

CASE OFFERING

Economic empowerment of women, youth and persons with disabilities in Rwanda's eight poorest districts



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Above: Rwanda's young entrepreneurs are building out a green economy. This business retrofits motorcycles to be electric. Photo: UNDP Rwanda

Development context

Critical to achieving its Vision 2050, Rwanda has made notable strides to empower youth in entrepreneurship, skills development and job employment. Seventy percent of the Rwandan population is aged under 30, and 75 percent of youth live in rural areas where subsistence agriculture is the dominant source of income.

In the aftermath of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi, the Government of Rwanda (GoR) established the National Youth Council, a platform to empower the youth to share their ideas and contribute to national development. In 2013, the Ministry of Youth was established to streamline national youth empowerment efforts. Following the launch of the National Strategy for Transformation in 2018, the government established the National Employment Program focused on promoting youth entrepreneurship through improving access to finance and skills development.

Other initiatives, including YouthConnekt and private sector youth chambers, also serve as useful platforms for connecting youth to opportunities. As a result, the annual average growth of youth participation in the labour force¹ rose to 2.6 percent,

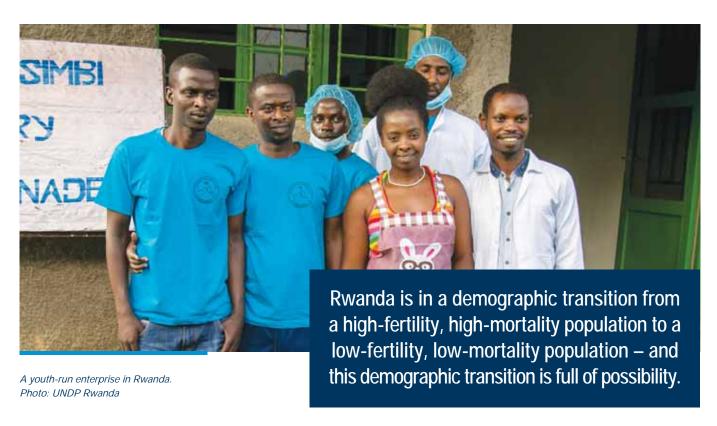
which is slightly above Africa's average of 2.1 percent². Youth unemployment was also reduced from 21.5 percent to 18 percent by 2019.³

Rwanda is in a demographic transition from a high-fertility, high-mortality population to a low-fertility, low-mortality population-and this demographic transition is full of possibility.

The infant mortality rate⁴ and the overall death rate is declining. The fertility rate, although still relatively high at about 3.8 births per woman, dropped nearly 50 percent since the mid-2000s. At the same time, the working age population is rapidly growing: 45 percent of the population in 2019 was under 18 years of age. A large proportion of these youths will be entering the work force soon, creating real growth potential for Rwanda.

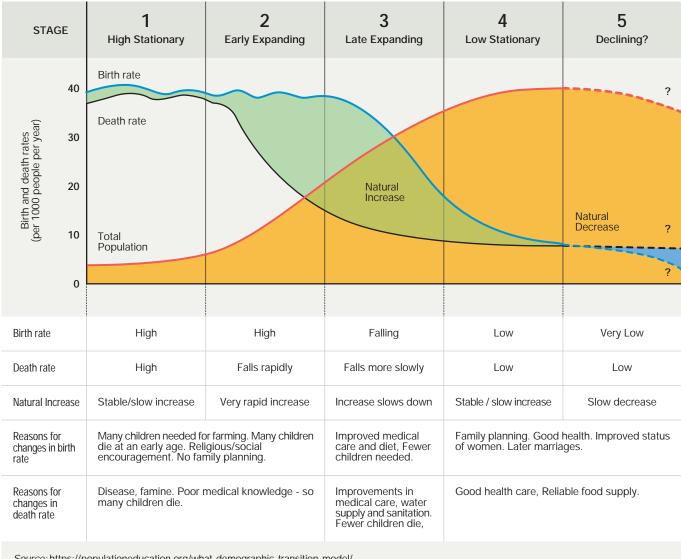
However, there is also a growing need for youth empowerment to enable Rwanda's young people to fully contribute to long-term economic growth and development.

As highlighted in the Figure 1, Rwanda is rapidly approaching an important point in its demographic transition.



- 1 This accounts for young adults aged between 15 and 24 years of age
- 2 ILO, Rwanda: Youth Labour Markets and the School-to-Work Transition, 2020
- 3 NISR, Labor Force Survey, 2016-2019
- From 122.81 per 1,000 births in 1998 to 27.8 per 1,000 births in 2018 https://www.macrotrends.net/countries/RWA/rwanda/infant-mortality-rate

Figure 1: Demographic journey



Source: https://populationeducation.org/what-demographic-transition-model/

Rwanda is between the second and third stage of demographic transition, when a golden opportunity referred to as the 'Goldilocks' period arises. This is where the working age population expands so quickly it forms a population 'bulge'. In Rwanda, it is estimated that the working population will grow by 2 million people in 2022 and account for up to 60 percent of the population. By 2025, the working-age population will grow much faster than both the youth and the elderly.

This provides both a challenge and an opportunity for Rwanda. Reaping the potential of a young, innovative workforce will accelerate development but failing to do so would be a missed opportunity.

The gender dividend is critical

In the knowledge economy, human capital replaces natural resources as the basis for growth. Countries that succeed in the future are those that harness the full human capital of their people. In Rwanda, 52 percent of the population and 45 percent of the total labour force are women. If they are not fully empowered and actively involved in public and private sector development, strong and equitable development progress will be impossible. Women are also vitally important as consumers, so it stands to reason that households and businesses, as well as the country, will gain from capitalising on their talents.

Rwanda has been a champion for women's empowerment. It currently ranks as the 9th best place to be a woman in terms of economic participation and opportunity, educational attainment, health, survival, and political empowerment. The number of girls enrolled in places of learning until secondary school is 51 percent, whereas for boys it is 47 percent. There are more women enrolled in the sciences, languages, humanities, and teacher education than men. Between 2016 and 2019, the number of women unemployed also decreased from just under 23 percent to 17 percent.

Persons with disabilities (PWD) are a vulnerable group requiring intervention

In recent years, the GoR strengthened its interventions supporting PWD. In May 2021, Rwanda's cabinet approved a new policy for inclusion of persons with disabilities, continuing a process that began in 2011 when the GoR established the National Council of Persons with Disabilities (NCPD). Through the NCPD and the work of development partners, various milestones have been achieved, particularly on streamlining policy frameworks to be disability inclusive. Rwanda's organisations of persons with disabilities (OPDs) have been crucial channels for advocacy and the decentralised implementation of policies and programmes.

However, a recent situation analysis conducted by UNDP reveal that PWD still face major challenges in terms of access to health, education and employment. Their inclusion in the private sector has also been very limited by lack of financing or limited capital. In addition, the transport sector has failed to create disability-inclusive public transportation. This presents a major barrier to private sector employment and access to services by PWD. PWD with business ambitions often join cooperatives as an entry point but are unable to progress further.

Challenges

Women, youth and PWD continue to face key challenges when it comes to participation in the economy. A 2020 NISR Labour Force Survey revealed that 20 percent of women are unemployed compared to 15 percent of men⁸. Just over 21 percent of youth are unemployed versus 13 percent for adults⁹ while 29.5 percent of youth live in households below poverty line¹⁰.

Persons with disabilities face exclusion from various services and their socioeconomic status and standards of living remain far below national average. A recent study by UNDP Rwanda revealed that 25 percent of persons with disabilities had no access to financial services in 2020¹¹ compared to the country average of seven percent. PWD have lower levels of education while their access to utilities such as water is also constrained.

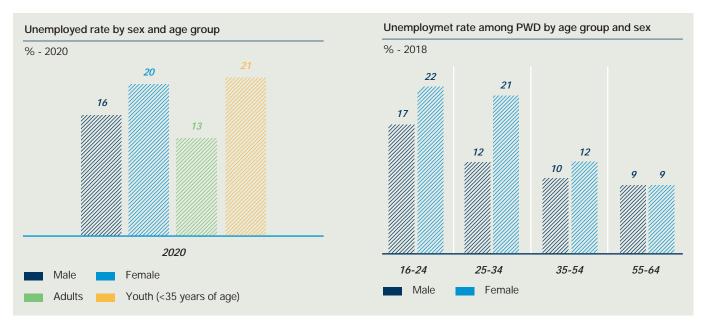
Data collected during the National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda (NISR) survey of 2017 found that the labour force participation rate of PWD was 56 percent, far lower than the country's 75 percent average. The unemployment rate among PWD is highest among female youth living with disabilities aged 16-24 and 25-34.

A poverty rate divide between urban and rural people is further challenged by geographical realities such as low soil productivity and the hilly nature of parts of the country which impedes transport.

Those living close to the borders with neighbouring countries have been negatively affected by COVID-19 border closures. Violence along some borders remains a challenge and requires increased action by local leaders, civil society and the media to promote mindsets that are entrepreneurial and able to adapt to a relentlessly changing world.

- 5 World Economic Forum, Global Gender Report Index, 2019
- 6 MINEDUC, Education statistics, 2018
- 7 NISR, Labour Force Survey, 2016-2019
- 8 NISR, Labor Force Survey, 2020
- 9 NISR, Labor Force Survey, 2020
- 10 GoR, SDGs Voluntary national review report, 2019
- 11 Finiscope, 2020

Figure 2: Unemployment rates among women, youth and PWD



Sources: NISR, Labour Force Surveym 2018 & 2020; Dalberg Analysis, 2021

The COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately affected youth, women and PWD mainly working in the informal economy. During COVID, the female unemployed population grew by 26 percent while the male unemployed population grew by six percent. This is mainly because women left their jobs, reverting to subsistence farming to support their families. At the same time, unemployment among the youth aged 16-24 increased by 42 percent.

A nation-wide rapid impact assessment in 2020 showed that 40 percent of youth were temporarily laid off, while 20 percent saw their salaries decrease. ¹⁴ Beyond unemployment, the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated gender-based violence, undermined the mental and physical well-being of already vulnerable groups, and increased their socio-economic exclusion.

Solutions

Strategic interventions are needed for Rwanda to harness innovations driven by its youthful population and to realise the social and economic potential of women and PWD.

UNDP Rwanda will focus on eight of the poorest districts in the country, as identified in Rwanda's last two Integrated Household Living Conditions Surveys. Poverty rates in these districts remain high, such as 49 percent in Burera, 55 percent in Gisagara and 68 percent in Nyamasheke. Other regions that require transformational support include Gicumbi, Nyaruguru, Rutsiro, Ngororero and Huye.

These largely agriculture-based districts have been severely impacted by climate change, which has reduced farmers' production and limited access to seeds and fertilisers. In addition, many of the eight districts border neighbouring countries and are affected by political tensions within the Great Lakes Region, exacerbated by conflict between Burundi and Uganda.

Nonetheless, opportunities for growth can be found in the agriculture, mining, trade and tourism sectors. UNDP Rwanda will facilitate cooperation between local leadership and citizens on the ground to fast-track socio-economic transformation within these sectors, with a focus on the empowerment of vulnerable groups.

UNDP will build on its prior work to overcome socioeconomic barriers in the eight poorest districts. This work, in coordination with the Ministry of Local Government, has already helped mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. It has supported local initiatives that accelerate community development through CSOs and cooperatives and promote inclusive development through the empowerment of women, young people and PWD.

¹² NISR, Labor Force Survey, 2019-2020

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¹⁴ MINIYOUTH, Youth rapid assessment on impact of COVID-19, 2020

Since 2013, UNDP also has supported the GoR through the Youth Joint programme, which emphasizes the development of entrepreneurship skills. To this end, UNDP supported the launch of YouthConnekt, a multifaceted initiative combining skills development, entrepreneurship, access to jobs and finance, and raising awareness about youth innovation.

YouthConnekt has reached approximately four million handson activists; created over 8 300 decent jobs; and provided business training to more than 770 innovative youth-led businesses. The support included start-up toolkits, equipment and grants for 260 new businesses.

UNDP mobilised other partners including the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Rwanda through the International Cooperation of Korea (KOICA), the Imbuto Foundation, Girl Effect, Smart Africa, UNFPA, UNWOMEN and UNICEF.

As part of the Leave No-one Behind principle of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, UNDP Rwanda has invested in creating a multi-partner disability inclusion platform to significantly transform the lives of PWD and increase their engagement in local and national development processes. The platform harnesses networks of private sector, public sector, civil society and academia to understand and address the challenges PWD face.

Efforts include capacity building of organisations of PWD, increasing inclusive access to justice, finance and information, advocacy to address stigma and discrimination, and the grassroots empowerment of PWD through CSOs and cooperatives.

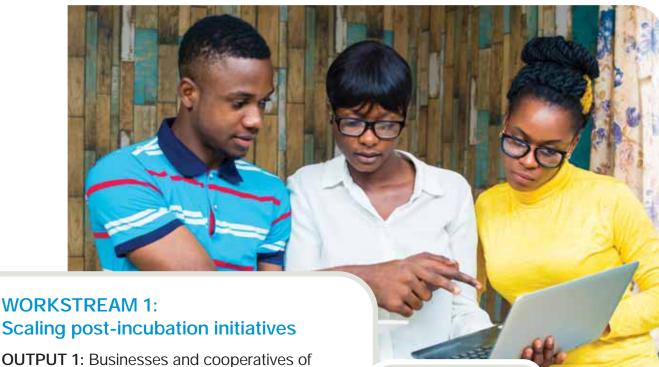
UNDP's proposed programme will encompass four workstreams:

- Scaling cooperatives' initiatives to empower women, youth and persons with disabilities
- Advocacy and awareness raising on the challenges and specific needs of vulnerable groups
- · Promoting the economic potential of PWD
- Strengthening capacity of civil society organisations to empower their communities with a focus on the most vulnerable



Education is empowering for these children practicing braille typing at the Hillside Hope School for Visually impaired, in Rwanda.

Photo: Depgratias Nkurunziza/UNDP Rwanda



OUTPUT 1: Businesses and cooperatives of vulnerable women, youth and PWD are empowered for increased economic inclusion

The programme will build resilience and the capacity to scale innovative businesses and increase access to markets and financial institutions. It will target 10 000 beneficiaries and work closely with local governments and 16 cooperatives in the eight districts. It will provide grants to cooperatives and start-up toolkits for teen mothers, vulnerable women, youth and PWD in order improve market access and create more jobs.

Key activities will include:

- Identifying and screening potential beneficiaries whose businesses are in post-incubation phase, with a focus on those with a clear path to scale and greatest impact for vulnerable groups
- Developing beneficiary-specific support packages to address their most pressing challenges while providing opportunities to sustain and scale up their business
- Providing capacity and start-up toolkits for vulnerable women, youth and PWD to increase productivity with a focus on the eight poorest districts
- Providing grants to the best innovative green businesses led by youth and women through the YouthConnekt programme
- Providing business advisory services and coaching to teenage women, youth and persons with disabilities

Key outcomes:

Increased access to employment and income for youth, women and PWD.

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OUTPUT 2: To strengthen media, technical and financial capacities to address stigma and discrimination against the most vulnerable

Key activities will include:

- Building capacity of media practitioners on addressing stigma and discrimination
- Designing awareness campaigns, outreach, and community engagement programs on media channels including television, radio and online platforms
- Engaging the media in public private partnerships that enhance inclusive development through cooperatives, CSOs and micro businesses owned by women, youth and PWD.



Key outcomes:

Increased awareness and mindset change on current discrimination and stigma against women, girls, youth and PWD and increased investment and partnership for their empowerment.

Image: Adobestock

WORKSTREAM 3: Promoting the economic potential of persons with disabilities

OUTPUT 2: PWD have increased access to employment opportunities

PWD remain the group most excluded from employment and require support to access both formal and informal employment opportunities.

Key activities will include:

- Strengthening the capacity of the private sector to promote and advocate for disability inclusion in businesses, including through providing guidance on workplace accommodations
- Initiating a trainee/internship programme for professionals with disabilities in the private sector
- Supporting Technical and Vocational Training and skills development for PWD



WORKSTREAM 4: Capacity strengthening of CSOs

OUTPUT 4: Civil society organiaations have strengthened technical and financial capacities to support community-based socio-economic transformation

Civil society organisations are crucial channels for reaching vulnerable groups at local level. They help ensure human rights, transparency, community development and citizen participation. Their work with marginalized communities and their focus on advocacy and accountability are critical to a society's well-being and to "leaving no one behind'. Therefore, UNDP will work to strengthen their capacities to drive socio-economic transformation in the eight districts.

Key activities include:

- Selecting CSO initiatives to support in the eight poorest districts based on their potential, capacity to absorb assistance, existing traction, and clear path for growth
- Conducting capacity assessments of selected CSOs
- Developing and implementing capacity-building plans for CSOs, with a focus on institutional development, resource mobilisation and community development
- Providing community development grants to CSOs and cooperatives



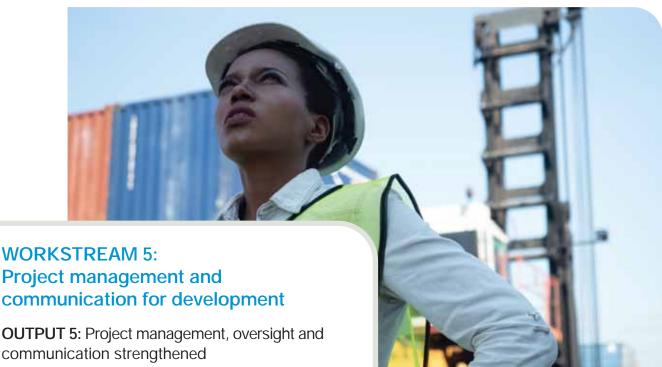
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communication for development

communication strengthened

This intervention serves to strengthen the project management, oversight, and internal knowledge sharing to inform decision making. It will consolidate outputs from the four work streams, enhance sharing within the ecosystem, and identify partnership opportunities.

Key activities include:

- Coordinating the overall implementation of the proposed
- Elaborating and implementing the project plans
- Regularly monitoring, reporting, and reviewing progress
- Organising the project's quarterly and annual meetings with partners, e.g., Enabel
- **Documenting** challenges and successes
- Developing communication and advocacy materials in conjunction with Enabel
- Developing and implementing a communication strategy to produce and share knowledge materials with stakeholders and the public

Key outcomes:

Efficient management of resources, visibility, and strong collaboration among stakeholders on interventions to support women, youth and PWD.

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Key implementation partners

Key actors have been identified across the workstreams. As conversations are conducted, revisions will be made accordingly. The table below outlines an initial list of key partners.

| Category | Key implementation partners |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Government | Rwanda Governance Board Ministry of Local Government District governments Ministry of Youth and Culture Rwanda Cooperative Agency National Youth Council National Council of Persons with Disabilities |
| Civil Society Organisations | Local civil society organizations Rwanda Journalists Association Media associations and media houses Rwanda Civil Society Platform National Union of Disability Organizations in Rwanda Organizations of Persons with Disabilities |
| Private Sector | Private Sector Federation and private companies |
| Development Partners | EnabelEmbassy of Belgium |

Selected partners will have both the capacity and networks to roll out project activities. The project also ensures inclusion of the public and private sector, civil society and the media.

UNDP will adhere to existing regulations by conducting due diligence procedures to ensure success. In addition to direct partners, the project will involve capacity development and training institutes.

The Enabel and Belgian Embassy partnership

Rwanda's development cooperation framework is well established, and cooperation with the Kingdom of Belgium spans decades. Rwanda remains among the top three beneficiaries of Enabel (the Belgian Development Agency) globally, underpinning the reciprocal importance in both countries' agendas.

The UNDP promotes sustainable development, inclusion, youth and women empowerment to ensure that no one is left behind. The proposed interventions will enable UNDP, the Embassy of Belgium in Rwanda, Enabel, and an expanded group of partners to reap the demographic, gender and PWD dividend for Rwanda's poorest districts.

Not only will this project support two of the three pillars of the Belgo-Rwandan partnership 2019 -2024, but it will also help address barriers in local economic development and urbanisation by transforming agricultural value chains for women, youth and

PWD. It will anchor the interventions on the inclusion of the poorest and most excluded citizens, and elevate the voice and role of youth, women and PWD, all in alignment with the GoR's long-standing mandate to decentralise.

Sustainability and risk management

The project will build human and institutional capacities within local governments, CSOs, media and micro enterprises, which is needed for Rwanda to achieve its mid- and long-term economic ambitions.

Sustainability and risk mitigation will be guaranteed by focusing on the post-incubation period, working with cooperatives and micro-businesses that have the business skills required to access technical and financial support.

For the sake of risk mitigation, due diligence will be applied both on the technical and operational side during the selection of local partners. A robust monitoring system will be installed by both UNDP and its partners.

As the project will be implemented during the COVID-19 recovery period, lessons learnt through the early days of the pandemic will be implemented as appropriate, such as limiting physical meetings and deploying modern technology to monitor and maintain engagement.

Implementation approach

Targeted beneficiaries

This project targets at least 12 100 vulnerable women, youth and persons with disabilities as end beneficiaries. Interventions focus on skills development, entrepreneurship and start up development, business promotion at the community level, and capacity building of key actors.

It aims to work directly with at least 16 cooperatives and 14 CSOs. To identify these cooperatives and CSOs, UNDP will tap into established frameworks and on-going partnerships. For example, as part of UNDP's support to community-based CSOs, it is launching a national call for project proposals from Rwandan CSOs in seven thematic areas, including youth empowerment, gender equality, and empowerment of persons with disabilities.

An independent grant selection committee will evaluate the submitted proposals and a list of successful project proposals will be generated. Through this framework, UNDP will be able to immediately engage in partnerships with CSOs to contribute to achieving the project's results.

UNDP is also working with the Ministry of Local Government to support cooperatives in the eight poorest districts of the country with the aim of accelerating socio-economic development. The groundwork has been laid to implement these initiatives as soon as funding is secured.

Stakeholder roles, including Belgian NGOs, Enabel and the Embassy of Belgium

This project will contribute to further strengthen collaboration between the UNDP Country Office and the Embassy of Belgium in Rwanda and Enabel. UNDP also looks forward to working with other CSOs supported by the Government of Belgium such as Humanity and Inclusion to advance the disability inclusion agenda nationally and create tailored socio-economic opportunities for PWD.

Enabel, the Embassy of Belgium and UNDP are part of the Governance and Decentralization Sector Working Group of the Government of Rwanda, a partnership that will contribute to this work through advocacy of inclusive local economic development.

As part of capacity strengthening, local CSOs would benefit from peer exchange and learning with Belgian NGOs based in Rwanda. Furthermore, UNDP will seek representation of the Government of Belgium on project boards related to the implementation of Belgian-funded initiatives.

Belgian visibility

The UNDP will secure assistance to develop and implement the communication and advocacy strategy to improve Government of Belgium visibility.

In close collaboration with the Embassy of Belgium in Rwanda, UNDP will ensure active participation of Belgian officials in key events. The project will also involve traditional and social media channels, short videos, and op-ed articles to showcase project outcomes. Constant efforts will be made to ensure timely communication of results through various channels showcasing the support from the Government of Belgium.

Theory of change

ACTIVITIES Promote the Scale post-Advocate and raise Capacity **Project** incubation business awareness economic potential development of Management and of PWD Communication **CSOs** Support cooperatives Design awareness Strengthen the capacity Strengthen the capacity Capture and articulate of the private sector for of the private sector for and businesses campaigns, outreach, challenges and opportunities for youth, and community inclusive employment inclusive employment Capacity and start-up women and PWD engagement toolkits Initiate a trainee/ Initiate a trainee/ programmes business internship programme internship programme Grants to innovative for PWD for PWD Initiate partnerships with Document progress and green businesses led by private and public media successes youth and women Support TVET training Support TVET training to raise awareness and skills development and skills development Develop advocacy Build capacity of media for PWD for PWD materials practitioners

OUTPUTS

Business and cooperatives of vulnerable women, youth and persons with disabilities are empowered for increased economic inclusion

Media practitioners have strengthened technical and financial capacities to address stigma and discrimination and advocate for the most vulnerable

Persons with disabilities have increased access to employment opportunities Civil society organisations have strengthened tehcnical and financial capacities to support community-based socio-economic transformation

Project management, oversight and communication strengthened

OUTCOMES

Increased access to employment and income for youth, women and persons with disabilities

Increased awareness of stigma and discrimination and enhanced inclusion of vulnerable groups in the economy Civil society organisations are strong drivers of socio-economic transformation in the 8 poorest districts Efficient management, effective visibility, and strong collaboration among stakeholders

Increased contribution of women, youth and persons with disabilities to Rwanda's economic development

Result framework

| EXPECTED OUTPUTS | OUTPUT INDICATORS | DATA SOURCE | BASELINE | | TARGET | | | DATA COLLECTION METHODS & RISKS |
|--|--|---|----------|------|-------------|-------------|--------|--|
| | | | VALUE | YEAR | DEC 2022 | DEC 2023 | FINAL | WEITHOUS & KISKS |
| OUTPUT 1: Businesses and cooperatives of vulnerable women, youth and persons | 1.1 Number of cooperatives supported to improve their business | Project reports | 0 | 2021 | 8 | 8 | 16 | Project reports No risk for measuring |
| with disabilities are empowered for increased economic inclusion | 1.2 Number of vulnerable women, youth and persons with disabilities directly supported with business advisory services | Project reports | 0 | 2021 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 10,000 | Project reports No risk for measuring |
| | 1.3 Number of grants awarded to innovative green businesses | Project reports | 0 | 2021 | 5 | 6 | 12 | Project reports No risk for measuring |
| OUTPUT 2: Media houses and media practitioners have strengthened technical and financial capacities to address stigma and discrimination and advocate for the most vulnerable | 2.1 Number of targeted capacity building trainings for media houses and media practitioners organised on addressing stigma and discrimination of vulnerable groups | Training reports | 0 | 2021 | 4 | 4 | 8 | Project reports Training reports No risk for measuring |
| | 2.2 Number of awareness campaigns organised | Training reports | 0 | 2021 | 1 | 1 | 2 | Project reports No risk for measuring |
| OUTPUT 3: Persons with disabilities have increased access to employment opportunities | 3.1 Reasonable accommodation requirements for private sector employment of persons with disabilities are in place and in use | Reasonable accommodation requirement guideline | No | 2021 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Reasonable accommodation requirements document Potential risk of measuring the use of the document |
| | 3.2 Number of professionals with disabilities accessing internship opportunities in private sector companies | Project reports | 0 | 2021 | 8 | 8 | 16 | Project reports No risk for measuring |

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| | 3.3 Number of persons with disabilities supported through TVET training and skills development | Project reports | 0 | 2021 | 10 | 10 | 20 | Project reports No risk for measuring |
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| OUTPUT 4: Civil society organ- isations have strengthened technical and financial capacities | 4.1 Number of CSO projects in the eight poorest districts supported with technical and financial capacity | Project reports | 0 | 2021 | 7 | 7 | 14 | Project reports Training reports No risk for measuring |
| to support community-based socio-economic transformation | 4.2 Number of direct beneficiaries reached through grassroots level support by CSOs in the eight poorest districts | Project reports | 0 | 2021 | 1,050 | 1,050 | 2,100 | Project reports No risk for measuring |
| | 4.3 Number of targeted capacity building trainings for CSOs organised | Training reports | 29 (through other intervent ions) | 2021 | 4 | 4 | 8 | Training reports No risk for measuring |
| | 4.4 Effectiveness of CSOs in meeting societal needs | CSDB | 61.9% | 2018 | 70% | 70% | 70% | New CSDB to be published in 2022 |
| OUTPUT 5: Project management, oversight and communication strengthened | 5.1 M&E strategy has been developed with accompanying tools and is being implemented | M&E Strategy document | No | 2021 | Yes | Yes | Yes | M&E tools No risk for measuring |
| | 5.2 Annual programme delivery rate | UNDP Atlas reports | N/A | N/A | 98% | 98% | 98% | Delivery rate indicated in atlas reports No risk for measuring |
| | 5.3 Number of success stories of the project published | Project reports | N/A | N/A | 3 | 3 | 6 | Success stories published on social media/websites No risk of measuring |

Budget

The implementation will require 2,000,000 Euro spread across the five workstreams.

| INTERVENTION | ACTIVITIES | BUDGET (€) |
|---|---|------------|
| Scaling Post-Incubation Initiatives | Identify and screen potential beneficiaries whose businesses are in post-incubation phase, with a focus on those with a clear path to scale, greatest impact for vulnerable groups and tangible traction | N/A |
| | Develop business- and cooperative-specific support packages to address the most pressing challenges and opportunities to sustain and scale their businesses | 100,000 |
| | Provide capacity and start-up toolkits for vulnerable women and youth e.g., teen mothers, vulnerable women, persons with disabilities in the community to increase productivity for market access and job creation with focus to eight poorest districts | 550,000 |
| | Provide grants to the best innovative green businesses led by youth and women through the YouthConnekt programme | 550,000 |
| | | 900,000 |
| Advocacy and Awareness Raising | Design awareness campaigns, outreach, and community engagement programs covering media channels i.e., TV, radio and online platforms. | 40,000 |
| | Build capacity of media for active engagement in community mobilisation for inclusive development and to address stigma and discrimination | 40,000 |
| | Engage the media to stimulate public private partnership in inclusive development including through cooperatives, CSOs and micro businesses owned by women, youth and PWD | 20,000 |
| | | 100,000 |
| Promoting economic potential of persons with disabilities | Strengthen the capacities of the private sector to mainstream, promote and advocate for disability inclusion in private sector companies; develop reasonable accommodation requirements for private sector employment of persons with disabilities | 70,000 |
| | Initiate an internship/trainee programme for professionals with disabilities in private sector companies | 50,000 |
| | Support TVET training and skills development for persons with disabilities to increase self-reliance and independence | 50,000 |
| | | 170,000 |
| Capacity strengthening of CSOs | Provide technical and financial support to CSOs (grants) to promote and accelerate community driven equitable development with a focus on vulnerable women and persons with disabilities | 350,000 |
| | Conduct capacity assessments, develop and implement capacity development plan for CSOs with focus on institutional development, resource mobilization and community development with aim to better empower their communities and to run effective sustainable organisations | 90,000 |

| | Promote peer-learning and experience-sharing through partnership building and the organisation of CSO field visits to other CSO projects | 40,000 |
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| | | 480,000 |
| Project management, communication for development | Knowledge management production and dissemination: document challenges, and successes, report progress regularly, develop advocacy materials and host external workshops with other stakeholders to report progress and findings | 70,000 |
| | Project management (M&E) | 113,517 |
| | | 183,517 |
| | TOTAL DIRECT COSTS | 183,517 |
| Indirect costs | General management expenses (8%) | 146,681 |
| | Coordination levy (1%) | 19,802 |
| | TOTAL INDIRECT COSTS | 166,483 |
| | TOTAL BUDGET | 2,000,000 |



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