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Images and Testimonials from Women for Women Rwanda's Abadacogora Programme



Photo 1: Group photo at graduation ceremony, August 27, 2025



Photo 2: Esther delivering her testimony at graduation ceremony (left) and with her graduation certificate (right)



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"I was just 14 years old when I became pregnant, and I dropped out of school. My mother, who had raised me alone after my father passed away, was my only support. Sadly, when I was eight months pregnant, she died, leaving me completely on my own. I gave birth alone and began raising my son without family, guidance, or resources. It was the hardest time of my life, and I often felt hopeless.

One day I heard about WfW-Rwanda's program for adolescent girls. At first, I didn't believe much would come from it, but I went to register anyway. That decision changed my life. Through the program, I gained knowledge, confidence, and a new family of sisters and friends. I learned life skills like saving, parenting, and self-confidence, and I trained in hair braiding and make-up.

I often remind my peers: cherish your parents while you have them. As we say in Kinyarwanda, "the one thing you can never replace is your mother." I wish my mother were alive to see how far I've come, but her words, "Never give up, you are capable", still guide me.

Today, my son is three years old. I am able to support him on my own, and I dream of opening my own salon and becoming a professional make-up artist. WfW-Rwanda gave me hope again, connected me with a community, and showed me that I can still have a bright future. For that, I will always be grateful." Esther's Testimony

"Iradukunda Jenifer - *I left school because my family could not afford it, and I thought I had lost every chance for a better future. Through Abadacogora, I gained tailoring skills that give me hope again. Now I believe I can earn a living, support my family, and even build my own clothing business one day."*



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Photo 5: Nurse practitioner providing sexual health education to the girls



Photo 6: Endline discussion between our Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Officer and a participant.



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Photo 7: Girls participating in vocational training sessions (hairdressing on the left, tailoring on the right)