,572,269  
(USD 19,115,398)



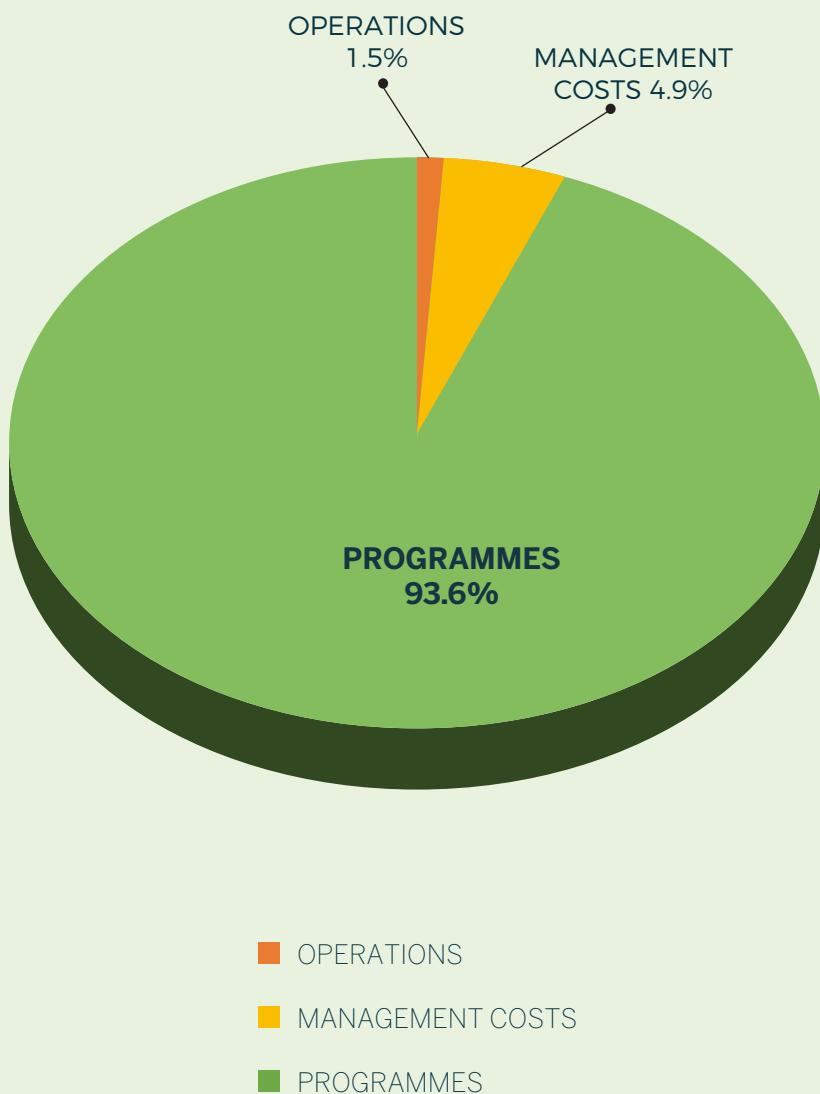
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### EXPENDITURE

Total Expenditure: Rwf 16,160,875,589  
(USD 16,371,413)



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Visit of Mrs Patricia Scotland QC. - Secretary General of Commonwealth | Kigali, 11 March 2021



Signing of an MoU between Imbuto Foundation and  
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