



## **Rural Environment and Development Organization (REDO)**

*Act together towards a green Environment, Peace and development*

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### **1. REDO'S DESCRIPTION**

Rural Environment and Development Organisation(REDO) is local NGO founded in 1999 and since its inception has been working to implement environmental conservation activities in the form of introducing Smart agriculture based on soil conservation ,irrigation ,tree planting mainly agro forestry as well as fuel energy conservation and advocating for the development of social integration of historically marginalized people in community, through supporting of income generating activities, Bee keeping, pottery and handicraft producers development among others.

The same activities were and some still are implemented around our National Parks and protected area for facilitation of the community needs and rehabilitation of the degraded parches the forest mainly in GISHWATI natural forest, Volcanoes Nation Park and Nyungwe national Park where the situation was worsened by the increased number of Historically Marginalised People "HMP".

#### **1.1.REDO's Program**

The overall program of REDO is called **TEAMS**:

- **Tree planting**
- **Environment awareness and energy conservation**
- **Agriculture**
- **Micro projects (like bee keeping, arts, goats and any other income generating activity)**
- **Social integration of historically marginalized people**

## **1.2.REDO vision**

The vision of REDO is a society where rural Communities living in a secure environment; and empowered to sustainably utilize available resources and opportunities to end poverty and food insecurity

### **1.3.Mission of REDO:**

The mission of REDO is to empower the poor communities especially the Historically Marginalized People to actively participate in improving their livelihood conditions by working towards poverty eradication and improving food security and access to markets that provides poor women and men opportunities for economic and social advancement whilst in parallel instilling on environment protection from grass roots, through a participatory sustainable approach.

### **1.2. Objectives**

- To champion environmental education and public awareness for sustainability in the country and in the great lakes region.
- To instill environmental concerns from grass root to national level
- To work towards poverty eradication through a participatory sustainable approach.
- To integrate Historically Marginalized People(indigenous) into the community

### **1.5. Values**

**-Team work:** To harness individual talent and ideas for a common Goal, we shall promote team effort, Trust and partnership to achieve our set goals.

**-Excellence:** Excellent service, client care, image and presentation. We continuously strive to offer a better service today than we did yesterday and aim to exceed beneficiaries' expectation.

**-Respect:** We high esteem our clients while delivering a response service

**-Integrity:** serve with accountability, transparency, trust, honesty& consistency in all we do

## **1.6. Approaches used by REDO**

The above mentioned activities are carried out through a maximum community planning and participatory approach, emphasised and agreed upon in the time of mobilisation and sensitisation efforts by local community leaders in collaboration with REDO.

REDO recognizes that the social and economic problem of the human population have a direct bearing on the wildlife habitat and the social-economic circumstances of the local people.

REDO believes that these issues can be addressed by working together with communities to plan with them, work with them, evaluate with them and ultimately, hand over the project to them.

This also facilitates the success of the conservation technology and the growth of self help initiative in community basis.

## **1.7. Strategies used**

-Elaborating the project based on the needs prioritised by the beneficiaries in the needs assessment meetings organised by REDO at village level.

-Consultative meetings with local leaders for discussion and exchange on the project elaborated in term of answering the problem raised by beneficiaries and also for making sure that the project is the District Development Plan (DDP) and performance contract of the District “IMIHIGO”.

-Presenting the project to the donors for funding.

-Implementing the project in collaboration with local leaders and REDO’s technicians at sector and District level.

-Before implementing the project, the beneficiaries select a committee who will participate actively at every stage of the project. The role of this committee is to collaborate with REDO’s social mobilisers, representing the beneficiaries and serve as the linkage between beneficiaries and administrative leaders and donors.

-Handing over the project to the beneficiaries after the end of funds.

## 2. Projects implemented by REDO in five passed years

<b>Project</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Domain</b>	<b>Donors</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Period</b>
<b>Training handicraft producers on environment issues</b>	Country wide	Conserving biodiversity as source of handicraft raw materials	Shared Interest Foundation/UK	62,000 Pounds	April 2009 - April 2011
<b>Promoting modern agriculture around Volcanoes park</b>	Burera and Musanze Districts	Developing irish potatoes value chain and construction of harvest store	CARE International Rufford foundation/UK	103,794,000 Rwf	Sept 2010-Sept 20 11
<b>HMP's project</b>	Burera District	Social integration of HMP and community conservation of Volcanoes National Park	DFGFI	16,400\$ US	April-Sept 2012
<b>Rwanda Forestation and Wildlife Conservation project and climate change adaptation</b>	Rutsiro, Muhanga and Nyamagabe Districts	Tree planting and Fuel stove dissemination, radical terracing, Rain water harvesting and valley dams construction	Shared interest foundation	48,000 ,000Rwf	Feb-Nov 2011 Feb-Nov 2014
<b>sustaining biodiversity conservation in and around Nyungwe National Park project</b>	Rusizi district	Community conservation Nyungwe and social integration of HMP	USAID via WCS	104,950\$ US	May 2011- April 2014

<b>Beekeeping value chain capacity building services</b>	Burera, Nyabi hu and Musanze districts	Modern Beekeeping development	SNV Rufford foundation/UK	113,149,575 Rwf	May 2011-June 2016
<b>Improving socio economic conditions of historically marginalised peoples(HMP) around Nyungwe National Park</b>	Nyamagabe	Literacy based on basic human rights and agriculture production improvement through soil erosion control and development of maize and Irish potatoes.	TROCAIRE	84,666,680Rwf	Dec 2012-July 2016
<b>Literacy based on basic human rights and environment awareness Project (LIBRAP)</b>	Burera Nyanza	Land tenure regularisation through adult literacy and community awareness	AVSI and Uhaki Akiba Foundation	18,980,000Rwf	May 2013-May 2015
<b>Sustaining grain and cereal production, marketing and trade in Rwanda</b>	Kayonza, Gatsibo, Kamonyi, Nyamagabe	Training the communities on manure and fertilizers uses, irrigation development, post harvesting management and market research and contracting for Maize and beans	SARURA Commodities Ltd and Agriprofocus	54,342,000Rwf	Feb 2016-Dec 2017

### **3 .Main Achievements**

Capacity building of the beekeeping cooperatives, youth trained on making different handicrafts from bamboo sensitization on human right to historically marginalized people and adult literacy are some of the well visible positive results of the organization that contribute to the improved beneficiaries livelihood.

Key objectively verifiable indicators are as follow:

- 1627 Historically marginalized people in Nyamagabe District( Kitabi, Gatare, Uwinkingi and Buruhukiro sectors), Musanze District(Shingiro,Nyange and Kinigi sectors) and in Burera District: gahunga and Cyanika sectors) have been trained in Agriculture system and in increasing their awareness on natural resources by promoting beekeeping enterprises which is an alternative source of incomes and by planting medicinal plants.
- 51 youth in Nyamagabe have been trained on complementary training by making different handicrafts from bamboo as alternative source of income generating activities
- 2628 historically marginalized people completed the training on adult literacy and trained in actively participating in decision-making, governance and local institutions,
- 25 commercially beekeepers cooperatives gathering 1508 members were engaged and supported in honey marketing. In addition the cooperative members of these cooperative groups were also given practical training on improved beekeeping practices
- 25hectors of Bamboo have been planted on waterways around volcanoes national park in Burera District(Gahunga,Rugarama and Cyanika sectors)
- 102 hectors equipped with progress terracing and agro forestry trees
- 134 water tank constructed at household level and schools in Musanze,Burera and Nyabihu Districts.
- 3000Fuel stoves (CANARUMWE) have been distributed around Nyungwe and Cyamudongo forest to reduce fire woods used in house hold and consequently reducing pressure on tree cutting RUSIZI District(NKUNGU,GITAMBI,Nyakabuye and Bweyeye sectors)
- Integrated agro forestry on 35 hectors in Musanze,burera and Nyamagabe District

- 234 goats distributed to the 132 families of historically Marginalised Peoples in Nyamagabe.
- 250 persons have been trained on climate change resilience and adaptation.

## **2.Interventions analysis**

### **2.1.Coherence**

The result of the evaluation showed that the mandate of the REDO is relevant to Rwandan policies and programs of improving the rural development and environment protection.

REDO is coherent to various national plans, strategies, policies and programs. The evaluation of interventions conducted showed that REDO is consistent with and contribute considerably to the District Development Plans DDPs, Nyungwe National Park Strategy NNP ,Volcano National Park strategy VNP, Economic Development and Poverty Reduction Strategy of Rwanda EDPRSII and the Vision 2020 to mention but a few.

- REDO is very active in contributing to the achievement of District Development Plans (DDPs) through its participation in improving livelihoods of the Rwandan people in different Districts of the country
- REDO contributes to Park Protection including NNP management plan and VNP Management plan through the empowerment of communities living around the National parks and protected areas for the conservation and protection of natural resources and biodiversity
- REDO is also contributing to EDPRS and vision 2020 through its active participation in conserving and preserving natural resources and protection of environment, contribution to Human Resource Development through adult literacy of poor marginalized people and promoting gender equality through the active involvement of gender participation in all its activities

Beside the national policies and programs, REDO is coherent to other various declarations, conventions and international treaties including the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. REDO support the MDGS through its

fight to eradicate extreme poverty, achieve universal primary education, combating HIV / AIDS, malaria and other diseases, reduce maternal and infant mortality.

Cross-cutting issues are kept into consideration by the organization. Relevant cross-cutting issues that REDO has incorporated into its objectives were the promotion of gender and health, taking into account the active participation of women and girls, the fight against the HIV / AIDS, promotion of family planning, and improving hygiene.

## 2.2, REDO’S CAPACITY TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROJECT

-REDO has an experience of more than 15 years , in working with communities especially with historically marginalized people (HMP) in different activities such as environmental awareness, tree planting, fuel stove dissemination, agriculture, beekeeping, literacy based on human rights and land awareness.

-REDO has 11 permanent staffs qualified in different domains including 6 women; other staff is hired according to the project under implementation.

-REDO is working with 3000 beneficiaries including 1627 HMPs.

### List of REDO staff

Code	Names	Function	Qualification	Domain	Experiences
1	GASHUMBA Damascene	Executive Director	PhD researcher in environment: Management of natural renewable resources)	Environment and social development	15 years
2	HABIYAREMYE Marc	Program Manager	Bachelor Degree in Agro business	Agri business	7years
3.	STROEBER Leander	Technical advisor	Professional beekeeping	Modern beekeeping development	6 years



4.	UWIHAYE J.de Dieu	Project coordinator	Engineer in Alternative Energy	Renewable energy saving and conservation	2years
6.	UWUMUGABA Solange	Cooperative&I MF liaison officer	Accountantdiploma and Bachelor in law	Business law	13years
7.	BONANE Theoneste	Field officer North	Technician Engineer	Animal husbandry	6 years
8.	UWIMBABAZI Beatha	Finance Administration	Bachelor Degree in Accounting	Management	3 years
10.	MUNEZERO Philomene	Accountant	Bachelor Degree in management	Management	1 year
11.	SHIRIMPUMU Chantal	Field officer in Rusizi district	Biologist	Biodiversity conservation	4 years
12.	NDIZIHIWE Felix	Field officer in Nyamagabe District	Agronomist	Agriculture	10years
13.	MUKAMUGANG A Athanasie	Social mobilisor	Education studies	Education	15 years
14.	GAFARANGA Pasteur	Tree nursery technician	Forester A2	Forestry	20 years

**We have also 4 Volunteers involved in Water sanitation and hygiene education in community and following the environment clubs in schools working with REDO.**

**3.The project planned /searching the funds in different donors :**

- 1.Sustaining biodiversity in and around Nyungwe Nation park through dissemination of fuel stoves in Rusizi District/ submitted to GFW(Global Forest Watch)
- 2.Beekeeping for biodiversity conservation and livelihoods improvement around Nyungwe national park. Submitted to CEPF/Bird life international

3. Nyunwe Bats conservation to be executed in collaboration with BAT CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL

4. “Strengthening community climate resilience in Mayaga region through water resources management and sustainable land use for food security” project /Submitted in partnership with AVSI (Italian NGO based in Rwanda) to FONERWA/REMA (National Funds for Environment in Rwanda)

5. Literacy of Historically Marginalised People (HMP) { indigenous people } based on basic human rights awareness project (LIBRAP)/not yet submitted