

Annual Report 2023





“ Creating a World Fit for Children ”

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Abbreviations & Acronyms

AGYW	Adolescent Girls and Young Women
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
CBIM	Coaching Boys Into Men
ECD	Early Childhood Development
FFS	Farmer Field School
FP	Family Planning
FSI	Family Strengthening Interventions
FSWs	Female Sex Workers
FXB	François-Xavier Bagnoud
GBV	Gender-Based Violence
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HTS	HIV Testing Services
IEC	Information, Education and Communication
IGA	Income Generating Activities
ISLGs	Internal Savings and Lending Groups
KPs	Key Populations
MIGEPROF	Ministry of Gender and Family Promotion
MSM	Men who have Sex with Men
NSP	National Strategic Plan
OVC	Orphans and Vulnerable Children
PLAY	Promoting Lasting Anthropometric Change and Young Children's Development
POSE	Phyto-Social Enterprise
PMTCT	Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission
PreP	Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis
PWIDs	People who inject drugs
SASA	Start Awareness, Support Action
SRHR	Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
STIs	Sexual Transmission Infections
TG	Transgender
TVET	Technical and Vocational Education Training
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VSLAs	Village Savings and Lending Association
WASH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

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Section 1

FXB OVERVIEW

FXB BACKGROUND



1989

FXB INTERNATIONAL Created

FXB Rwanda is affiliated to FXB International created in 1989 by Albina du Boisrouvray, Mother of François-Xavier Bagnoud. Albina found FXB International and FXB foundation in honor of her son, François-Xavier, who was killed in tragic helicopter accident at his 24 age back in 1986.

FXB REACHES RWANDA

With its reach to Rwanda in 1995, the organization started implementing the projects which were to back economically the families whose economic capabilities were mainly lessened by 1994 Genocide against Tutsi. FXB Rwanda joined hands with other stakeholders and government of Rwanda in the process of helping the community and the country to recover from these effects.

1995



2000

FXB VILLAGE MODEL IN RWANDA

FXB Village model is a unique holistic model of FXB to eradicate the poverty and it was introduced in Rwanda to avail the support to beneficiaries in the domains of economic strengthening, nutrition and WASH, education, social and health. This was in line with continuous contribution to economic empowerment need to Rwandans of that time. FXB Village model was a crucial milestone to FXB Rwanda as it was a basis of further programs in the mentioned domains.

FXB RWANDA Registers as local NGO

FXB Rwanda registered as local non-governmental organization and continued to work against its vision of creating a world fit for children. The Organization is from then striving to reach its envisioned goal through economic strengthening, education support, HIV/AIDS interventions (prevention, care and treatments), violence prevention, early childhood development, and health interventions. Throughout this journey, numerous projects were implemented across different districts of Rwanda.

2012



OUR ORGANIZATION



MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON



Mabete Niyonsaba Dieudonné
Deputy Chairperson, FXB Rwanda

Dear Partner,

Though we still look forward to continued impacts making, we are pleased of tremendous achievements and milestones made since FXB Rwanda's presence in Rwanda. We consider the stakeholders and partners' collaboration as an invaluable asset that helps us achieve this all.

The fiscal year of 2023 is saddening to FXB Rwanda family because its Legal Representative, Jean-Damascène, who also served as chairperson of the Board of Directors passed away. His Legacy will stay with us!

Mabete Niyonsaba Dieudonné

Deputy Chairperson

Board of Directors FXB Rwanda

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Emmanuel KAYITANA
Executive Director, FXB Rwanda

Dear Partner,

The fiscal year of 2023 was a difficult one for FXB Rwanda as we sorrowfully faced the pass away of Mr. Jean Damascene Ndayisaba, our Legal Representative. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Regardless of such disconsolate loss, FXB Rwanda maintained its effort, delivering its services to the participants through 9 programs run in this fiscal year of 2023 across 12 districts of Rwanda. Among these programs, there is a new agricultural one funded by European Union which the organization was blessed to start in this year.

We are thankful for the donors and partners' support which resulted in the achievements we are presenting under this report. I hope you enjoy reading this report, and I look forward to our continued collaboration in 2024!

Emmanuel Kayitana

Executive Director

FXB Rwanda

Intervention Areas



HIV/AIDS PREVENTION

FXB Rwanda intervenes in prevention, care and treatment of HIV as well as in impact mitigation for those affected and or infected with HIV/AIDS and at-risk groups.



VIOLENCE PREVENTION

FXB Rwanda is committed to advocating for the rights of women and children, as well as preventing gender-based violence and insecurity against them.



EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (ECD)

FXB Rwanda engages with children, their caregivers, and other key stakeholders in ECD to help vulnerable communities better understand and manage this crucial period, which lays the foundation for future learning, health, and well-being.



EDUCATION SUPPORT

FXB Rwanda provides school and hygiene supplies and covers tuition fees for participants in various programs. It also works with schools to continually improve education and infrastructure.



ECONOMIC STRENGTHENING

FXB Rwanda combines various interventions to strengthen the economic status of poor and vulnerable populations.



HEALTH, NUTRITION AND WASH

FXB Rwanda conducts interventions related to food security, overall health, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH).



CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATION

We recognize the impacts of climate change and environmental degradation on vulnerable populations. Therefore, we contribute to initiatives aimed at conserving the environment and mitigating the impacts of its degradation.

Districts of Operation



Total Reach (2023)

Directly reached

84,146

Indirectly reached

216,590

FXB Rwanda reached the total of 84,146 direct participants including 50,675 children and 33,471 adults with its services. Furthermore, the organisation reached the total of 216,590 indirect participants including 38,630 children and 177,960 adults. The direct participants are the enrolled participants that are subject to comprehensive package of the program while indirect beneficiaries remain the participants who were reached through community outreach events as well as those impacts from programs' spillover effects.

Implemented Programs

Phyto-Social Enterprise (POSE)

Implemented in the Huye district in collaboration with NIRDA, POSE is an innovative project aimed at increasing the production of plant-based products for local and regional consumption.

Fostering

An EU-funded project aimed at promoting sustainable food production for local markets is implemented in collaboration with E4 Impact in the districts of Nyabihu and Gakenke.

Sugira Muryango

"Family Strengthening Intervention"

An evidence-based, homevisiting intervention to reduce family violence and to promote father engagement, playful parenting, and ECD. It is implemented in Nyanza, Ngoma and Rubavu.

FXBVillages Projects

12 FXBVillages projects are being implemented, through a "graduation approach", in four districts, namely Nyarugenge of Kigali City and Kamonyi, Gisagara and Nyaruguru of the Southern Province impacting 3,605 families with more than 20,360 adults and children. The families receive sliding-scale support over a three-year period - the time needed to move from extreme poverty to sustainable economic and social autonomy. Through these projects, beneficiaries receive trainings in finance and project management aimed at building their financial literacy capacities and initiation of Income Generation Activities.

In the same vein, as being actively involved in Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs), beneficiaries are provided with a small amount of start-up capital to undertake micro-businesses for increased households' income. Similarly, beneficiaries have access to a mutual health insurance scheme, receive nutritional and schooling support for their children and contribute to improvements for their housing and sanitation facilities. Additionally, participating families also enhance their knowledge in essential areas of health and social issues, thus contributing to their overall development and the sustainability of the projects' impact on their quality of life. Since the early 2000s to date, the FXBVillage Poverty Reduction Model has been regularly evaluated. Different household survey findings evidenced real impact on the economic, health and social status of children and adults.

WASH & Nutrition

An anti-moderate and severe malnutrition program implemented in Kamonyi district reaching children and women with nutrition and WASH interventions.

NSP-HIV/TB Program

Implemented in close collaboration with RBC, NSP-HIV/TB is implemented in Kamonyi, Gakenke and Musanze for HIV prevention among key population.

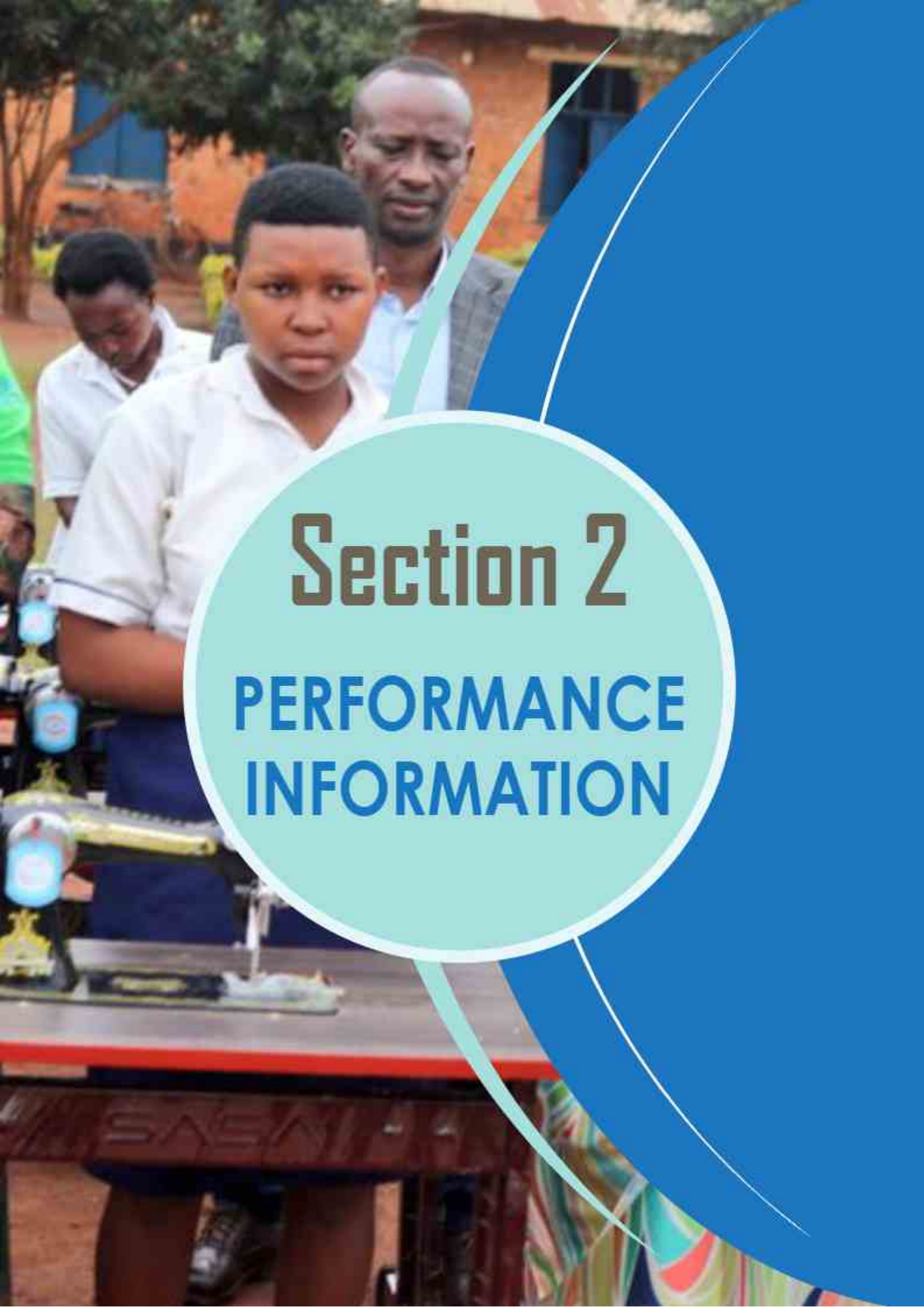
AMIE Project

An initiative to prevent new HIV infection among AGYW of 10 to 24. The initiative is implemented in Kamonyi district.

Igire-Turengere Abana

"Be Resilient-Let Us Protect the children"

An HIV incidence and vulnerability reduction program targeting AGYW, OVC and their families in Rwamagana, Huye and Nyanza.



Section 2

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION



HIV/AIDS Response and Prevention



Community Outreach for HIV Prevention

Through Igire-Turengere Abana, FXB Rwanda provided HIV/AIDS prevention education through its 264 community-based Adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) Safe Spaces, "physical or metaphorical places/spaces for AGYW to freely share and discuss SRHR, GBV and HIV prevention issues". In weekly sessions, trained community mentors (AGYW peers) facilitated those sessions.

Climate Change and Environment Conservation

HIV prevention education was also provided by case management volunteers (CMVs) and Linkage Facilitators to Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) and their adult relatives via home visits. Furthermore, under NSP-HIV/TB, Peer educators delivered the HIV prevention package for FSWs, TG, PWIDs, and MSM in Gakenke, Kamonyi, and Musanze. These educators shared the package through the meetings with fellow KPs in hotspots.

The total of **53,107 direct participants** including AGYW, FSW, MSM, TG, OVC and OVC caregivers were reached with HIV Prevention education package. This package included the modules like SRHR, Life skills and HIV prevention.

In addition to program participants, FXB Rwanda collaborated with local officials and stakeholders to promote HIV/AIDS prevention through organized community events, such as entertainment, sports, arts, and radio talks and TV show, attracting a large audience. Through in-person HIV/AIDS prevention campaigns in the districts of Musanze, Kamonyi and Nyanza; **135,000 community members** were reached.

Additionally, through NSP-HIV/TB, the FXB Rwanda engaged on-air campaign using mass media (radio, television) and social media. Through this means, the organisation reached about **91,700 community members** with HIV/AIDS and GBV prevention messages.



HIV/AIDS Prevention Materials Distribution

To curb HIV transmission, the organisation also fostered the distribution of HIV prevention materials. The condoms, lubricants, and self-test kits were mainly distributed during this year for the prevention purpose. The Information Education and Communication (IEC) kits were further distributed in the lane of enabling the concerned population with understandings and knowledge on HIV and prevention tips. The prevention kits including condoms and lubricants were mainly distributed to MSM, FSW and other exposed population while educative prevention materials (IEC) got distributed to all concerned participants.

The following table depicts the distributed preventive materials:



Referral for HIV/AIDS Clinical Support

The clinical services are so essential in HIV prevention as the concerned participants need to know their status and can only receive the related assistance from the clinical service providers. During the reporting period, FXB Rwanda has referred AGYW, OVC, FSW, MSM, TG, and caregivers to Health Facilities for clinical services including HIV Testing Service (HTS), Family Planning (FP), Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT), Gender Based Violence (GBV), Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), Antiretroviral therapy (ART), and Sexual Transmission Infections (STIs).

Referrals made during the reporting period:





Economic Strengthening

Under slogan of Ending Poverty, Restoring Dignity; FXB Rwanda invests in supporting the vulnerable poor families in achieving the economic resilience through fostering their income sources as well as their management. This support intends to help families to become resilient enough for solving the problems they face in their homes and abilities to feed the members and develop the family.

Financial literacy training

The total of 9,365 program participants were trained and refreshed on business planning, creation of new Income Generating Activities (IGAs) and management during 2023 in districts of Gisagara, Nyaruguru, and Kamonyi. As a result, all the trainees with existing IGAs have effectively showcased their improved management while the total of 734 IGAs have been newly created.



In same reporting period, through FXB Villages and Igire Turengere Abana, the total of 554 volunteers and 1,700 Village Saving and Lending Associations (VSLAs)/ Internal Saving and Lending Groups (ISLGs) members were trained on VSLA/ISLG model to effectively manage the saving groups. This was an occasion to develop the ISLG/VSLA leadership capabilities and enable leaders with knowledge needed. This activity resulted in having 340 ISLGs and VSLAs run correctly with improved management.

Savings and Lending Groups (ISLGs/VSLAs)

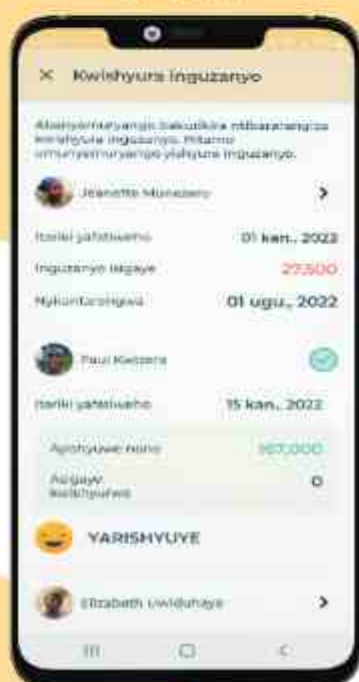
FXB Rwanda's Igire-Turengere Abana and FXB Villages programs established 340 saving groups with 9,365 members in Rwamagana, Huye, Nyanza, Kamonyi, Nyarugenge, Gisagara, and Nyaruguru districts. Participants in these saving groups have been able to develop a regular saving practice, improve their ability to solve various financial problems at home, and start income-generating activities through access to loans in these groups (ISLGs/VSLAs).



Digitization of Saving and Lending Activities

Going digital is helpful for improving efficiency of the work we do, increasing the speed, hence manage well the time. It again remains of good use in keeping records to get accessible from wherever and enabling the abilities to monitor easily the progress whenever needed. Backed by these benefits, FXB Rwanda has tapped into enshrining the digitization of Saving and Lending Groups activities as a means of improving their management and monitoring. The organisation has partnered with Dream Start Labs to implement Dreamsave app, a FinTech solution that is in place to digitize ISLG/VSLAs activities.

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Dreamsave App Piloting

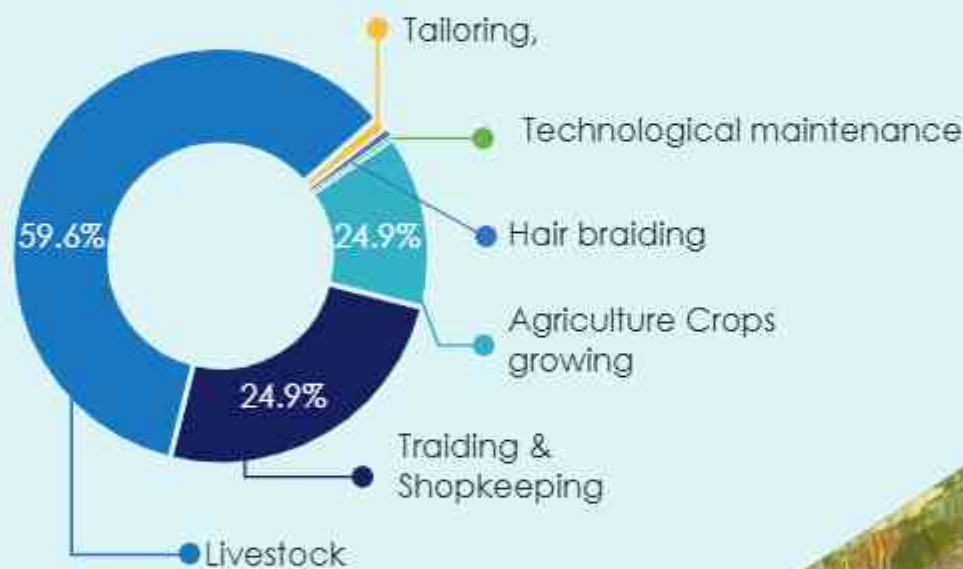
Piloted in Igire-Turungere Abana, FXB Rwanda kicked off enabling a total of 15 trainers of trainers (ToT) with a comprehensive master training on the usage of the app and its monitoring version of DreamSave Insights. Following the ToT training, the replication was done to the total of 50 ISLG committee members and volunteers to support their groups in using the DreamSave app.

As the result, the total of 10 groups with over 300 members have used this app during this reporting period. All of the groups that piloted the app reported positive changes in the management of their activities. Among others, the groups report reduced time spent during their regular meetings, improved efficiency of calculations, increased trust of members to groups, and accountability among members.

Enforcement of Income Generating Activities

Participants in VillageFXB programs and Igire-Turengere Abana have received seed capital to launch, develop or diversify income-generating activities.

A total of 1,234 income generating activities in Nyarugenge, Kamonyi, Nyaruguru, and Gisagara have been supported dominated by those of livestock, Trading & Shop keeping and Crops growing. Furthermore, 1% were supported in tailoring, 0.6% in hair braiding, and 0.3% in technological maintenance IGAs.





Technical and Vocational Education Trainings (TVET) Support

To ensure that the program participants, especially youth, are supported in improving their income sources and a dignified future, FXB Rwanda invested in facilitating them to acquire adequate skills. School fees, uniforms, linkage for internships and other related support were provided for the youth and willing adults to attend TVETs. In the same optic, the organization invested in supporting the ones in need to acquire job skills through on-job learning apprenticeship approach.

The total of 891 programs participants including youth and adults were facilitated in attending TVET and Apprenticeship Programs in the districts of Kamonyi, Rwamagana, Huye and Nyanza. The mentioned programs have further provided start-Up kits and bridged TVET/Apprenticeship graduates to the employment. The total of 692 graduates were reached with this.



Early Childhood Development



Envisioning to Create a World Fit for Children, FXB Rwanda approaches ECD both as cross-cutting aspect of its programming as well as a specific intervention targeting deserved individuals and families. During the reporting period, FXB Rwanda generally helped its programs' participants through capacity building and material support to foster early childhood development.

Positive Parenting

Positive education has been encouraged by the registration and training of caregivers in child-parent communication, helping them to create an environment adapted to their children and to set up early-learning activities.

- *Igire-Turengere Abana and AMIE engaged 3,090 caregivers in semi-formal family matter program (FMP) education for seven positive parenting and ECD modules.*
- *Through home visits, Sugira Muryango and WASH & Nutrition Programs taught 3,303 caregivers ECD skills at home.*

PLAY Collaborative for ECD

Promoting Lasting Anthropometric Change and Young Children's Development (PLAY) Collaborative, is an approach to transition Sugira Muryango to Child Protection Workforce (IZU) by strongly engaging with government agencies, civil society groups, community government workforces, as well as sector officials and village leaders. PLAY Collaborative meetings are part of the PLAY collaborative approach and are held regularly as community of practices among mentioned ECD stakeholders to reinforce knowledge-sharing, problem solving, and strengthen intervention oversight.

During the reporting period, the total of 50 PLAY collaborative meetings were conducted from national level to village level of its three control sectors in Nyanza, Ngoma and Rubavu districts, gathering regularly a total of 976 ECD stakeholders to problem solve ECD issues. In addition, FXB Rwanda has worked with local authorities in the Nyarugenge and Kamonyi districts to help 90 couples marry legally and 300 children register, and has intensively sensitized parents to the importance of these legal procedures.



Education Support



FXB Rwanda’s programming put education at the center of mankind resilience. In this regards, the educational support reached the total number of 45,656 children and adolescents with school fees, school materials, school uniforms, and school monitoring activities with the intent of improving their academic performance for program participants. FXB Rwanda provided through our Igire-Turengere Abana, FXBVillages, and AMIE projects.

45,176

The 45,176 primary and secondary level students receiving support are from families currently participating in the program and meeting the eligibility requirements. This includes students attending both boarding and non-boarding schools.

The total of 1,456 pre-school children from the families supported by FXB Rwanda, got a continuous material support to steward their attendance to home- and community-based ECD centers.

1,456

45,656

pre-school, primary and secondary level learners were monitored at their schools to assure their continued attendance and performance. This was done conjointly with government and other CSOs stakeholders.



Health, WASH and Nutrition

Health Costs Assistance



Through our FXBVillage, Igire- Turengere Abana, and AMIE programs, a total of **6,650 families** were helped with health insurance payments during the reporting period.

The support resulted in assured wellbeing of the beneficiaries as they were able to go to health facilities whenever it was needed.



Diseases Prevention Education

FXB Rwanda also invested in having program participants educated on advisable practices to prevent different diseases like Malaria, hygienic related diseases, NCDs, STIs etc. The skills were further acquired on other health recommended practices like family planning.

A total of 53,025 program participants were engaged on health related sessions in our different programs during the reporting period.



Cooking Demonstrations and Nutrition Skills Training

In the fight against malnutrition, cooking demonstrations were conducted as part of the WASH & Nutrition project. These sessions equipped a total of 2,280 participants in Kamonyi district with the knowledge to prepare nutritious meals correctly. The 12-day consecutive demonstration program provided a lasting solution for treating 301 severe malnutrition cases.



Farmer Field School (FFS)

Agriculture is a drive for good nutrition. With availability of skills and knowledge, the food availability is the next requirement for good nutrition. During this reporting period, a total of 2,280 program families and 10,725 students boosted their skills on how to effectively conduct agriculture in a way that results in good nutrition. This activity occurred through Farmer Field Schools of our FXBVillages, AMIE and WASH & Nutrition.



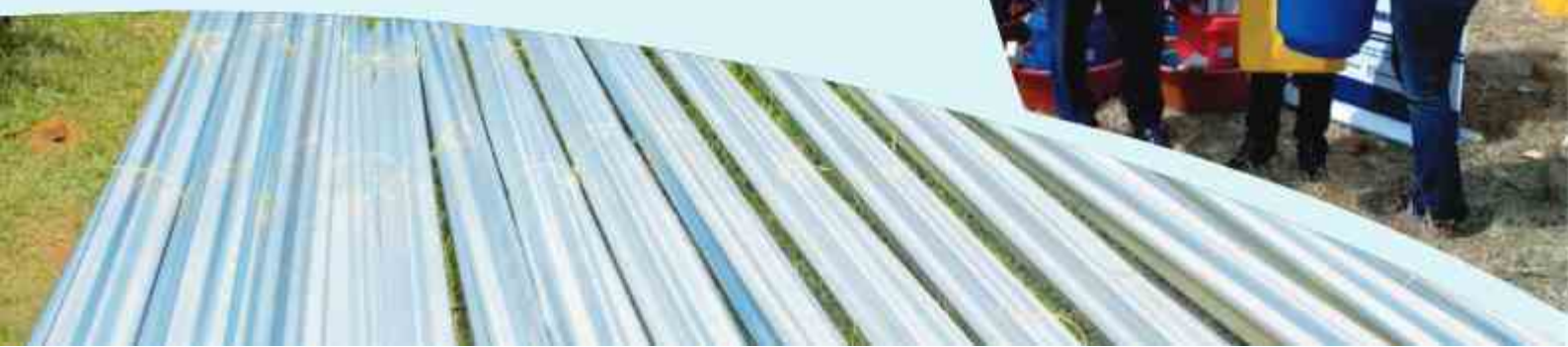
WASH in Schools

To contribute both on improved WASH practices in schools but also to academic performance, FXB Rwanda intensively worked with four schools of Kamonyi district by enabling them with 4 water large tanks of 10,000 liters each linked with purifiers, rehabilitating a total of 16 toilets of these schools, and capacity building the total of 10,725 students and teachers/school leaders on WASH improvement.



WASH Among Families Participants

In a course of enabling safe and clean homes, FXB Rwanda worked to enable the total of 1,000 families with adequate water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) materials. The same number of families received education on improving their WASH practices.





Violence Prevention

141,162

Individuals were reached through planned anti-violence campaigns and community outreach through international days celebrations conducted in Rwamagana, and Nyanza districts.



Coaching Boys Into Men (CBIM)

In the course of raising boys who are free of violence, especially gender based violence, the organization reached out 786 through Coaching Boys into Men (CBIM) activity of Igire Turengere Abana that uses football as a channel to disseminating anti-gender based violence messages. This model is implemented in Huye, Nyanza and Rwamagana.



Start Awareness Support Action (SASA)

SASA is a Kiswahili word that means "Now" and is an intervening activity where the trained activists reach the community members through usual social activities and meetings with messages to change their wrong gender norms.

During the reporting period, FXB Rwanda implemented this approach in across Rwamagana and Nyanza districts. A total of 85,000 community members were sensitized through this approach.



Climate Change and Environmental Conservation

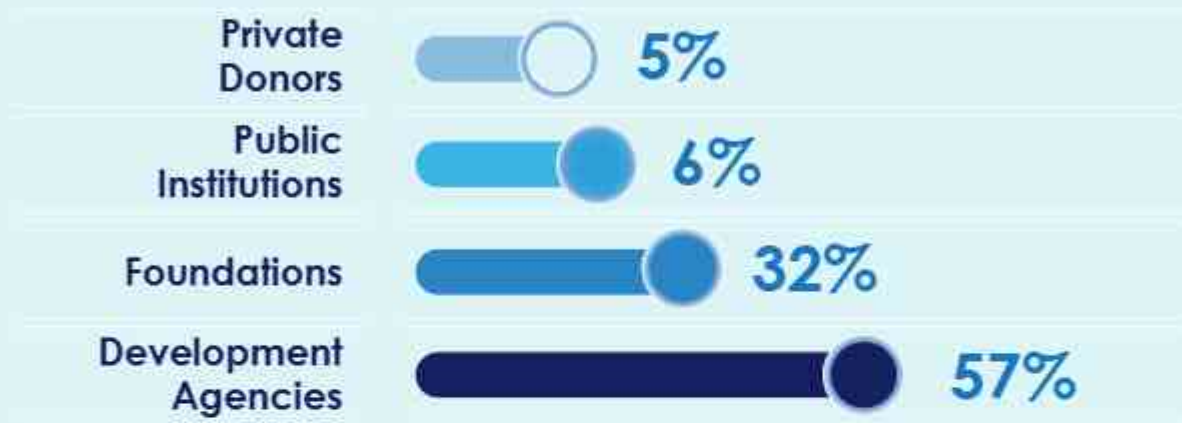


To contribute to the environment conservation which ultimately affect climate change, we had worked with our WASH and Nutrition program in Kamonyi to plant the total of 550 fruit, shady and ornamental trees in the school surrounding environment.

Through this program, 10,572 students, school heads and teachers were also made aware of climate change and environmental preservation.

Financial Performance

Total Incomes Jan-Dec 2023 (US\$ 4,557,181)



Total Expenses Jan-Dec 2023 (US\$ 4,395,293)



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Section 3

**COLLABORATION
& ENGAGEMENT**

Stakeholders Engagement and Collaboration



An important event in the year held on April 18, 2023, disseminating the immediate post-intervention results of Sugira Muryango expansion phase. This event brought together various and important government, national and international stakeholders to get insights on achievements of the program.



In the same program Sugira Muryango, the successful Regional Research Symposium was conducted on September 20-23, 2023, bringing together the interventionists, academicians and other researchers from across Africa on the theme of "Advancing evidencebased interventions for mental health, child development, and parenting"



From June 27 to 29, 2023, FXB Rwanda joined other ECD partners in Saving the Brains Workshop to share the experience and discuss on what to further and how to do it as it was to scale the ECD interventions.



Under Igire-Turengere Abana, FXB Rwanda joined other USAID partners in CHES Learning Event of 6th to 7th December to reflect on factors that are impacting programming and problem solve together.



FXB Rwanda joined Rwanda Biomedical Center, Ministry of Health and other partners in commemoration of World AIDS Day (WAD) held on November 30, 2023.



The organization also joined the international and national actors in the celebration of International Girl Child Day on October 10, 2023, and International Day of Rural Women on October 15, 2023.



On January 27, 2023, Colette Peck, Senior OVC Advisor at USAID/Washington, accompanied by the USAID Rwanda team led by Deputy Health Mission Director Libby, visited FVB Rwanda ongoing activities in Rwamagana district to learn of its implementation approach and advising on needed improvements.



On November 13, 2023, a team from the Belgian Embassy in Rwanda, the Direction Générale de la Coopération au Développement (DGD) and Auto Développement d'Afrique (ADA) visited the activities of the Village FVB - Reduire la pauvreté et l'Exclusion Sociale (REPES) project to observe the progress made.



On December 13, 2023, FVB Rwanda board of directors visited FVB Village program implemented in Gisagara and Nyaruguru districts and POSE project activities in Huye district to follow up the progress and impacts of the projects to participants



On July 15, 2023, Sugira Muryango program hosted USAID visitors and had productive discussions on scaling program interventions and witnessed the program's impact to its served beneficiaries.



On January 18, Delphine from Mairie de Paris conducted a field learning visit to AMIE, FVB Village Gasharu II, and WASH & Nutrition projects



From June 3 to 6, 2023, we welcomed the President of the Augusta Foundation, who was pleased to see the progress made in the POSE and FVB Village Musambira Programs they support.

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