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## Semi-annual report 2025

MUGWIZE AMAHORU TUYAGABE MU KINYEJANA CYACU

## DEAR PARTNER

### **Gratitude for Your Support and Collaboration**

On behalf of the AJECL team, we sincerely appreciate your unwavering support and collaboration throughout 2025. Your dedication has been instrumental in advancing our shared mission.

Together, we have successfully implemented impactful initiatives in peace education and youth empowerment through the Gwizamahoro Program 2100. This program continues to shape our growth, deepen our experience, and refine our lessons, enabling us to expand our reach and impact among youth in Rwanda and the broader Great Lakes region.

Your expertise, commitment, and shared vision have allowed us to create meaningful change. Through collective action, we have positively influenced many lives, reinforcing our mission to address critical challenges that hinder sustainable peace and development. Your continued partnership is essential in making lasting transformation a reality for the young generation, who are at the heart of societal progress, both now and in the future.

Once again, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your invaluable support. We look forward to strengthening our collaboration and achieving even greater impact together.

Father Iyakaremye Theogene

Founder & Executive Director, AJECL



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## INTRODUCTION

AJECL (Youth Association of Saint Charles Lwanga) was created in October 2004, in the District of Nyarugenge, Saint Charles Lwanga Catholic Parish of Nyamirambo. It was founded by Father Iyakaremye Théogene helped by a group of young people from the Nyamirambo Parish, with encouragement from the late Father Emmanuel Gasana, who was then Parish priest. It obtained legal personality in 2008 by ministerial decree No. 58/11 of 04/18/2008 published in the Official Journal of 01/26/2009.

It was registered by RGB (Rwanda Governance Board) on 06/11/2013.

### **THE OBJECTIVES AND VALUES PROMOTED BY AJECL:**

According to its statutes, the general objective of AJECL is to help young people to become aware of the current problems they face and to find adequate solutions for a better future ("Mens sana in corpore sano")..

**THERE ARE 4 SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES, NAMELY:**

- a) Promote the Christian spirit among young people,
- b) Fight against poverty through the culture of savings and job creation,
- c) To fight against Life threats and take care of people affected by them
- d) To promote the culture of Peace.

**THERE 5 KEY VALUES FAVORED BY AJECL**

The key values favored by AJECL were chosen either because they were little appreciated in daily life, or because their interpretation did not contribute to the consolidation of lasting peace.

They are: truth, freedom, tolerance, fraternity and patriotism.

**INTERVENTION ZONES:**

During this year, AJECL's key activities were concentrated in 24 sectors of the 9 districts in Three provinces and the City of Kigali.

These are the Mageragere and Kigali sectors of the Nyarugenge district; Ndera and Jabana sectors of Gasabo district, and Gahanga of Kicukiro district in the city of Kigali. Mayange, Kamabuye, Ngeruka, Ruhuha, Nyarugenge and Shyara sectors of Bugesera district in the EASTERN province; Tumba, Bushoki, Mbogo, Masoro and Murambi sectors from Rulindo district, as well as Muhondo, Muyongwe, Ruli, Minazi and Coko sectors of Gakenke district in the Northern Province; Ruhango sector of Ruhango district, Busasamana of Nyanza district and Kaduha sector of Nyamagabe in Southern Province.



# JANUARY -JUNE 2025 KEY ACHIEVEMENT (MILESTONES & SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS UNDER OUR GWIZAMAHORO PROGRAM

## 1.1.GWIZAMAHORO CLUBS

- From January to June 2025, our Gwizamahoro teacher-facilitators actively supported Gwizamahoro Clubs across both primary and secondary schools through our peace education module. This module covers key topics such as religions and peace, dealing with the past, peace and the culture of peace, dialogue and active nonviolence, conflict resolution, human rights, gender-based violence, and health and its preservation. During this six-month period, a total of 641 Gwizamahoro members successfully completed the module and received certificates of completion across 27 schools







**GWIZAMHORO  
CLUB JANUARY -  
JUNE 2025**

SN	SCHOOL NAMES	CERTIFIED		TOTAL	DISTRICT
		F	M		
1	GS Kaduha	18	7	25	Nyamagabe
2	Trinite de Ruhango	18	12	30	Ruhango
3	GS Kamabare	20	11	31	Bugesera
4	GS Gihinga	4	8	12	Bugesera
5	ESP Ruli	40	12	52	Gakenke
6	GS Mayange B	24	6	30	Bugesera
7	GS Nziranziza	18	7	18	Bugesera
8	GS Masoro	18	2	20	Rulindo
9	GS Mugambazi	21	7	28	Rulindo
10	ES Rutongo	33	7	40	Rulindo
11	GS Ndama	19	14	33	Bugesera
12	GS Biharagu	16	14	30	Bugesera
13	College de Butamwa	12	7	19	Nyarugenge
14	VTC CEFAM	10	0	10	Nyarugenge
15	GS Karembure	19	7	26	Kicukiro
16	GS Gasiza	10	2	12	Rulindo
17	GS Binaga	17	7	24	Rulindo
18	GS Ruhuha	11	2	13	Bugesera
19	GS Twimpala	13	3	16	Bugesera
20	GS Bushonyi	19	9	28	bugesera
21	ESPANYA Nyanza	13	8	21	Nyanza
22	Busasamana TSS	13	6	19	Nyanza
23	EP Bweramvura	18	5	23	Gasabo
24	Gihogwe SS	11	10	21	Gasabo
25	College Saint Andre	16	11	27	Nyarugenge
26	GS Nyarufunzo	15	10	25	Nyarugenge
27	GS Burema	3	5	8	Nyarugenge
	Total	449	199	641	



## 2..CEFAM VTC

### CENTRE DE FORMATION EN ARTS ET MÉTIERS

At our CEFAM VTC, a vocational training center dedicated to supporting teen mothers and young women from impoverished backgrounds—many of whom dropped out of school due to poverty and lack of basic needs—we empower them through practical skills in tailoring, crocheting, and knitting. After completing a nine-month training program, most graduates either secure employment or start their own tailoring businesses.

This year, 21 young women enrolled in our tailoring course, which also integrated peace education as a crosscutting component. They have now completed their training and are currently undergoing internships. During their graduation, we support them by providing sewing machines to help them successfully enter the job market. Recently, we distributed seven machines to our graduates.

Additionally, every graduating group is encouraged to form savings groups to continue supporting one another. We are proud to share that we've seen great success stories—many of our graduates are now employed by tailoring companies, while others have started working independently.

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### 3. Entrepreneurship: Ihangamurimo

since 2017 we have been empowering youth where we formed 13 saving and internal lending communities in Kigali city (Gasabo and Nyarugenge), eastern Province (Bugesera) and northern province (Rulindo and Gakenke). The project has significantly improved the lives of beneficiaries from vulnerable backgrounds by helping them meet basic needs independently. Many, including single mothers, can now afford school fees, supplies, and health insurance.

Nearly 80% have gained employment, mostly by starting small businesses like tailoring, bar management, motorcycle taxis, and hair salons, which also create jobs for others.

Beneficiaries have established leadership structures, adopted a strong saving culture through SILCs, and are actively engaged in community service.



# GWIZAMAHORO TUYAGABE

## SILCS :Saving and Internal leading communities

SILC groups have steadily grown, currently reaching an annual average savings rate of approximately 4,800,000 Rwf per each Silcs with a membership of around 400 individuals .with the average minimum saving late of 5000rwf per mouth

NO	SILCS	Distict
1	Icyerekezo Va	GAKENKE
2	Urwego Rwa Bumba	
3	Twitezimbere Coko	
4	Abakundumurimo Coko	
5	Icyizere Ruli	
6	Tuzamurane Muhondo	
7	Twitezimbere Tumba	RULINDO
8	Imboni Z'Urubyiruko	
9	Indashyirwa	
10	Abizeranye Mbogo	
11	Twitezimbere Rubyiruko	
12	Duhange Udushya Murubyiruko	
13	Haguruka Dukore Rubyiruko	





#### 4. Bugesera Gwizamahoro School St .Brigitte

Our kindergarten in Bugesera District has been operating since last year, serving around 90 children, who previously struggled to find nearby educational facilities for their children, as the existing schools were located very far away.





## Gwizamahoro Tuyagabe

### 6.A.Partners Engagement

As part of the Network for Peace in the Great Lakes Region, in collaboration with Youth for Peace DRC and YELI Burundi—with AJECL serving as the focal point in Rwanda—we held a consultative meeting with various Rwandan organizations to encourage them to join our collective efforts. The participating organizations included Nyinawumuntu Initiative, Vision Jeunesse Nouvelle, AUDECO LTD, Center for Creativity and Innovation, CRASPD, RODI, GLF Rwanda, and AGR.

During the meeting, these organizations were introduced to the network’s vision, mission, objectives, and its strategic roadmap, with particular emphasis on the upcoming regional conference scheduled for October 6-7, 2025, in Kigali. They were also familiarized with AJECL’s intra- intergenerational dialogue approach, which is expected to be adopted at the regional level through collaboration with our partner organizations.

We are pleased with their willingness to work alongside us, and our joint efforts are actively progressing across all planned activities within the network.



## B..The Lemonaid & ChariTea Foundation visit

➤ on 10th July 2025 we were pleased to welcome Lemonaid & ChariTea Foundation whom have been supporting us since 2017 under the Project that aims at Strengthen youth Saving groups ,Support youth entrepreneurship,Promote sustainable income-generating activities ,with the goal of Empowering rural youth and break the cycle of poverty. positively transformed youth lives in Rwanda,Success of both phases of this project and high youth interest show strong potential joining these saving groups give us motivation that scaling up SILCs in other parts of the country will deepen impact and empower more youth in Rwanda

on 10th July 2025





Peer Education Program with Gold Youth as social Franchise we are ,supporting youth under education ,job creation and entrenuarship in Gakenke District at GS Rukura,E.S.P Ruli and GS Bumba high school

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Message  
Giver  
is  
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We are delighted that on June 26-27, 2025, our colleague took part in the national consultations on the review and evaluation of the 2013 EAC Youth Policy. The event was organized by the Eastern African Youth Network in collaboration with youth-led organizations from EAC member states and supporting partners, including Plan International Rwanda and OSO Rwanda. The consultations aimed to strengthen youth voices in the formulation, participation, and implementation of EAC policies.



## CONCLUSION

These accomplishments in just 6 months are a testament to our dedication and commitment as a nascent organization. We are proud of the impact we have made and are eager to continue our efforts in the future, aiming at transforming youth at national level and at large in the region level as Gwizamahoro Program 2100 program . We thank our financial partners who contributed to the realization of the activities . Especially we thank Lemonaid&ChariTea foundation from Hamburg in Germany , Friedens kinder from Koblenz in Germany and Gold youth for their outstanding support .



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