



Twiteho amagara: "let's take care of our own health"
Strengthening the resilience of the Burundian population

Country

Burundi

Population

1,634,421
Cibitoke, Kayanza and Ngozi
provinces

Duration

2019 - 2022

Donors

European Union

Partners

WeWorld-GVC,
Medica Mondiale,
Pathfinder International

Background

Burundi is one of the fragile states in the East Africa Community. The 2015 socio-political crisis had negative effects on the country, particularly on public finances and the formal sector and has had a direct impact on health and education. The overall health situation is very critical throughout the country as people cannot easily access health services.

Twiteho Amagara means 'let's take care of our health'. It aims to strengthen the Burundian health system and contribute to the resilience of Burundi's population by meeting the specific needs of the population.

Funded by the European Union, the programme is implemented in the 17 provinces of Burundi by five consortia composed of INGOs. Over a period of 36 months, this programme will benefit more than 9.7 million people.

HealthNet TPO is the consortium lead and implements activities in Cibitoke, Kayanza and Ngozi with the help of its partners WeWorld-GVC, Medica Mondiale and Pathfinder International.

Project objectives

The project aims to contribute to increasing universal access to quality health services including sexual and reproductive health rights (SRHR) and mental health and psychosocial support services (MHPSS), as well as addressing the specific health needs of populations affected by natural disasters and epidemics via three expected results:

- Improve the population's access to quality health services;
- Increase access to quality, holistic sexual and reproductive health programmes, and prevention of gender-based violence, targeting youth, adolescents and women;
- Reinforce the capacity of the health system to provide a quality response to humanitarian public health situations and health emergencies.

Activities

HealthNet TPO is implementing the following main activities:

- Support the provincial committees' MEAL system in collecting and verifying data;
- Strengthen referral and collaboration systems between different health services;
- Provide MHPSS and SRHR trainings to health workers;
- Raise community mobilisation and awareness on MHPSS issues;
- Implement SRHR activities in schools such as mobile cinema, games drawing/poem contests, creation of a family planning booklet;
- Set up youth theatre activities and group discussions on gender-based violence issues.

The activities of our partner organisations include:

WeWorld - GVC:

- Nutrition and WASH activities;
- Support for an effective national surveillance and monitoring system for the surveillance and response to diseases with epidemic potential;
- Creation of an emergency fund that can be easily mobilised in the event of an epidemic or health event.

Medica Mondiale:

- Develop and implement a preventive educational programme on sexual gender-based violence among young people;
- Provide holistic support to women who suffered from gender-based violence: family and community care, free medical care and psychosocial support, socio-professional reintegration;
- Support mobile legal clinics offering legal information and assistance in legal proceedings

Pathfinder International:

- Provide trainings to health workers on adequate obstetric care and obstetric/neonatal emergencies for safer pregnancies and care of the newborn child;
- Provide trainings to health workers on the prevention, early detection and management of precancerous cervical cancer and contraception for men and women;
- Increase awareness about the use of maternal health and family planning services, promote dialogue and communication with religious and community leaders to remove socio-cultural and religious barriers.

With support from



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