



Identification, diagnosis

Project: Support for the economic empowerment, employability and entrepreneurship of women and girls displaced by the waters of Lake Tanganyika.

This project therefore aims to contribute to young girls and women taking charge of economic empowerment, access to employment and the promotion of entrepreneurship in Burundi.

Burundi is one of the poor countries in the world that tends towards development sending countries, with a high poverty rate and a fragile economy. Burundian women are particularly affected by this situation, as they are often excluded from the formal labor market due to gender discrimination, restrictive social and cultural norms, as well as economic and educational barriers. The economic empowerment of women is therefore essential (1) to reduce poverty and promote the country's economic development. By (2) providing women with employment and vocational training opportunities, they can acquire the skills and knowledge needed to access better-paid jobs, start their own businesses, and become full-fledged economic actors.

Women's entrepreneurship is also crucial to boosting economic growth and reducing gender inequalities. By (3) supporting and backing women's initiatives in agriculture and livestock farming to start and grow their own businesses, they can contribute to diversifying the economy, creating jobs for other women, and generating income for their families. In addition, women entrepreneurs are often more likely to invest in their communities and promote sustainable **development**.

Therefore, women's economic empowerment, employability and entrepreneurship in Burundi are essential levers to promote the country's economic and social development, reduce poverty and gender inequalities, and strengthen women's participation in the national economy. It is therefore crucial to put in place effective programs to support and promote these initiatives. This project is part of the national women's empowerment policy implemented by the Burundian Government. The project supports the Government of Burundi in implementing the fifth Sustainable Development Goal which aims for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. The project is aligned with the National Development Plan (NDP), the National Gender Policy (NGP) and Resolution 1325

1.1. Identification of key elements

Obstacles encountered by women:

In Burundi, women face many barriers, both legal, social and economic, which hinder their full participation in the life of society. These barriers are rooted in a context of patriarchal tradition and culture that limits women's rights and opportunities.

Legally, women in Burundi face discriminatory laws and policies, particularly with regard to marriage, child custody, inheritance, and access to justice. For example, the Family Code allows girls to marry as young as 18, which limits their access to education and a fulfilling professional life. In addition, women often struggle to assert their inheritance rights due to customary practices that favor men.

Socially, traditional gender norms assign women a subordinate role and often confine them to domestic and caregiving tasks. This limits their opportunities to flourish and fully engage in the social and economic life of the country. In addition, gender-based violence is still widely tolerated and women victims often struggle to obtain justice. These women in vulnerable positions are more at risk of sexual exploitation than others, especially since they are currently destitute.

Economically, women in Burundi face inequalities in access to employment, financial services and entrepreneurship opportunities. Rural women, in particular, are disadvantaged in access to land, agricultural inputs and markets, which limits their livelihoods and economic autonomy.

Therefore, the legal, social and economic barriers that women face in Burundi are interdependent and mutually reinforcing. It is essential to advocate for the implementation of legislative reforms, to raise awareness among the general population and in particular women on gender issues and to economically empower women to promote gender equality, cultivate women's entrepreneurial spirit and foster the inclusive development of the country.

These challenges have been accentuated very recently by the rising waters of Lake Tanganyika, which has caused a displacement towards the commune of Mubimbi in Bujumbura City and the commune of Kabenzi in the same province of Bujumbura. The majority of the population of the Gatumba area lives from fishing in Lake Tanganyika, an activity that will no longer be possible. The present project will create hope for displaced women and girls in this context by placing particular emphasis on women recently released from prisons who have found their husbands already remarried and whose families consider as insults at the community level. The project activities will be limited to capacity building in the creation of income-generating activities and financial support for economic initiatives developed by the project beneficiaries.

The beneficiaries of the project: 900 displaced women and girls in the Mubimbi site;

Specific objective: Strengthen the skills of displaced women and girls in the commune of Mubimbi in the different trades

Expected result: Women and girls benefiting from the project, generate income and contribute to meeting family and community needs

Activities:

Organize a 9-month vocational training session for 900 displaced women and girls in the Mubimbi site

Financial support in the form of start-up kits for 45 groups of 900 project beneficiaries based on the vocational training received

Project duration: 24 months

PROJECT BUDGET

Organize a 9-month vocational training session for 900 displaced women and girls in the Mubimbi site					
Label	Unit	Quantity	Frequency	Unit Price in Dollars	Total Price
Monthly make two supervisors-Trainers	Person	2	9	50	900
Communication costs	Recharge card	4	9	2	72
Subtotal 1					972
Financial support in the form of start-up kits for 45 groups of 900 project beneficiaries based on the teaching of the trades received					
Label	Unit	Quantity	Frequency	Unit Price in Dollars	Total Price
Starter kit for 45 groups	Kit	45	1	80	3600
Monitoring and evaluation	Month	1	24	18	432
Subtotal 2					4032
Total cost of the project					5004