

Nyembuye Cinic - new wards, dentistry and laboratory

'Rema Burundi' focusing on sustainable reintegration of displaced people and refugees

Programmes include: capacity building, Economic empowerment, Health and Social protection, and advocacy and lobbying. Issues for returning refugees remain great in terms of acceptance, land ownership, education, and sustainable income generation - if peace is to grow in Burundi. Rema is seeking to establish and represent needs from the grass roots to provincial, national and international levels. Much prayer is needed that through God's love, true peace may be a lasting reality.

Rema News

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NYEMBUYE CLINIC (Rutana)

There is great excitement as another new building is going up at Nyembuye clinic. It will serve as a ward for men and women (6 rooms) as well as hosting the dentistry and a laboratory. The building is being sponsored by Rema UK and Mission International. Sally Botteley - Rema trustee was thrilled to visit in February and see the foundations being dug and prepared by local volunteers. This is a 'community' owned project. She hopes to be there for the official opening in July/August.



The demand for services at the clinic remains great. There were 5 babies born on one night in April - with mothers travelling many miles on foot to reach the clinic. Malnutrition is a big issue with Rema offering a feeding programme. People are hungry!



Congratulations: In August 2018 the commune of Gihoro awarded Rema Burundi a 'Certificate of Merit" for the quality of the contribution and loyal services in its socioeconomic development.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Pastors Training: The programme continues in 4 areas and is much appreciated. All trainers are Rema but in Cankuzo Rema were blessed to have Jonathan Menn from ECLEA who spent a week in February enthusiastically teaching the book of Revelation.





Pastors' training is bringing transformation not only in their churches but also in their respective families and local communities.

"Since my husband started attending this course so many things changed for the better, My family is well now : my husband took some initiatives which were not in his mind before he attended the course. Now we pray together at home and take time to read the word of God. He started some projects like rearing animals like goats, sheep and cows, things that were not in his mind before the training. He has planted trees and bananas which we now are proud of. Whenever it is time for him to go to that training, I encourage him to attend and if he says he is not ready to go I do push him to go for I have seen tangible result of the training!".

INCOME GENERATION ACTIVITIES


Training

One of the latest schemes is supporting people in Ruziba in partnership with the Anglican Church. Rema has provided approx £800 to be loaned to 20 men and women including widows and orphans. These families are made up of 132 people.



Many have set up small businesses selling foodstuffs, clothes for small children or building materials. One person has started a haircut salon and there are those who want to do tailoring (dressmaking), etc. Beneficiaries are now earning sufficient to meet their basic needs.

One lady shared *"I thank God for that loan I got from you of 100,000 BIF (about £40). I was able to increase the quantity of fruits, and started to sell shoes and now I see that changes are starting to take place. I am not sitting idle any more, this small business is making me very busy. I have no time to waste. Isn't it good?"*

RESEARCH-BASED ADVOCACY AND LOBBYING

1. *"Analysis of the return and reintegration of refugees from Tanzania to Burundi".* In 2018, IRRI and Rema Burundi carried out interviews in southern Burundi in order to better understand the ongoing return process. Results confirm that It is vital that the international community at the very least make sure that repatriation is not only voluntary, but sufficiently supported to promote effective reintegration. Managing this process of return and reintegration is crucial

2. *"Returning to stability: Lessons from the Great Lakes region"* This NWO-WOTRO project is to determine the impact policy on return dynamics. The results will be published in September 2019.

FUNDRAISING

Walk for Burundi - '2 walks-one aim-40 changed lives'. People from Sutton Coldfield Baptist Church are doing a sponsored climb of Scafell and the National the 3 peaks challenge in an attempt to raise at least £2,000 to enable 40 needy Burundian families to have a small loan to start their own small business under Rema Burundi's Income Generation Scheme.

Ideas for future fundraising: Contact Rema UK (below). Donate via wonderful.org/charity/remauk – 100% of your donation goes to Rema, including your Gift Aid.

BURUNDI NEWS Update...

Burundi's General Election take place in 2020 and preparations are being made….

For more information about any of the projects please contact Rema UK (see below)

PRAISE and PRAYER

Praise for:

1. Continued work of Rema Burundi and positive outcomes despite the challenges.

Pray for:

1. God's protection as Rema move around in Burundi. The state of roads is really bad.

2. Rema staff - particularly for their health and protection.

3. Increase in funding to extend the project.

4. Burundi's General election 2020 - politicians are already out looking for supporters.


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