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Our 3+1 TRANSFORMATIVE RESULTS

2020-2030



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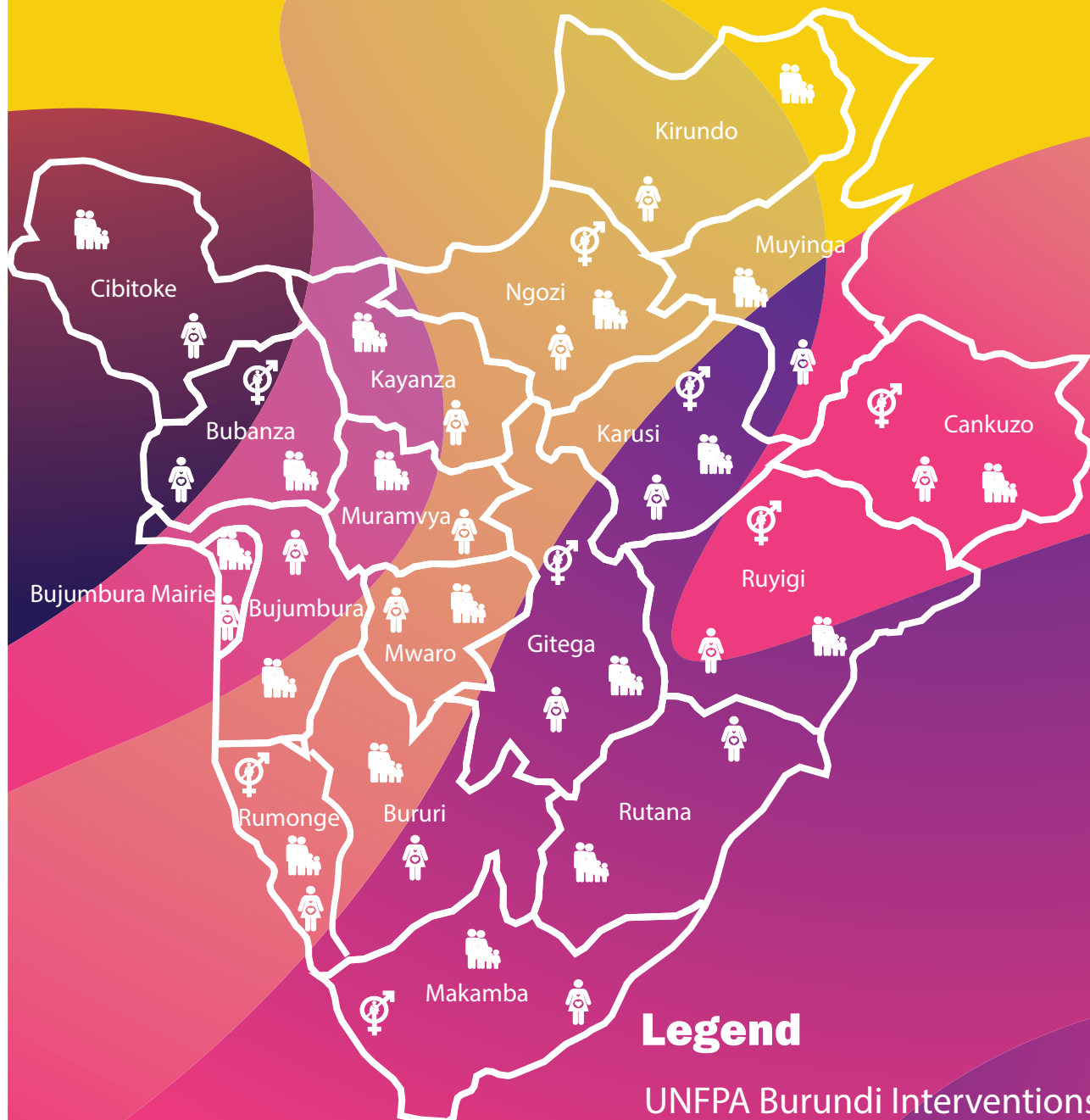


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Zero
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Our AREAS OF INTERVENTION



Legend

UNFPA Burundi Interventions



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1. RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE MESSAGE

Dear Partners,

2024 marks the first year of the implementation of the 9th Cooperation Programme (2024-2027) between the Government of Burundi and UNFPA, during which we acknowledge our progress thanks to our collaboration and the dedication of all the stakeholders involved.

Together, we have made significant leap in several key areas for the development of human capital and the well-being of the population. Transforming the life cycle of the Burundian population with an inclusive approach has been our driving force, despite the challenging context.

Regarding the improvement of the supply chain for reproductive health commodities, system has been optimized to ensure their availability. The coordinated efforts in family planning, maternal, and neonatal health have reduced unmet family planning needs and saved the lives of mothers and newborns. Mentoring initiatives, targeted mentorship programs in contraceptive technology and emergency obstetric and newborn care (EmONC), have strengthened the capacity of service providers and enhanced actions within both health facilities and communities.

The launch of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the management of gender-based violence (GBV) survivors, and the prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse, and harassment (PSEAH) represented a major step towards improving services and support for those who need it most.

Our support to the coordination of technical assistance for the General Population, Housing, Agriculture, and Livestock Census (GPHALC), including the finalization of the census mapping and the main enumeration as well as the analysis of preliminary results, provides an essential basis for development planning.

In the field of entrepreneurship, the innovative concept of "Entrepreneurship with Zero External Capital" was launched, promoting the economic empowerment of youth and women while instilling critical values for harmonious personal and community development.

Additionally, we strengthened our support to people affected by the El Niño phenomenon, particularly for those living in internally displaced peoples' sites, ensuring that their essential needs were met, including services for reproductive health, family planning and GBV case management survivors. Moreover, climate change particularly affects women and girls that is why we initiated awareness campaigns with various stakeholders, including the academia. These achievements would not have been possible without the leadership of the Government of Burundi, the support of our technical and financial partners, and the commitment of civil society.

As we continue this same trajectory into 2025, we reaffirm our shared determination to turn every challenge into an opportunity, ensuring that no one is left behind.

With all my gratitude and the commitment of my team,

Judicaël ELIDJE

Resident Representative of
UNFPA Burundi





2. 2024 KEY PROGRAMME RESULTS







2.1. MATERNAL HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING

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1000

maternal deaths prevented in 2024 due to the use of contraception compared with 870 in 2023



46 000

unsafe abortions avoided by using modern contraception in 2024 compared to 43 000 in 2023



250 000

unintended pregnancies avoided by the use of modern contraception in 2024 compared to 230 000 in 2023



660 000

new users of modern contraceptive methods in 2024 compared to 570 000 in 2023



33.6 %

contraceptive prevalence rate among married women in 2024, compared to 30.1 % in 2023



29.8%

of women had unmet needs family planning in 2024, compared to 30.3% in 2023



138

women were operated of obstetric fistula at Urumuri Center in Gitega, including 23.9 % aged between 15 and 24, 7.9% aged between 50 and 66 in 2024



109

women, including 31.4% aged between 15 and 24, operated on obstetric fistula in 2023, were reached during post-operative follow-up carried out in 2024. With a cure rate of 100%, they regained their smile and their dignity.



34.8%

of women accessed health facilities providing all functions during the 2nd quarter of 2024



25

additional health facilities have now joined the network of 132 maternity wards providing Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care (EmONC) : 82 health centers providing basic EmONC and 55 hospitals providing completed comprehensive EmONC



2.1. MATERNAL HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING



7.8%



of women who gave birth adopted a modern contraceptive method before leaving the maternity ward in the 2nd quarter of 2024, compared to 3.5% in 2023



5

training curricula in health sciences (medicine, midwifery, anesthesia and resuscitation, nursing and public health) harmonized and focused on skill acquisition



225

health providers mentored in contraceptive technology



1

strategic plan for reproductive, maternal, neonatal, infant, and adolescent health (2025-2027) has been developed



2 090

individuals had access to SRH services through the SSRCAOCH digital platform, which combines agriculture and SRH concepts



73 150

households were aware of SRH, including FP, by these groups and referred to health facilities for services not available at the community level



National capacities at all levels of the health system have been strengthened on eLMIS MEDEXIS :



42

CAMEBU staff and programs, including 21 women, 21 men



4

eLMIS Medexis administrators from various entities of the MSPLS*



839

users (of which 374 women and 465 men) trained by national trainers



This makes it possible to monitor health products stores, including contraceptives, and helps prevent stock shortages.

*MSPLS : Ministry of Public Health and the Fight Against AIDS



Success story

“ At the beginning of my pregnancy, I was afraid of giving birth. However, thanks to the support of the midwife (trained by UNFPA as part of strengthening health facilities through the mentorship approach for healthcare providers), I was well-prepared, and everything went smoothly. A few hours after giving birth, I felt healthy, and so did my baby ”

Charlotte Asifiwe 19 years old,
from Kavumu refugee camp in Cankuzo







2.2. ADOLESCENTS AND YOUTH

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1 371 599

students, of whom 52% are girls, have benefited from a sexual and reproductive health programme from the 3rd to the 6th year of primary school, thanks to the integration of this subject in the school curriculum.



3 119

among this group, are students living with disabilities, 46% of whom are girls



50

inspectors and school counselors have been trained on SRH and classroom visit methodology in order to equip them to provide close support to teachers



523

aunts have been trained to manufacture reusable sanitary pads, as well as on the biological aspects of the menstrual cycle, to better support adolescents in understanding their cycle and managing their menstrual hygiene



300

young people have strengthened their knowledge in ICT, AI, and its use for achieving the demographic dividend, as well as on the importance of FP and empowerment during the 4th edition of JUNE-Tech



800

in-school and out-of-school youth (aged from 10 to 25) attending work camps at Centre Jeunes Kamenge learned about bodily changes and autonomy



30

young people, including 25 out of school young mothers, were trained in sewing and tailoring, and 5 of them pursued attended professional training in knitting as part of the partnership with Orange Corner Burundi



20

program developers were trained in SRH and in the approach of integrating this subject into school curricula



23000

adolescents and young students have been educated on the importance of reproductive health through the "100% jeune" program, both online and on site



2.2. ADOLESCENTS AND YOUTH



350

young people aged 18 to 35 were trained on the "Entrepreneurship with Zero External Capital" approach, 196 of them have already launched their businesses



450

young people who are in college were trained and sensitized on the use of modern contraceptives methods, including GBV perpetrated against adolescents and young people living with a disability



10

young people, with UNFPA's support, were able to attend the AfriYAN General Assembly, the Youth Connect Summit 2024, the Pan-African Youth Forum and the Global Youth Dialogue on ICPD30



200

young members of the Burundi National Youth Council were trained on Generation Equality and the demographic dividend



34

entrepreneurs who participated in the Orange Corners Accelerator program gained valuable knowledge on corporate social responsibility, with a specific focus on SRH, including FP, HIV, GBV, and PSEA



20

educators from specialized centers for people with disabilities were trained on SRH concepts in order to ensure appropriate access to services tailored for young people and adolescents with disabilities.



120

sex workers were trained in the prevention of HIV, including screening, FP, GBV, income-generating activities and entrepreneurship

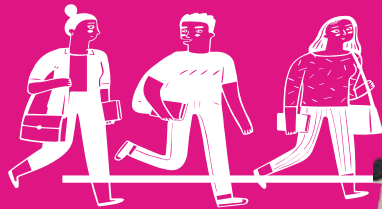


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people living with HIV (PLHIV) were trained in entrepreneurship and responsible financial management



2.2. ADOLESCENTS AND YOUTH



Realizing the full potential of every young person : “Tremplin du Savoir Professionnel” Internship programme



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young people, including one living with a disability, have built a strong foundation of essential skills for success in the professional world through the internship program at UNFPA. In doing so, they have strengthened their leadership abilities and, as a result, become long-term ambassadors for UNFPA's mandate



Success story

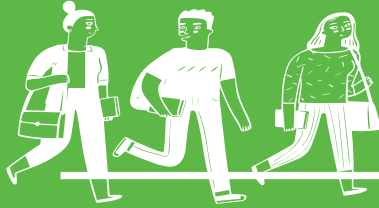
“ This internship provided us with full immersion in a professional environment, allowing us to build a strong foundation of essential skills for success. We gained practical insight into the challenges faced in the field and refined both our technical and interpersonal abilities. This experience has equipped us to tackle workplace challenges with confidence and efficiency, while boosting our long-term employability.

”

Kenny Arakaza,
Population and Development Intern



2.2. ADOLESCENTS AND YOUTH



UNFPA took an active part in the preparation and implementation of 6th edition of the Global Entrepreneurship Week whose theme was : **“Entrepreneurship in the green and circular economy, a lever for sustainable development”**

Recognizing that climate change worsens living conditions and limits access to essential health services, particularly for women and youth, UNFPA launched the 1st Green Entrepreneurship National Competition during the 2024 World Entrepreneurship Week (November 11-16) at Kibira National Park, Burundi’s natural treasure with its rich biodiversity



397

participants, consisting of 24.2% women and 75.8% men



21.9%

indigenous people, 9.1% from Kibira



3.8%

of participants have disabilities

The top three winners showcased innovative and impactful projects: ginger-based pesticides (1st place), sisal-based eco-products (2nd place), and bamboo furniture (3rd place). These entrepreneurs will each receive three months of incubation, acceleration, and in-kind support, including financial prizes (5M BIF for 1st place, 3M BIF for 2nd place, and 2M BIF for 3rd place). This support will help refine their business models and enhance their contributions to the green economy

This competition showcased the potential of young Burundian entrepreneurs to lead sustainable change. However, there is a need for more inclusive participation, especially among women and people with disabilities. UNFPA continues to create opportunities for all, empowering youth in green entrepreneurship for a sustainable future.





Success story

“ I got pregnant because I lacked information about my menstrual cycle, even though I was an excellent student and about to take the national exam. My mother supported me through everything. Thanks to a sewing training course supported by UNFPA, I gained valuable knowledge in sexual and reproductive health and became financially independent. If I had received this information earlier, I could have avoided this difficult experience ”

Joseline Ciza ,
24 years old



Success story

“ The "Entrepreneurship with Zero External Capital" training gave me the courage to start my project, even though I hesitated before. Despite the many discouragements, I persisted, convinced that I can succeed. With my friend, we started with enough capital to buy 500 kg of rice bran. Today, we can easily acquire a ton. I encourage other young people to dare venture into entrepreneurship, because creating a business without external capital is truly possible! ”

Anitha Dusabe ,
29 years old





2.3. GENDER, GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE, AND HUMANITARIAN ACTION



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247

municipal administrative staff were trained on the fight against GBV and its prevention which contributed to the sensitization of 2314 community members, promoting positive behavioral change.



10 961

women of reproductive age, including adolescents, have gained information on sexual and reproductive health, family planning, HIV/STIs, GBV, including available related services



120

community relays have been trained and equipped with tools to conduct continuous sensitization campaigns in refugee camps and their surrounding communities.



Over 92000

people, of whom 43,600 (66% women and 34% men), were directly sensitized on GBV, exploitation, abuse, sexual harassment, SRH, and referral pathways, through radio broadcasts, mass sensitization efforts, and a song against GBV produced with artists through slam, painting, and singing



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integrated SRH-GBV posts have been established at the 2 internally displaced persons (IDP) sites of Gateri and Mubimbi, providing SRH services



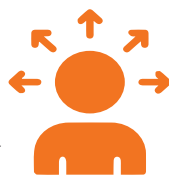
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women and girls received dignity kits and baby kits to better manage their personal hygiene



105

stakeholders were oriented on PSEAH principles and their integration into humanitarian GBV SOPs.



120

healthcare providers benefited from capacity building on the provision of reproductive health services in humanitarian settings through the Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) for SRH, of whom 30 became national trainers



2.3. GENDER, GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE, AND HUMANITARIAN ACTION



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Women and newborns received reproductive health services as part of the humanitarian response, thanks to the strengthened capacities of healthcare providers in MISP for SRH.



8

healthcare facilities, including integrated centers and the mobile GBV clinic, are fully equipped with trained staff, medical supplies, and IT equipment



8

strategic documents have been developed :

- Evaluation of the 2023 action plan and results of the GBV SGS, as well as the first semester of 2024.
- Development of the 2024 work plan for the GBV SGS.
- Humanitarian GBV SOPs, integrating PSEAH, have been developed and officially adopted."
- Contribution to the Beijing national report and action plan
- El Nino flood response plan
- National GBV plan
- PSEAH 2024-2025 action plan
- PSEAH Annual Report



Production of an awareness-raising song on GBV (NITWE BIRABA - this concerns us all)



The Burundi Football Federation (FFB) has partnered with UNFPA Burundi to fight against GBV by signing a joint commitment



5

international days were supported both technically and financially, namely :

- International Women's Day
- International Day of Indigenous Peoples
- International Day of the Girl Child
- International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights Day.
- Contribution to the national report and the Beijing Action Plan.



26 756

women and girls received GBV management services through multi-purpose centers



2

conferences were organized in collaboration with the Environmental Club of the University of Burundi to sensitize younger people about the negative effects of climate change on reproductive health and GBV



15 600

women and girls improved their knowledge of SGBV, RH, savings and credit, and group therapy





Success story

“ For us, this awareness session on sexual and reproductive health, as well as on gender-based violence, was truly essential. In our community, unintended pregnancies and violence against girls are tragic realities that occur too frequently. Thanks to this awareness session, we are confident that each one of us has become aware of these crucial issues.



Furaha Mwamini,
Refugee from Kavumu camp.



Success story



I would like to sincerely thank UNFPA for this dignity kit, as we had lost everything, even the clothes I'm wearing, were borrowed from some neighbors. I also had to go into debt to buy some kitchen utensils, and I didn't have money to buy sanitary pads. I kept wondering how I would manage during my menstrual period. I am truly very grateful.



Claudine Nimbona ,
26 years old





2.4. DATA FOR DEVELOPMENT



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Completion of the crucial phases of the General Population, Housing, Agriculture and Livestock Census (GPHALC) of 2024: the Main Census Mapping, the Main enumeration and the Post-Census Survey



Start of the digital archiving process



Resource mobilization efforts have made it possible to obtain funding for GPHALC in the amount of **16,260,344 USD**, or **45,205,568,731 BIF** at the end of 2024. This has made it possible to reduce the deficit by 50%, from **12 billion BIF** at the end of 2023 to **5.2 billion BIF** in 2024



Preliminary results of the GPHALC were produced on time, three months after the main count.



Contribution to Burundi's Statement at the 57th Session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD), with an inclusive approach



Success story

“ The boundaries of the administrative entities resulting from the new administrative division of 2023 have been updated and validated with the local administrative authorities in areas where boundary conflicts arise. These boundaries are now geo-referenced and stabilized, which enabled us to easily recognize the boundaries of our localities during the main census ”

Abdoul Ntiranyibagira,
chief of staff to the Governor of Rumonge



2.5. COUNTRY PROGRAMME INDICATORS



MONITORING OF INDICATORS

■ 2024 target
 ■ Achievement in 2024
 ■ Percentage of achievement in 2024

Output 1: By 2027, national capacities will be strengthened to provide high-quality and equitable sexual and reproductive health information and services (particularly family planning, maternal health, HIV prevention, and multisectoral services to prevent and respond to gender-based violence) in both development and humanitarian settings. This will aim to accelerate the demographic transition by focusing on the most vulnerable, including adolescents, young people, and individuals living with disabilities

Level of achievement of the output: **83%**

Number of obstetric fistula cases repaired with UNFPA support	100	138	138%
Number of new users of modern contraceptives in the intervention areas	209768	242268	115%
Number of health care providers/social workers trained in MISP or GBV case management	100	120	120%
Number of gender-based violence survivors who have received the minimum essential package of services in targeted area	13103	23 965	204%
Percentage of health facilities that provide basic and comprehensive emergency obstetric and neonatal care in intervention areas	32%	10.3%	32%
Proportion of service delivery points without stockouts of family planning commodities in the past three months	78%	77.2%	99%

Output 2 : By 2027, national mechanisms and capacities of institutions and actors will be strengthened to address discriminatory social and gender norms in GBV services and to support individuals in exercising their choices and rights. This will aim to advance gender equality, as well as women's and youth decision-making and empowerment to utilize sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services, family planning, and other related services

Level of achievement of the output: **100%**

Existence of functional community-based mechanisms to identify, report, and address GBV and harmful practices, as well as discriminatory social norms related to SRH, family planning, and HIV.	No	No	100%
Number of women and girls who received services through one-stop centers.	4705	26756	569%
Number of policies and legislation aimed at preventing GBV and promoting gender equality adopted or reviewed with UNFPA support	4	4	100%
Number of community actors (including male champions) who actively advocate for women's and young people's access to SRH and family planning services, prevention of gender-based violence, and harmful practices, disaggregated by sex and age.	115	26363	21090%
Number of youth and women-led organizations with strengthened capacities to address harmful practices and social norms related to SRH, family planning, GBV, and HIV	20%	25%	125%

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Output 3: By 2027, adolescents and young people, particularly adolescent girls, will have the skills and capabilities to make informed choices about their sexual and reproductive health and rights. They will also be economically empowered and engaged in peacebuilding and social cohesion, contributing to building the country's human capital, including in humanitarian settings.

Level of achievement of the output: **100%**

Existence of an adolescent pregnancy prevention strategy that includes specific actions for the institutionalization of comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) in both school and out-of-school settings, developed with UNFPA technical support	■ No	■ No	■ 100%
Number of UNFPA-supported community programs that promote the socio-economic integration of adolescent girls, including social protection interventions supporting the reintegration of adolescent mothers into the formal school system	■ 1	■ 3	■ 300%
Number of school-level curricula, including primary, secondary, and tertiary, that integrate comprehensive sexuality education into their curricula	■ 7	■ 8	■ 114%
Number of adolescents and youths who utilize the youth-friendly services supported by UNFPA	■ 125000	■ 23965	■ 247%
Number of out-of-school adolescents reached through life skills, job skills, or economic empowerment programs	■ 250	■ 710	■ 284%
Number of youth-led initiatives supported by UNFPA that aim to increase the capacities and skills of young people in peacebuilding, social cohesion, bodily autonomy, leadership, and participation	■ 5	■ 8	■ 160%

Output 4: By 2027, data systems and evidence will be strengthened to account for demographic dynamics, particularly those related to sexual and reproductive health and rights, family planning, gender-based violence, and other megatrends, including climate change, in policies and program development

Level of achievement of the output: **80%**

Existence of reports for the population, housing, agriculture, and livestock census developed with UNFPA technical support, validated by the Government, to support demographic transition and progress towards transformative results	■ No	■ No	■ 100%
Existence of advocacy initiatives and knowledge products supported to accelerate the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action, the voluntary ICPD25 commitments, and ICPD30	■ No	■ No	■ 100%
Existence of a country profile on the demographic dividend and related thematic reports available	■ No	■ No	■ 100%
Number of UNFPA-supported thematic studies, surveys, and research papers on matters related to sexual and reproductive health, gender-based violence, population dynamics, the situation of people with disabilities, migration, employability of young people, megatrends, and sustainable development, used to inform policies, program development, and decision-making	■ 1	■ 0	■ 0%
Number of governmental institutions at national and subnational levels with enhanced capacities to generate, analyze, disseminate, and utilize disaggregated data, including georeferenced data, on population dynamics, megatrends SRH, including family planning, GBV, and harmful practices, to support evidence-based decision-making across the humanitarian, development, and peace continuum	■ 3	■ 6	■ 200%



3. ADVOCACY AND POLITICAL DIALOGUE



Participation of the Regional Director in the 5th Edition of the High Level Forum of Women Leaders on the theme: "Investing in early childhood to build solid human capital throughout life"



Technical and financial support with the organization, implementation and reporting of the forum, including the recruitment of a national consultant for support as well as the active participation of the UNFPA focal point



Visit and meetings of the regional director with the country's senior authorities for strategic advocacy on sexual health, the fight against GBV, the continued integration of comprehensive sexual and reproductive health education in schools, as well as the importance of GPHALC



Technical and financial support for the development of the strategic plan of the Office of the First Lady for Development (OFLD), including the recruitment of a national consultant as well as technical and financial support for the staff working on the development of the OFLD's strategic and operational plan



Technical and financial support to the national forum on the education of girls and women in Burundi, with an advocacy in favor of reducing the reintegration period for pregnant girls who have dropped out of school



Technical and financial contribution to the elaboration of the National Youth, Peace and Security Strategy of Burundi (2024-2028)



Advocacy with governmental and religious authorities, as well as bilateral and multilateral partners, to advance the ICPD agenda and mobilize resources.



International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) for advocacy under the theme "Promoting the Regional Agenda for Peace, Security and Economic Cooperation through Strengthening Women's Participation"



Social norms think tank was established to address issues related to GBV, reproductive health and family planning



4. CHALLENGES



Persistent socio-cultural norms and perceptions, such as modern contraception rumors, the status of a woman that hampers her ability to make decisions, and insufficient communication within a couple about family planning



Inadequate quality of reproductive health care and services, FP and GBV



Cyclical impact of the negative effects of climate change on the population, particularly the most vulnerable groups.



Lack of comprehensive sex education in the initial training of teachers. The latter are limited by the socio-cultural context of sexuality taboos in Burundi



Late start and disruptions in the progress of the main cartography field activities, mainly due to fuel shortages



Restricted resource mobilization environment and insufficient allocation of domestic resources



5. 2025 PERSPECTIVES : YEAR OF ACCELERATION



Emphasis on strengthening youth potential, inclusion and innovation



Improving the quality of reproductive health care and services



Improving the supply chain management of health products at all levels.



Advocacy strategy for the mobilization of domestic resources (MDR) for the supply in FP and RH, as well as for the management of fistula and GBV in Burundi



Continuing the reflection and supporting the implementation of gender-transformative approaches through community mechanisms for changing negative and discriminatory social norms.



Strengthening the knowledge and skills of key actors and raising awareness among communities about climate change issues and its consequences on SRH and GBV



Publication of the General Population, Housing, Agriculture, and Livestock Census data from the interim report, alongside the acceleration of thematic analyses



Social norms think tank created to address issues related to GBV, reproductive health and family planning. Two working sessions were organized to encourage discussion and reflection among members



Supporting national efforts to adapt to, respond to and mitigate the negative effects of climate change, by strengthening the resilience of women and young people, and integrating reproductive health and GBV issues into national strategic documents.



6. LESSONS LEARNT

1

The presence of mentors in supply chain management and contraceptive technology at operational level facilitates capacity building on FP in health facilities through on-the-job training and regular coaching.

2

The operationalization of the national EmONC network requires strengthening synergy between reproductive health stakeholders and other sectors, such as communication, transportation, energy, and finance

3

Leveraging entrepreneurship as a key entry point to promote values and strengthen the engagement of young advocates for UNFPA's mandate.

4

The integration of women who have undergone obstetric fistula surgery into community associations, along with media engagement, creates socio-economic opportunities, fosters dialogue, raises awareness, combats rumors and discrimination, and helps break taboos

5

The integration of comprehensive sexuality education at all levels of the education system would enable close support for teachers and student leaders of school clubs.

6

Initiating discussions on the sensitive issue of social norms has helped to better define implementation strategies while considering barriers to social change



7. PARTNERS AND DONORS

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