



General country data

a) Figures

Total population (in millions)	12,46
Total number of refugees under UNHCR protection	146,1
IHDI	0.33
Gender inequality index	0.96
Maternal mortality per 100,000 births	320
Gini index	50.44
Social support	0.68
INFORM Index for risk management	5.3
Fragile State Index	91.3
Number of mine victims declared in the previous year (2015)	0
Total development assistance (in million USD)	1.082

International conventions and treaties signed by the country

- ➔ The Ottawa Treaty (Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction), ratified in 2002
- ➔ The Oslo Treaty (Convention on Cluster Munitions), ratified in 2011
- ➔ Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), ratified in 2008

b) Geopolitical analysis

Over the past decade, Rwanda has achieved significant economic and structural reforms and sustained growth with support from the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Through its 2020 vision, the government stepped forward towards transforming Rwanda into a middle-income country where Rwandans enjoy better health, education and prosperity.

As a member of the East African Community, Rwanda continues to be a hosting country for more than 75.162 Congolese refugees¹ from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), 92.840 Burundians and 8,727 asylum seekers².

¹ And 640 from other nationalities, registered as refugees by UNHCR, March 2018

1. Geographical/Demographical

Small in size (26.338 square kilometers) and landlocked, Rwanda is hilly and fertile with a densely packed population of about 12.46 million people (2018³). Rwanda is located in Central/Eastern Africa, and is bordered by the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the west, Uganda to the north, Tanzania to the east, and Burundi to the south. The central and western part of the country is dominated by a portion of the Albertine Rift Mountains that give way to forests, savannahs, plains and swamps as you move eastward. Despite its proximity to the equator, Rwanda has a moderate climate.

2. Political elements

The political, social and economic context of Rwanda was profoundly affected by the genocide against Tutsi perpetrated in 1994. Ever since, the country continues to deal with the consequences even though a rapid growth is noted throughout. Rwanda has guarded its political stability since 1994. In terms of governance, Rwanda has a semi-presidential regime, ruled by Rwandese Patriotic Front, the massively recognized party. Two legislative chambers are put in place: the Senate and the Parliament. In these two organs, women fill 64% of the seats. In December 2015, an amendment to the constitution paved the way for the re-election of President Paul Kagame in August 2017 now in his third 7-year term in office.

3. Socio-Economic elements

Rwanda's long-term development goals are defined in "Vision 2020," a strategy that seeks to transform the country from a low-income, agriculture-based economy to a knowledge-based, service-oriented economy with middle-income country status by 2020. In order to achieve this, the Government of Rwanda has come up with a medium-term strategy: the second Economic Development and Poverty Reduction Strategy (EDPRS 2). The latter aimed to: raise gross domestic product (GDP) per capita to \$1,000; reduce the percentage of the population living below the poverty line to less than 30%; and reduce the percentage of the population living in extreme poverty to less than 9%. These goals build on remarkable development successes over the last decade that include high growth, rapid poverty reduction and reduced inequality. Between 2001 and 2015, real GDP growth averaged at about 8% per annum⁴.

HI's work in Rwanda

HI began working in Rwanda in the wake of the Tutsi genocide in July 1994. Between 1994 and 1996, the organisation worked alongside many other NGOs to provide emergency assistance to a population thrown into extreme distress.

Between 1996 and 2000, the situation in Rwanda was one of relative social, political and administrative stability, during which HI embarked on longer-term activities and worked to improve the living conditions of vulnerable people, particularly people living with HIV/AIDS, offering them adapted support.

² seeking for registration as refugees by UNHCR

³ <http://worldpopulationreview.com/countries/rwanda-population/>









⁴ World Bank report, 2016

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Since 2001, HI has been contributing to the country's development, has broadened its activities and is developing projects in community-based violence prevention, education for all, community-based rehabilitation, physiotherapist training, preventing sexual violence against children, particularly disabled children, and care for people living with epilepsy.


Projects			
Health	Child and maternal health-Fight against epilepsy	Belgium Development Cooperation	1/01/2017 - 31/12/2021
Rehabilitation	Functional rehabilitation & Occupational therapy	Belgium Development Cooperation	1/01/2017 - 31/12/2021
Inclusion	Citizen and political participation for all	European Union	1/01/2016 - 30/06/2018
Education & Inclusion	Promoting Inclusive Learning in Rwanda	UNICEF	1/07/2015 - 30/06/2018 1/07/2018 - 30/06/2019
Rehabilitation & Inclusion	CBID & Community Based Rehabilitation	Belgium Development Cooperation	1/01/2017 - 31/12/2021
Protection	Fighting against gender, age and disability based violence through a community mental health approach	Swiss Development Cooperation	1/07/2014 - 31/12/2017
Protection	Ubuntu Care: Fighting sexual violence against children	French Development Agency (AFD)	1/01/2016 - 31/12/2018
Inclusion	Access to services for persons with specific needs in the refugee camps	UNHCR & United States' Bureau of Population Refugees and Migration (PRM)	01/08/2017 - 30/07/2018
Protection	Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in the refugee camps	United States' Bureau of Population Refugees and Migration (PRM)	01/08/2017 - 30/07/2018

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<p style="text-align: center;">UNHCR</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">PRM (Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration)</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">MAE LuxG</p>  <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">Directorate for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">French development agency (AFD)</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Swiss Development and Cooperation (DDC)</p>  <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft Confédération suisse Confederazione Svizzera Confederaziun svizra</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Direction du développement et de la coopération DDC</p>	

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Service sectors in which HI works in Rwanda and operational partnerships in progress

Sector of intervention /of services	Objective/s of the project/s in this sector (thematic)	Type of intervention (main activities)	Beneficiaries (nature and numbers)	Estimated number of beneficiaries at the end of the project	Operational partners	Location
 <p>Prevention & Health (MCH)</p>	<p>The maternal and child health & anti-epilepsy project aims to strengthen the management of epilepsy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for the supply of anti-epileptics to hospitals and health centers • Training of health professionals on prevention and management of epilepsy; • Monitoring children at risk of developing epilepsy; • Strengthening of the referencing system • Support for people with epilepsy through psychoeducational groups as well as awareness of the community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 46 Health providers of Rutsiro districts trained in B-Emnoc • 34 Health providers of Ngororero districts trained on Care and epilepsy treatment • 1962 People with epilepsy supervised and received psychological social support • 17 members trained on epilepsy integration in their sensitization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1257 Community Health Workers from Ngororero district • 89 Health providers of Rutsiro et Karongi districts trained in B-Emnoc • 34 Health providers of Ngororero districts trained on Care and epilepsy treatment • 2500 People with epilepsy supervised • 25 caregivers from 5 Early 	<p>MINISANTE / Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC), Global Epileptic Connection (GECO).</p>	<p>Rutsiro, Karongi, Rubavu, Nyabihu and Ngororero (Western Province).</p>

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			<p>routine activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 128 leaders from 64 psychoeducational group trained on full package of accompanying people with epilepsy 	<p>Childhood Development Centers trained on integration of children with epilepsy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 community based groups trained on community sensitization on epilepsy • Number of children with epilepsy • 125 Psycho-education group 		
 <p>Rehabilitation</p>	<p>The "Functional Rehabilitation" Project aims at providing more accessible and better quality functional rehabilitation services in Rwanda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to UR-CMHS to offer quality teaching by paying salaries of 3 expats lecturers in occupational Therapy department. • Contribution to the follow up of the quality teaching and to the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 41 OT students at UR-CMHS; • 4 OT expats lecturers including 1 resigned; • 2 OT working at Rwanda Military Hospital; • 13 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 105 OT students; • 5 OT expats lecturers ; • 4 OT Rwandan OT Lecturers; • 2 OT working at Rwanda Military Hospital; • 21 professionals 	<p>Ministry of Health, University of Rwanda- College of Medecine and Health Sciences (CMHS), Masaka District Hospital, Fracarita/HVP Gatagara-Gikondo; Fracarita/HVP</p>	<p>University of Rwanda - College of Medicine and Health Sciences (CMHS); Masaka District Hospital and Fracarita / HVP</p>


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		<p>development of the OT profession by facilitating the exchange between UR-CMHS and University of Gent department of OT and support to the curriculum review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Rwanda Occupational Therapy Association in organizing awareness raising about Occupational Therapy profession and its recognition among health care services. • Support HVP-Gatagara Nyanza and Gikondo, Masaka and Murunda District Hospital to work in synergy 	<p>professionals at Murunda and Masaka District hospitals;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 41 staff of HVP-Gatagara; • 5 users of functional rehabilitation services have been supported by HI 	<p>from Masaka and Murunda District Hospitals;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 41 staff of HVP-Gatagara; • 70 health professionals at Health Centers; • 72 Community Health workers and maternal health workers from Kicukiro and Rutsiro districts; • 32 Maternal health workers in Nyanza • 40 users of physical functional rehabilitation; • 10 health workers at 10 sites of clinical placement. 	<p>Gatagara- Nyanza; Murunda District Hospital, Rwanda Occupational Therapy Association (RWOTA)</p>	<p>Gatagara-Gikondo Rehabilitation Center in Kigali City; Fracarita / HVP Gatagara-Nyanza Rehabilitation Center, Nyanza District (Southern Province)</p>
	The and "Citizen political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of barriers and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 246 persons with disabilities / 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 320 persons with disabilities / 	The Ministry of Local Government	Gasabo & Nyamasheke

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<p>Disability rights & policy</p>	<p>participation for all" project aims to promote respect for the civil and political rights of all Rwandan citizens through the effective and full social and political participation of the most marginalized people.</p>	<p>potentialities for citizen related to citizen participation of persons with disabilities and vulnerable people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training of persons with disabilities / vulnerable people and their Representatives on Human Rights (CRPD), Citizenship and Legal framework for Electoral Processes in Rwanda. • Developing the capacity of persons with disability and vulnerable people to communicate and access information related to electoral process. • Examine the legal and regulatory framework of the elections in Rwanda and providing technical 	<p>vulnerable people and their representatives trained.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 persons with disabilities / vulnerable people and their representatives from 4 CSOs trained on intellectual and psychosocial disability. • 101 Volunteers of the National Electoral Commission and local authorities trained on CRPD, citizenship and legal framework of electoral processes. • 40 journalists and media 	<p>vulnerable people and their representatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 people with disabilities and their representatives from 4 civil society organizations. • 101 Volunteers of the electoral commission and local authorities. • 60 journalists and media representatives. • 99 people with hearing loss and their families. 	<p>(MINALOC), the National Council of Persons with Disabilities (NCPD) and the National Electoral Commission.</p>	<p>districts</p>
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		<p>recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elaborating an advocacy plan document to amend legal and organizational for persons with disabilities 	<p>representatives trained on "Media and Citizen Participation of persons with disabilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 58 Persons with hearing loss and their families participated in sign language literacy 			
 <p>Inclusion</p>	<p>The project "Promoting Inclusive Learning (PIL) for children with disabilities in Rwandan schools" aims to support the promotion of inclusive learning in Rwanda.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of inclusive curricula for Teacher Training Colleges (TTCs) • Monitoring the application of inclusive pedagogical principles, • Promoting learning for children with intellectual disabilities in 5 sample schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National inclusive education guiding documents developed; • 7 TTCs' curricula reviewed inclusively • 7.022 educational practitioners trained; • 895 children with 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 270 children with disabilities and those with special educational needs enrolled in 18 inclusive schools • 13 TTCs' curricula were to be reviewed inclusively • 3,813 teachers/educators working in 	<p>16 teacher training colleges (TTCs) and 5 resource / special schools: CEFAPEK, Ubumwe Community Center, KOMERA, HRD Muhanga and AMIZERO Center.</p>	<p>Ruhango, Nyarugenge, Ngororero, Rulindo, Kayonza, Bugesera, Gasabo, Nyamasheke, Rusizi, Rubavu, Rwamagana, Burera, Nyagatare and Kamonyi districts,</p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand access for children with disabilities and special educational needs in 18 mainstream/ inclusive schools 	<p>disabilities enrolled in 18 model inclusive schools;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 TTC tutors trained on inclusive pedagogical approaches and methods 3,168 Pre-services teachers trained inclusive pedagogical approaches and methods 	<p>inclusive and special schools trained on inclusive pedagogical approaches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 tutors and 300 pre-service teachers in Teacher Training Colleges (TTC) 3,720 pre-service teachers to be trained on inclusive pedagogy 540 parents-members of Inclusive and Special school psycho-educative committees 		
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 <p>Inclusive Local Development</p>	<p>The Community-Based Local Inclusive-Development Project (DLI / RBC) aims to provide persons with disabilities with better access to health, education, employment, sports and leisure services through a mixture of approaches including community-based inclusive development (CBID), Personalized Social Support (PSS) and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct awareness campaigns at community level • Conduct Awareness complain at service providers' level • Provide a personalized social support • Support to local and national DPOs and parents groups • Accessibility support to service providers : accessible playground for PwDs • Institutional support to RBC and NCPD to develop CBR guidelines and reinforcement of the national Technical working group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 theatre clubs formed • 8 awareness campaigns conducted at community level • 8915 Persons sensitized on inclusion and access to services • 916 PWDs sensitized on access to services, advocacy and inclusion • 27 DMOs trained on access to services • 10 DPOs of 375 members supported for implementing advocacy plan • 1 CBR Guidelines developed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 groups of 194 members created • 42 awareness campains on services, advocacy and inclusion raised • 62.405 persons community members in 17 sectors • 31 Disability Mainstreaming Officers at district level • 133 leaders of National council of person with disability leaders at district and sectors level • 510 PwDs members of self-help group • 58 volunteers identified and trained • 1 860 parents members of 	<p>Ministry of Local Government (MINALOC), Troupe de personnes handicapées de Twuzuzanye (THT), Association Générale des Handicapés du Rwanda (AGHR), National Union of Disability's Organizations in Rwanda (NUDOR) et Action for Inclusive Education Development in Rwanda (AIEDR).</p>	<p>4 sectors of Kayonza District (Eastern Province) and 13 sectors of Rutsiro District (Western Province).</p>
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	<p>Access to Services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support to NCPD leaders – DMOs at district and sectors level 		<p>parents groups 62 parents groups • 124 parents trained on inclusive education</p>		
 <p>Health prevention Inclusion</p>	 <p>and &</p> <p>The project "Prevention and management of gender, age and disability-related violence through a community mental health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empower communities' mechanisms for prevention and protection of vulnerable people against violence based on gender, age and disability. Providing victims 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5,800 beneficiaries (65% women, 10% children and 25% males) of whom 5% are elderly people 	<p>Fondation Tumurere & Association pour l'Encadrement Sûr des Enfants Orphelins et autres enfants vulnérables de KIVUMU (APESEK).</p>	<p>The project is implemented in the districts of Rutsiro and Gasabo.</p>

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	<p>approach" aims to fight against violence based on gender, age and disability (VBGAH) through a community mental health approach.</p>	<p>with holistic care and supporting actions to reduce risk factors for vulnerability to violence based on gender, age and disability.</p>				
  <p>Health and prevention & Inclusion</p>	<p>"Ubuntu Care: Addressing Sexual Violence against Girls and Boys Including with Disabilities" aims to see that children, families, communities, services and authorities establish and replicate child protection safety nets protecting minors, including</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fight against children's abuse and violence • Supporting survivors and their caregivers for immediate assistance and longer-term rehabilitation and inclusion in Rwanda 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.579 children at risk of sexual violence • 135 child survivors from sexual violence (32) and/or children with disability isolated (103) , • 200 members of the child survivors or isolated children with disability families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6300 children at risk of sexual violence • 400 child survivors from sexual violence (250) and/or children with disability isolated (150) , • 200 members of the child survivors or isolated children with disability families 	<p>Association pour l'Encadrement Sûr des Enfants Orphelins et autres enfants vulnérables de KIVUMU (APESEK).</p>	<p>4 sectors of Rutsiro District: Mushubati, Gihango, Ruhango and Boneza</p>

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	children with disabilities, from sexual violence.					
 <p>Inclusion & Protection in the refugee camps</p>	<p>The project “Strengthening inclusion and access to services for persons with specific needs (persons with disabilities and elderly people)” aims at improving the capacities to deliver inclusive services, following a CBR approach.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support needs of persons with disabilities in refugee camps • Empowering disability committees to lead their self-advocacy and improving service providers’ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.350 persons with specific needs (refugees with disability and elderly) 	<p>At the end of the project, it is expected to reach a total number of 7.118 beneficiaries (3.096 PwD and 4.022 elderly)</p>	<p>THT, NPC, BSF</p>	<p>7 Congolese and Burundian refugee camps and 2 urban areas of Huye & Kigali</p>
 <p>Inclusion & Protection in the refugee camps</p>	<p>The project “Mental Health & Psychosocial support” aims to promote mental health and psychosocial support services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports the provision of psychosocial support through individual counselling and healing groups. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.224 person with mental health and psychosocial support needs in refugee camps of Kiziba, Gihembe, 	<p>At the end of the project, it is expected to reach a total number of 8.224 beneficiaries</p>	<p>THT, NPC, BSF</p>	<p>7 Congolese and Burundian refugee camps and 2 urban areas of Huye & Kigali</p>

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