

I. ASOFERWA'S BACKGROUND INFO

By the 1994 genocide against Tutsi, Rwanda was stricken by a misfortune, which plunged the whole country in disastrous situation with various socio-economic consequences. To react accordingly, in September 1994, a group of 30 Rwandan women established an association that they named: "ASOFERWA" Association de Solidarité des Femmes Rwandaises or Rwandan women Association for Solidarity with the purpose of helping and intervening to vulnerable groups. For its legal personality, reference N° is: 066/11 by RGB. Targeted and served people include women and youth in general and specifically Widows, Orphans and Minors in detention Centres, Adolescents and Teen mothers; HIV/AIDS infected and affected women, Elderly people without assistance. Programmes and interventions to them are tailored according to their needs and ASOFERWA's Mission.

II. VISION

Build a "Rwanda free from poverty and any injustice where every citizen enjoys better living conditions, especially women, children and youth to enjoy their rights and psychosocial comfort".

III. MISSION

Encouraging Socio-economic rehabilitation and healthier living conditions among vulnerable groups and promote gender equality and equity;unity and reconciliation.

IV. Main Objective

To promoting gender equality, sustainable and inclusive governance and development through assisting vulnerable groups.

V. OBJECTIVES

- Ensure socio-economic reintegration of target groups such as widows, orphans, elders, minors in detention centres, Low income women, etc.
- Increase of people's income by their areas of interest in the communities.
- HIV and AIDS Prevention and health promotion among key populations and priority populations.
- Strengthen organizational, managerial and technical capacity to the community based organizations.
- Promote good and democratic governance especially for women and girls to play their role in an integrated and inclusive development.
- Promote and advocate for human rights respect in general and particularly for vulnerable groups for their psycho-socio-economic comfort.

VI. STRATEGIES

- Act as facilitator and advocate between groups and stakeholders or partners.
- Organise sponsorship program, guardian or adoption for orphans and most vulnerable children.
- Organise trainings /workshops, seminars, and coaching in favour of beneficiaries.
- Establish and strengthen decentralized structures to lead to sustainability.
- Build partnership and closer collaboration with different partners /donors and local leaders.
- Create safe spaces for beneficiaries and conducive environment responding to their needs.

VII. ACHIEVEMENTS HIGHLIGHTS

- 323 houses were built as peace villages on benefit of Genocide Survivors in Bugesera and Kamonyi Districts.
- 55 women's groups supported to start and manage income generating activities (IGA) from Kicukiro and Gasabo Districts.
- 565 Orphans and non-accompanied children were sponsored and assisted for their primary and secondary education in Kicukiro and Gasabo Districts.
- ASOFERWA established Technical and Vocational Education centers for Sewing or tailoring skills transfer to the Young people from City of Kigali/Remera, and Eastern Province/Ngoma and Bugesera, Southern Province/Kamonyi. So far 450 People have been trained.
- Several trainings were organized for organizational and capacity building on benefit of beneficiaries and creation of decentralized structures in Southern, Eastern and Northern Provinces of Rwanda
- 210 women have participated in a development and functional literacy program from the former districts of Rukara, Bugaragara and Kahi in Eastern Province.



Photo taken after functional literacy training.

- Under PACFA support we managed School reintegration of 530 pupils chassed from secondary schools due to lack of financial means.
- We have worked and assisted inter-groups in former Nyamirambo, Kicukiro, Kacyiru, Kanombe, Gikondo, Nyamata and Kamonyi districts with fighting against HIV/AIDS interventions.
- We provided Psycho-socio-economic support and coaching to Children and minors in detention places, 638 infants and 4579 minors were reached.
- We managed School reintegration of 466 orphans in primary school and 736 pupils in secondary.
- Since 2007 we are experienced in HIV Prevention and Education among key populations especially Female Sex Workers (FSWs), PLHIV and OVC. The interventions were supported by USAID.
- ASOFERWA contributed in GIRINKA or One cow by family Program, and livestock in Rwanda, and 120 cows, 224 Pigs and 200 Goats were distributed to the people in Nyaruguru and Muhanga Districts under economic development program.
- In the area social reintegration and inclusive development, ASOEFRWA was assigned to coach prisoners under Public Interests Works and elders under VUP program and access & evaluate their socio-economic impacts in Gatsibo, Nyagatare and Kayanza Districts.
- We have on-going interventions under health and HIV/AIDS and TB Prevention among Key populations with the support from Global Fund in Kamonyi, Gicumbi and Bugesera Districts.

VIII. THE FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

ASOFERWA has to keep on with the following interventions:

- HIV and AIDS Prevention activities among vulnerable groups and health care in general.

Gatsata Community Development Centre



- Contribute on reduction of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) against women and girls.
- Promotion of gender equality and equity.
- Promote sexual, reproductive health and rights education to prevent early pregnancies and related challenges.
- Promote positive parenting, Parents and Adolescents Communication and children care under family approach.
- Advocacy programs in favor of vulnerable groups in the area of participatory governance and inclusive development.
- Provide psychosocial support and assist vulnerable groups for them to enjoy living conditions and contribute to their bright future.
- Promote culture of work and job creation among women and adolescents for their socio-economic capacity and reintegration.
- Reinforcing the management of women's groups and cooperatives and linkage with financial institutions and donors.

A photo of women under Hand crafts business from Gatsata /Gasabo District.



Association de Solidarité des Femmes Rwandaïses

ADDRESSES:

City of Kigali, Gasabo District
Kimihurura, Avenue Umutekano
KG 682 St 3
B.P. 565 Kigali-Rwanda
Tél. : (+250) 788301260
E-mail : asoferwa@gmail.com
Web site: www.asoferwa.org
Facebook: Asoferwa Asoferwa

For more information, please contact:

Mrs NYINAWABAYIRU Grace
President and legal representative
Mobile phone : +250 788569090
E-mail: asoferwa@gmail.com

Mr NSHIMIYIMANA Appolinaire
National Executive Secretary
Mobile phone : +250 788505510
E-mail : appolin4@gmail.com

Mrs. MUHIMPUNDU Claudette
Director of Administration and Finance
Mobile phone : +250 788485050
E-mail: asoferwa@gmail.com