



BURUNDI



Country Facts



- ACORD has been working in Burundi since 1994.
- ACORD works in the provinces of: Bubanza, Bujumbura Rural, Bujumbura Mairie, Bururi, Cankuzo, Cibitoke, Citega, Karusi, Kayanza, Makamba, Muramvya, Ngozi, Rumonge et Ruyigi.
- ACORD partners with 1150 civil society organisations in Burundi.
- The ACORD team in Burundi is comprised of 120 staff, 100% of whom are Burundian.
- Last year, ACORD programs touched the lives of 266,071 Burundians in the most marginalised, hard to reach communities.



ACORD (Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development) is a Pan-African non-governmental organisation that has been working for social justice and development in Africa since 1976. Our work is guided by a number of fundamental values and working principles, chief amongst these is our belief that people themselves are the primary actors in their own development.

ACORD works in common cause with people who are poor and those who have been denied their rights to obtain social justice and development and, ultimately, to become part of locally-rooted citizen movements. ACORD has facilitated the emergence of over 2000 strong and autonomous grassroots organisations across Africa.

Country Priorities

From 2016 to 2019, ACORD is pursuing the following objectives in Burundi:

RESILIENT LIVELIHOODS

- **Specific Objective 1:** To contribute to improving the technical and political conditions for achieving food security and food sovereignty. The expected result is improved access to means of production, economic opportunities, and skills for rural populations which will contribute to an overall increase in agricultural production and income.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES PROMOTION

- **Specific Objective 2:** Promote learning, build capacity, and the development of effective partnership to influence the thinking, practices and policies related to the right to health and the fight against HIV / AIDS in Burundi. The desired outcome of such actions is that the right to health is integrated in the workplace, in ACORD programs, and among partners.

PEACE BUILDING AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

- **Specific Objective 3:** Promote social dialogue and active engagement of marginalised communities to encourage respect for human rights, gender equality and peacebuilding in Burundi. The expected results are an adoption of a “culture of dialogue” as a means of understanding the causes of conflict and how to properly rehabilitate and reintegrate victims of conflict into society. The promotion of community dialogue will also create an enabling environment for gender equality and ensure that the fight against gender-based violence is promoted.

OUR PARTNERS:

ACORD participates in the international NGOs Network (RESO), network for peace and reconciliation (REPARE) and the network for education in gender and development (RENAFOGED). ACORD also works with a number of UN organisations including UN Women, Food and Agriculture Organisation, World Food Programme, UNESCO, as well as IFAD and Government ministries at national and decentralized levels and research institutions. Funding partners include CCFD - Terre Solidaire, Fondation Roi Baudouin, Oxfam, IFAD, UNDP, Big Lottery Fund, FAO, and WFP.

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ACORD in Burundi

Present in Burundi since 1994, ACORD conducts pro-poor interventions that are contextually appropriate and adaptive to shifting dynamics. Thus, five strategic programs have already been implemented in contexts of civil war, embargo, insecurity, endemic and persistent poverty, massive human rights violations, return of refugees, land conflicts and impunity. ACORD's responses to these contexts were focused on socio-economic reintegration of victims of war, rapprochement of communities divided by conflict, community participation, revitalization of the rural economy, consolidation of social peace, social dialogue and conflict transformation, promotion and protection of human rights in general and in vulnerable communities in particular, poverty reduction through food and income security programs, and sustainable development principles.

Analysis of the most recent outbreak of violence in Burundi shows that many problems are not yet solved, and ACORD is investing in improving human security through its "Program for Strengthening Citizen Participation for Human Security and Sustainable Development in Burundi." Human security is analysed in its multi-sectoral dimensions: economic, food, political, health, environmental, personal and community.

The added value of ACORD's approach is as follows:

- 1) Building on previous achievements: ACORD will reinforce the previous achievements in connection with the consolidation of peace in Burundi. ACORD will further leverage its expertise in social dialogue for conflict transformation.
- 2) Building on the understanding of the concept human security: By using human security as a lens, ACORD puts the human person at the centre of development and makes each individual responsible for the change necessary for well-being.
- 3) Integration of Climate Change: ACORD's actions in the area of food security and the right to health are particularly impacted by climate change and it is therefore imperative to integrate pro-climate and pro-resilience approaches into these specific program portfolios.
- 4) Promotion of the right to health for the welfare of the population: Such a broad approach enables ACORD to act on all the factors affecting the health among marginalised populations.

Project Spotlight

Promoting Food Sovereignty:

Through an ongoing partnership with IFAD, ACORD is contributing to the improvement of the technical approaches and political conditions necessary for the realization of food sovereignty; notably through the mainstreaming of a participatory approach to the creation of communal development plans in all municipalities across the country; the organisation of small producers in social movements to defend their interests; the structuring and strengthening of associations of small producers; improving agricultural production especially for rice, maize, milk, pineapple, and vegetable crops as well as the management of rice paddies, watersheds; the distribution of livestock and the support of marginalised populations to access economic opportunities and income enhancement.

Project Spotlight

Women's Empowerment Mainstreaming and Networking Program:

ACORD is delivering a project aimed at Integrating Household Methodology (HHM) into agricultural extension, value chains, and rural finance in Sub-Saharan Africa. The general objective is to contribute to an increase in the food, nutritional and income security of the poor households in the municipalities of Nyanza Lac and Kayogoro in the province of Makamba.

More specifically the project aims to develop and implement household plans to address gender inequalities, to improve livelihoods, and to find best practices for households to cope with socio-economic shocks. The project will also improve the effectiveness of programs to integrate transformative gender tools, social change strategies and participatory decision-making in agricultural facilitation, rural finance, and value chains for a more inclusive and demand-driven approach targeting poor rural households.

2016 Impact in Numbers:

142,697

Women were reached

1,595

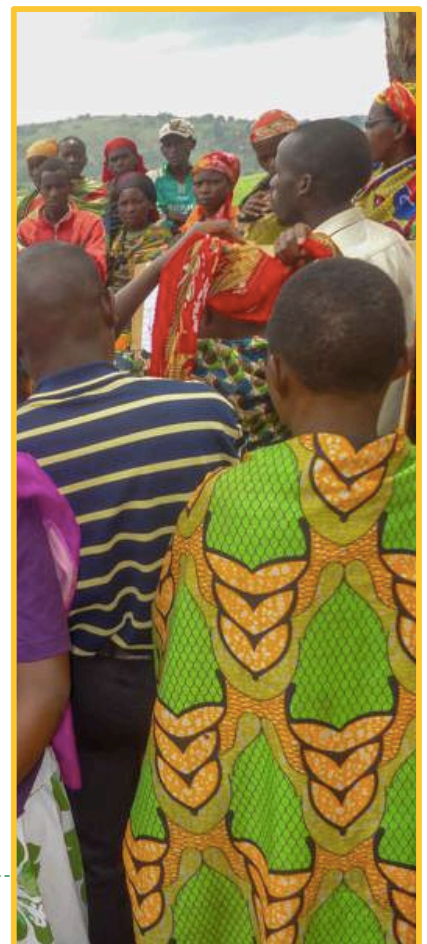
Civil Society Organisations have enhanced capacities

60,000

Individuals have increased access to basic services

36,000

Beneficiaries have adopted enhanced livelihoods strategies



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