



WALKING IN GRACE FOR LIFELONG IMPACT (WiGLI)

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Walking in Grace for Lifelong Impact (WiGLI) is a faith-driven, community-based humanitarian organization operating in Burundi. WiGLI is dedicated to improving the wellbeing and resilience of vulnerable children, youth, and families through integrated, evidence-based programs. WiGLI implements holistic interventions across health, nutrition, education, livelihoods, mental health, and WASH, addressing the interconnected drivers of poverty and vulnerability at household and community levels. Since its establishment, WiGLI has reached over 15,000 beneficiaries across multiple provinces through community-driven approaches and strong local partnerships.

WHO WE ARE

- ✚ Faith-driven, community-based humanitarian NGO
- ✚ Serving vulnerable children, youth, and families
- ✚ Operating in 4 out of 5 provinces (4 offices: Burunga, Buhumuza, Butanyerera, Bujumbura)
- ✚ 25 employees and 120 volunteers

VISION: *"A world where every life is nurtured with dignity—healthy, empowered, and full of potential."*

MISSION: WiGLI is a Christian humanitarian nonprofit organization dedicated to serving and empowering vulnerable populations in Burundi. We implement holistic, integrated programs that focus on health, nutrition, education, mental health and psychosocial support, climate resilience, and family strengthening. Our goal is to restore dignity, foster hope, and build stronger, more resilient communities for a sustainable future.

PROGRAMMATIC APPROACH

WiGLI applies a family-centered, child-focused, and community-driven approach. Our interventions are:

- ✚ Holistic and integrated
- ✚ Climate-conscious
- ✚ Evidence-based
- ✚ Locally led and sustainable

We believe sustainable change begins within families and communities. Our model strengthens local systems by linking humanitarian response with long-term development, in collaboration with government institutions, schools, health facilities, and community networks.

WiGLI – 3 Organizational Objectives

1. Holistic Wellbeing & Resilience of Children and Families Enhanced
2. Sustainable Community Development & Climate Resilience Strengthened
3. Evidence-Based Innovation, Research & Partnerships Advanced

WiGLI STRATEGIC PRIORITIES (2025-2040)

1. Child Health, Nutrition, and HIV Response
2. Mental Health and Psychosocial Support
3. Education, Early Childhood Development, and Life Skills
4. WASH, Safe Environments, and Climate Resilience Solutions
5. Food Security and Household Economic Empowerment
6. Strategic Partnerships, Research, and Innovation.

OUR EIGHT PROGRAM FOCUS AREAS

1. Child Health & Lifesaving Services
2. Nutrition & Feeding Programs
3. Faith-Based Mental Health & Psychosocial Support
4. Education, Early Learning & Life Skills
5. WASH Programs (Water, Sanitation & Hygiene)
6. Family Support
7. Climate Resilience & Creation Care
8. Food Security, Economic Growth & Community Resilience

WiGLI ADDED VALUE

WiGLI offers a strong platform for effective partnership and scale:

1. Proven community trust and presence across multiple provinces
2. Integrated programming model linking WASH with health, nutrition, and livelihoods



3. 120 trained community volunteers supporting local implementation
4. Digital MEAL system (Kobo/ODK, DHIS2-aligned) ensuring data-driven decisions
5. Cost-efficient and locally led approach for sustainability
6. Strong collaboration with government, UN agencies, and local partner

PROPOSED PROJECT SUPPORT FLOOD-AFFECTED CHILDREN TO STAY IN SCHOOL

Ndiga Neza (“I Study Well”) Initiative

Severe flooding along Lake Tanganyika in western Burundi has displaced thousands of families, destroying homes, schools, and livelihoods. Children are among the most affected. Many have experienced trauma, interrupted education, loss of stability, and increased risk of permanent school dropout.

Through the **Ndiga Neza (“I Study Well”) Initiative**, WiGLI supports vulnerable children and families with integrated education recovery, psychosocial support, family stabilization, and resilience-building services.

Your support helps ensure that climate-related disasters do not end a child’s future.

THE CHALLENGE

Climate-related flooding in Burundi has created a humanitarian crisis affecting vulnerable children and families.

Key Challenges

- Thousands of families displaced by severe flooding
- Homes, schools, and livelihoods destroyed
- Children facing trauma and emotional distress
- Interrupted education and school dropout risks
- Increased vulnerability among girls and adolescents
- Families struggling to recover without support

Nearly **98,000 people** were displaced during the 2023–2024 floods in Burundi.

Children living in temporary shelters often struggle to concentrate, recover emotionally, and continue their education.

OUR AREAS OF INTERVENTION

WiGLI implements integrated humanitarian and development programs focused on improving the wellbeing, protection, and resilience of vulnerable children, youth, women, and families in Burundi.

Core Areas of Intervention

- Child Protection and Safeguarding
- Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)
- Education and Life Skills Development
- Health, Nutrition, and HIV Response
- Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)
- Climate Resilience and Environmental Stewardship
- Family Strengthening and Community Resilience
- Food Security and Livelihoods Support
- Youth Empowerment and Vocational Skills
- Emergency Response and Recovery Support

WiGLI applies a child-focused, family-centered, and community-driven approach to ensure sustainable and locally led impact.

Nadia Story: After the Flood, Nadia Was Afraid to Return to School

When floodwaters rushed through the village, Nadia’s family had only minutes to escape.

By morning, their home was damaged, their belongings were scattered, and her school bag filled with notebooks, pens, and her uniform had disappeared in the mud. At just fourteen years old, Nadia worried about more than what the flood had taken. Without school supplies, clean clothing, or dignity materials for her monthly period, she feared embarrassment at school. She imagined whispers, stains, and humiliation in front of her classmates. Returning to class no longer felt safe. So she stayed home.

Days turned into weeks, and the distance between Nadia and her education continued to grow.



During emergency outreach activities, WiGLI volunteers met Nadia and her mother at a temporary settlement site. They listened carefully, reassured her with compassion, and reminded her that what she was experiencing was not shameful, it was natural, and she deserved support, dignity, and care.

Through the Ndiga Neza (“I Study Well”) initiative, Nadia received learning materials, clothing assistance, and dignity kits. She also joined safe group discussions where adolescent girls could openly talk, learn about hygiene, rebuild confidence, and support one another.

The transformation was immediate.

Nadia returned to school with renewed confidence and hope. She began participating actively in class again, and her teachers quickly noticed her improved concentration, courage, and engagement.

Today, Nadia dreams of becoming a midwife so she can help other girls feel safe, respected, and supported during difficult moments in their lives. The flood did not destroy Nadia’s ambition. She simply needed the tools, protection, and encouragement to continue pursuing her future. Many adolescent girls face the same invisible barriers after disasters; barriers that silently push them out of school and limit their opportunities.

Your support can help protect dignity, restore confidence, and keep vulnerable girls learning, even during emergencies. Because no girl should ever have to choose between her education and her dignity.



Through psychosocial support, dignity assistance, and education recovery services provided by the Ndiga Neza initiative, Nadia regained confidence and returned to school with renewed hope for her future.

ELIE’S STORY

Elie, a 13-year-old child affected by flooding, was forced to flee his home after severe flooding disrupted his family’s life and stability.

After displacement, Elie struggled emotionally and academically. Trauma and instability affected his concentration, confidence, and participation in school. He repeated Grade 7 twice as his family struggled to recover.

Through the **Ndiga Neza Initiative**, Elie received:

- Structured psychosocial support
- Educational support materials
- Emotional and social support activities
- A safe learning environment
- Family stabilization assistance

Today, Elie is regaining confidence, rebuilding friendships, and participating actively in class again.

OUR SOLUTION

WiGLI implements an integrated, child-centered approach that combines:

Mental Health & Psychosocial Support

- Structured psychosocial care sessions
- Child-friendly safe spaces
- Recreational healing activities
- Emotional support and resilience-building

Education Recovery

- School kits and learning materials
- Education continuity support
- Learning engagement activities
- Safe learning environments

Family Stabilization

- Shelter assistance support
- Parenting guidance and emotional support
- Household resilience support
- Community-based protection systems

Protection & Dignity Support

- Girls’ dignity kits and hygiene supplies
- Child protection and safeguarding
- Community awareness and support networks



EXPECTED IMPACT

With support from donors and partners, the project aims to support approximately **150 flood-affected children and families.**

Long-Term Outcomes

- Children remain in school despite displacement
- Improved mental health and emotional resilience
- Reduced risk of permanent school dropout
- Stronger family and community resilience
- Better preparedness for future climate shocks
- Increased hope, dignity, and protection for vulnerable children

By protecting children’s mental health and education continuity today, we help prevent long-term cycles of poverty and vulnerability tomorrow.

DONATION OPTIONS

Amount	Impact
\$35	Provides essential school kits including backpacks, notebooks, writing materials, and classroom supplies for one flood-affected child.
\$50	Supports one month of structured psychosocial care to help a child recover from trauma and remain in school.
\$75	Provides girls’ dignity kits, hygiene supplies, and psychosocial support to help adolescent girls continue learning safely and confidently.
\$95	Contributes to shelter assistance and family stabilization, helping create a safe environment for children to learn and recover.
\$150	Helps provide integrated education, psychosocial, nutrition, and protection support for vulnerable children.
\$250	Supports comprehensive emergency response and resilience-building services for multiple flood-affected children and families.

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“Elie smiles with renewed confidence after participating in structured psychosocial support session.”

Children Rebuilding Hope Together



Children supported through the Ndiga Neza initiative rebuild friendships, confidence, and emotional strength after displacement.

Learning Restored After Displacement



With support from Ndiga Neza, students show renewed engagement in the classroom. “Elie is more confident and participates actively”

Together, we can help flood-affected children recover, learn, and thrive.