



FVS-AMIE DES ENFANTS

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Our mission is to contribute to the development of orphans and other vulnerable children through access to basic social services and to combat gender-based inequalities

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Foreword



Dear Partners, Sponsors and Friends,

Thanks to your collaboration, FVS-Amie des Enfants has been able to serve a greater number of children in need, by improving both the quality and consistency of the support provided.

As a result, 33,579 children who had not been registered at birth were able to obtain birth certificates, giving them an identity and access to basic social services.

Over 76,022 vulnerable children received school kits, enabling them to attend school without worry, thanks to the efforts of partner solidarity groups, while 284 young people not attending school were able to learn a trade in order to become economically independent.

At the institutional level, FVS-Amie des Enfants has adopted a new strategic plan to guide our work over the next five years. Particular emphasis has been placed on gender equality as an important factor in sustainable development.

In order to modernize its working system, the organization has acquired new monitoring and evaluation software, while the accounting system has been improved to meet the complexity of operations as the Association grows.

FVS-Amie des Enfants's team and the children who benefit from its work would like to express their sincere thanks to all those who, in one way or another, have helped to improve the situation of so many vulnerable children and their families in Burundi.

To Protect a Child is to Prepare the Future

We wish you all the best for 2023.

Spès Nihangaza
Co-Founder and Legal Representative
FVS-Amie des Enfants

INTRODUCTION

Registered with Burundian authorities in 1992, FVS-Amie des Enfants has just completed its thirtieth year of existence. In the course of 2022, the organization adopted a new five-year strategic plan, which defines the major orientations for the period 2022-2026. While maintaining its strategic objectives and adapting to current needs, the mission and vision have been redefined as follows:

FVS-Amie des Enfants's Vision:

FVS-Amie des Enfants's vision is to be a leader in development in Burundi for the well-being of children, while helping to build a solidary society for the recovery of vulnerable people with gender equity.

FVS-Amie des Enfants's Mission:

To contribute to the development of vulnerable children through access to basic social services and to combat gender-based inequalities.

FVS-Amie des Enfants's Values:

- Integrity
- Primacy of children's best interests
- Non-discrimination
- Equity
- Solidarity
- Compassion
- Political independence
- Religious tolerance
- Empowerment of beneficiaries

Areas of Intervention

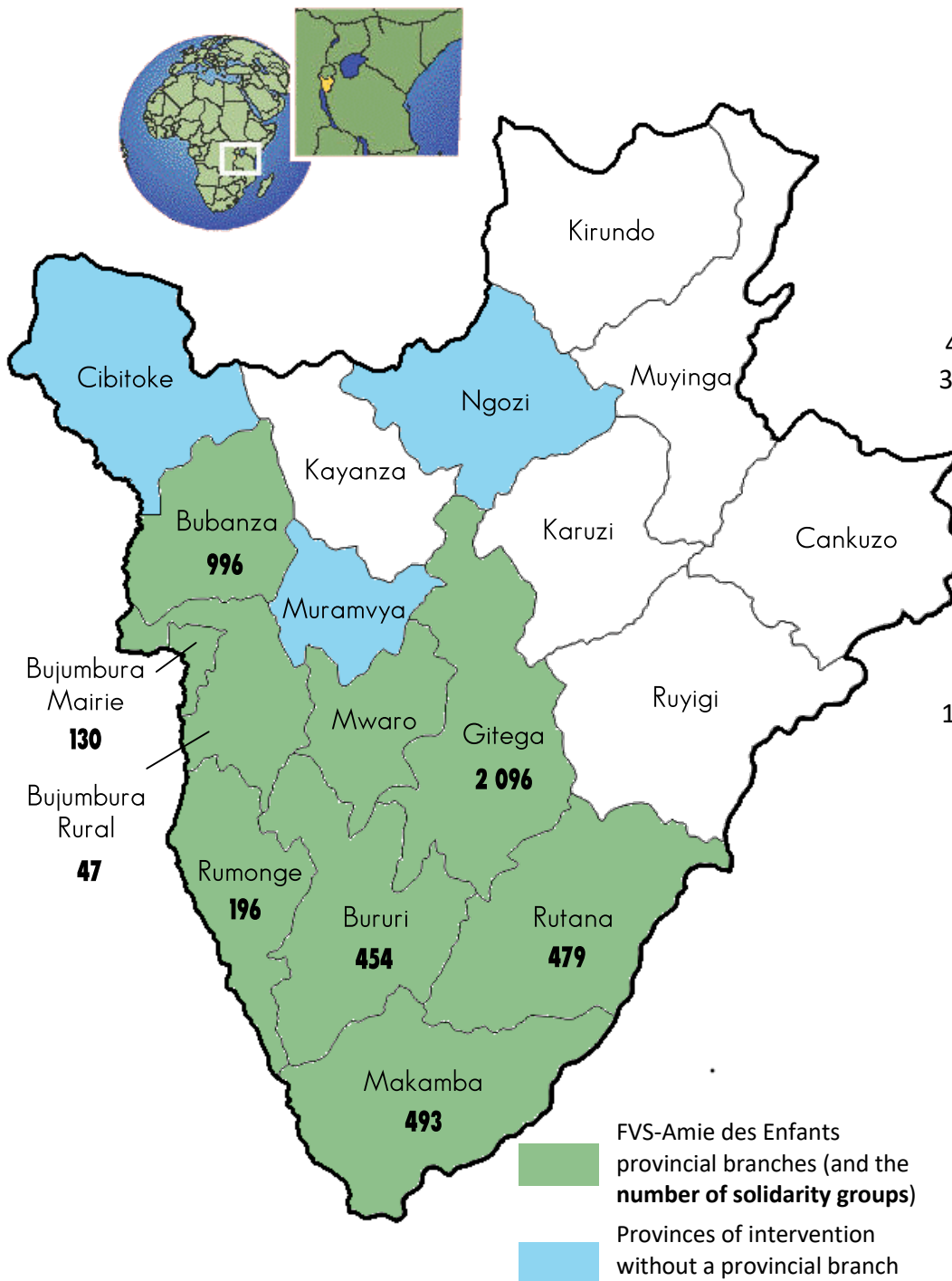
FVS-Amie des Enfants's main areas of intervention are as follows:

1. Protection and defense of children's rights and the fight against gender-based inequalities
2. Education and psychosocial support for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC)
3. Health, the fight against HIV/AIDS, Covid 19 and the promotion of community health mutuals
4. Economic strengthening of households caring for OVC

In order to carry out the Organization's mission, coordination and development missions have been organized.

FVS-Amie des Enfants' Geographical Zones of Intervention

In 2022, FVS-Amie des Enfants activities covered 12 of Burundi's 18 provinces in Burundi.



Who are our beneficiaries ?

In 2022, FVS-Amie des Enfants provides support for

4,859 solidarity groups and 32 registered and functional communal cooperatives



They are comprised of 137,398 members including



101,264 women and 26,134 men

providing care for 80,732 OVC including



45,260 girls and 35,472 boys

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Protection and defense of children's rights and the fight against gender-based inequalities

Since its creation in 1992, FVS-Amie des Enfants has always been a major force in the protection and defense of children's rights.

During the year 2022, this component was further strengthened through collaboration with Child Protection Committees (CPC) and Solidarity Groups (SG) in the care of orphans and other vulnerable children.

The main achievements are as follows:

- Reminder and dissemination of the staff code of conduct on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and abuse.
- **Registration of births for 33,579 children** (22,016 girls and 11,563 boys) who were not registered at birth. Over 80% are repatriates, mainly from Tanzania.
- **Family councils set up for 732 orphans** (284 girls and 408 boys).
- **Family reunification for 346 children** (199 girls and 147 boys). These are minors who have left their families to immigrate covertly to Tanzania in search of work, as well as children who find themselves on the street because they have nothing to eat at home, or orphans mistreated by their guardians.
- **Facilitation of amicable settlement of disputes involving 800 children** (253 girls and 547 boys). These mainly

concerned land-related issues, the only inheritance for the vast majority of Burundian children.



15 year old Justin **IBEREYAMASHIMWE** is warmly welcomed by his parents on the day of family reunification on Gikwazo hill in Bururi Province



IBEREYAMASHIMWE Justin (above) between his father, mother and other family members

- There is also legal assistance for disputes that have gone beyond the scope of community mediation. **In this area, 634 children (353 boys and 281 girls) were defended** by FVS-Amie des Enfants lawyers and legal assistants, and 238 beneficiaries (147 boys and 91 girls) had their rights restored.
- Among the beneficiaries of legal assistance, **58 victims of gender-based violence were defended in court.**
- Noting the gender-based violence observed in the community, **we organized gender training sessions**

for FVS-Amie des Enfants staff, representatives of children's rights protection committees and solidarity groups, and heads of partner basic schools. A total of **1,474 people were trained** (910 women and 564 men).



Registration of births in Makamba, commune Nyanza-Lac, Muyange zone, where the majority of returnees from Tanzania are registered

Education and psychosocial support for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC)



Participation of the Governor of the Province of Bururi in the Solidarity Group (SG) school kit distribution campaign for OVC

FVS-Amie des Enfants has continued to strengthen the families caring for OVC in solidarity groups. One of their missions is to contribute to the schooling of OVC under their supervision.

- Facilitation of the provision of school kits to vulnerable children by partner SGs partners. During the year, these solidarity groups were able to save **476,104,322 Burundian francs in the OVC fund**, which contributed to the purchase of **school kits for 76,022 children** (48,154 girls and 27,868 boys).



Children's joy after receiving school kits from solidarity groups

- **School re-enrollment: 8,764 OVC** (5,018 girls and 3,746 boys) who had

dropped out of school during the year were enrolled back.

- **57 orphans and vulnerable children** (38 girls and 19 boys), including 4 new students in September 2022, were enrolled at our secondary school "Amie des Enfants" (in Matana, Bururi). Since 2014, our school provides quality education for orphans and vulnerable children who cannot afford to complete secondary education.
- **53 students from our school "Amie des Enfants" graduated** and received their high school diploma.
- **15 young graduates** of the "Amie des Enfants" school are able to attend university thanks to support from the International Cooperation of Monaco.
- **Vocational training for 284 out-of-school young OVC** (171 girls and 113 boys) in various trades (sewing, welding, culinary arts, beauty salon, car mechanics and bakery).



Ceremony to award certificates to young people following vocational training in the commune of Gitega

- **Professional insertion of 133 young people** who have benefited from vocational training. They have been able to benefit from jobs that provide them with an income, while others have been helped to start up

production thanks to the trade they have learned.

- Psychosocial support for vulnerable children: **in 2022, we identified a total of 2,047 children** (1,312 girls and 735 boys) with psychosocial difficulties. Of these, 2,033 children (1,311 girls and 722 boys) were referred to various health structures for medical follow-up. In turn, FVS-Amie des Enfants staff continued to monitor the psychological and social needs of vulnerable children.



Out-of-school youth getting hands-on training in culinary arts in Bujumbura Province



Out-of-school youth in mechanics training, Gitega commune

Health, the fight against HIV/AIDS, Covid 19 and the promotion of community health mutuals

The main achievements are as follows:

- With regard to the fight against Covid-19, **110,238 people have been made aware of distancing measures to prevent the disease.** These included 92,165 members of solidarity groups and 18,073 young people benefiting from various services. They were also encouraged to undergo voluntary screening and vaccination.
- In the fight against child malnutrition, **28,098 parents / guardians and members of solidarity groups benefited from nutritional education sessions.**
- In terms of medical and psychosocial care, the Bururi and Mabanda medical and social centers are **monitoring 972 people living with HIV/AIDS**, including ARV treatment.



Awareness-raising session for SG members on nutrition education in Bukemba commune, Rutana province

- In the area of prevention of parent-to-child transmission of HIV, 520 women are on the PMTCT protocol, with effective monitoring to ensure proper

follow-up. These patients all benefit from biological monitoring and psychosocial support. Some HIV/AIDS activities are carried out under the USAID-funded "WIYIZIRE" project, which FVS-Amie des Enfants is implementing in consortium with COPED as the lead partner and other organizations. In provinces where we have no social medical centers, people living with HIV are referred to public health structures for medical care.



One of the nurses at our Socio-Medical Center in Bururi providing health services

- With the aim of enabling financial access to healthcare for low-income people and OVC and their foster families in particular, FVS-Amie des Enfants created in 2012; the "Tuzokira Twese" community mutuals (MTT).

During the year 2022, **3,661 households** have joined the **MTT health mutuals**, comprising **14,157** beneficiaries (5,028 women and 9,129 men), including cards held by 202 OVC (118 girls and 84 boys) living in single households and purchased by members of solidarity groups.



Family photo after an exchange session on the "MTT" community health card in Rumonge commune

Economic strengthening of households caring for OVC

In order to reduce poverty in OVC households, the development of the "Nawe n'uze" approach has been one of the avenues adopted by FVS-Amie des Enfants. This has involved the creation and development of children's solidarity groups made up of OVC parent/guardian households. From there, we organize the reinforcement of the members of the solidarity groups to increase financial literacy in order to increase the incomes of their members and to be able to provide for the basic needs of the beneficiary children.

In 2022, FVS-Amie des Enfants supervised **4,859 solidarity groups made up of 137,398 members (101,264 women and 26,134 men) looking after 80,732 OVC** (45,260 girls and 35,472 boys). On average, each solidarity group member has contributed 26,631 Burundian francs to the three funds.

Moreover, FVS-Amie des Enfants already supervises **32 communal cooperatives** grouping together solidarity groups.

In the course of 2022, we've continued to pursue our system of connecting mature solidarity groups to DUKUZE IBIBONDO Microfinance, with the aim of increasing the income of these solidarity group member households. A total of **726 solidarity groups have gained access to loans, and 14,143 members have received individual loans within their solidarity groups.**

FVS-Amie des Enfants, in collaboration with Spark MicroGrants, has succeeded in improving the incomes of communities caring for vulnerable children through FCAP communities mentoring of income generating activities in the provinces of Bururi, Makamba and Bujumbura. A total of **57 cooperatives have integrated the FCAP** (Facilitated Collective Actions Process) approach.



Solidarity groups exchange sessions during which members contribute every week to fund income generating activities (shops selling agricultural goods, agribusiness, raising livestock, brick-making, renting motorcycles, etc)

Organizational Coordination and Development

As part of the general coordination of the organization's activities, quarterly supervisory visits were made to the 9 FVS-Amie des Enfants provincial branches and the "Amie des Enfants" secondary school in Matana by FVS-Amie des Enfants legal representative, as well as the technical advisors from the Program and Finance Departments. In turn, the Provincial Branch Coordinators made field visits to monitor activities. In addition to coordination meetings between head office and the branches, weekly planning meetings were also organized.

In terms of staff capacity-building, **all FVS-Amie des Enfants staff received training in the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Policy; 30 employees were trained in Monitoring and Evaluation software and 15 employees were trained in double-entry accounting software. 269 representatives of the "Imboneza=Leaders" solidarity group networks were also strengthened to enable them to fulfill their mission of providing local support to the solidarity groups spread across**

various hills. FVS-Amie des Enfants received support from Care International: to set up a Gender Policy and draw up its 2022-2026 Strategic Plan.



Supervision of activities by the Legal Representative of FVS-Amie des Enfants of the members of the Solidarity Groups employing the "Nawe n'uze" approach in Mutaho commune, Gitega province.

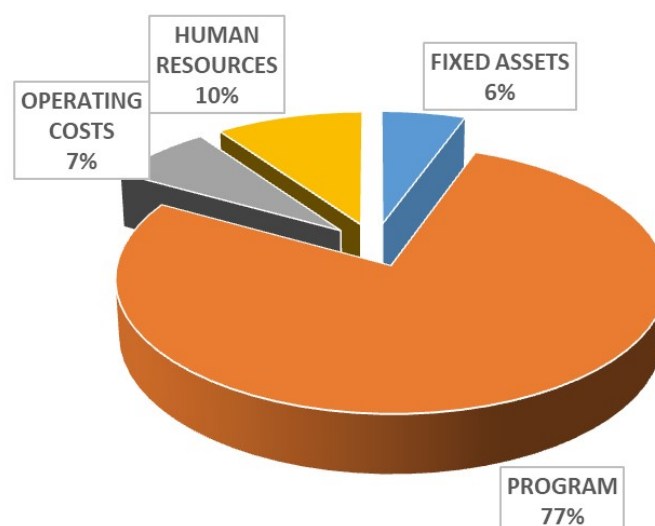
Lastly, with regard to statutory meetings, the meetings of the Executive Committee, the Supervisory Board and the General Meeting of FVS-Amie des Enfants members were held in accordance with regulations.

2022 Financial Report

2022 Budget Allocation

Budget Item	Budget Utilized (FBu)	Budget Utilized (USD)
Fixed Assets	237,622,963	114,517
Program	3,289,553,786	1,585,327
➤ <i>Protection and defense of children's rights and the fight against gender-based inequalities</i>	1,207,289,826	581,826
➤ <i>Economic strengthening of households caring for OVC</i>	1,358,780,199	654,834
➤ <i>Education and psychosocial support for OVC</i>	306,938,875	147,922
➤ <i>Health, the fight against HIV/AIDS, Covid 19 and the promotion of community health mutuals</i>	416,544,885	200,745
Operating Costs	302,409,578	145,740
Human Resources	418,809,683	201,836
Total Employment	4,248,396,010	2,047,420

SUMMARY OF THE 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT



2022 Resources

Resources	Amount (FBu)	Amount (USD)
2021 Carryover	305,496,650	147,227
Project financing	3,928,869,382	1,893,431
Auto-financing	119,086,186	57,391
Total resources received in 2022	4,047,955,568	1,950,822
Total budget available in 2022	4,353,452,218	2,098,049

FVS-Amie des Enfants extends its warmest thanks to the donors and financial partners who have made it possible to achieve the results we have in 2022

Donor/Partner	Funding in FBu	Funding in USD
UNICEF MERANKABANDI	735,394,980	354,407
COPED	618,845,502	298,239
CARE	460,866,140	222,104
ONU-FEMME	419,077,948	201,965
FONDATION ARCANUM	302,226,082	145,651
SPARK	222,986,282	107,463
WAR CHILD/UNICEF	202,002,902	97,351
SEGAL FAMILY FOUNDATION	201,175,250	96,952
KIYO-UNION EUROPEENNE	191,861,993	92,464
DIRECTION DE COOPERATION INTERNATIONALE DE MONACO	165,885,733	79,945
KIYO-DGD	143,513,965	69,163
UNICEF VACCINATION	109,169,902	52,612
GIZ SANTE	85,035,039	40,981
FIGHT AIDS MONACO	44,491,527	21,442
UNICEF PROJET LUMIERE	16,825,737	8,109
FEDERATION LUTHERIENNE MONDIALE	9,040,000	4,357

Outlook for 2023

Since 1992, the mission of FVS-Amie des Enfants has been to carry out activities aimed at the well-being of children in general, and orphans and other vulnerable children (OVC) in particular. Gradually, the organization began to focus on activities of on fostering development. Indeed, the creation and strengthening of solidarity groups comprising OVC households has been a success towards the gradual economic empowerment of these members. It is this success that has led to the creation of solidarity group cooperatives and communal networks, which generate enough income to meet the basic needs of needy children.

As such, for the year 2023, the priorities for FVS-Amie des Enfants are the following:

1. Training of solidarity group (SG) members in hillside networks to enable them to better monitor local SG;
2. Organization of planning and reporting meetings with representatives of hillside and communal networks;
3. Ongoing collaboration with the Ministry of National Solidarity to further strengthen the activities of the Committees for the Protection of Children's Rights (CPCs);
4. Revitalization of the Makamba and Bururi Socio-Medical Centers;
5. Mobilization of financial resources to effectively carry out the Organization's mission as set out in the new strategic plan;
6. Maintaining strong partnership with the Administration, Sector Services and Financial Partners.