



The awakening of consciousness advocated by President Ndayishimiye is giving good results in Makamba province



In his caravan called INKEBUZO, the President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye arrived on Monday July 22, 2024, in Makamba province where he joined the students on vacation in their work camp and visited the young entrepreneurs to witness their development projects.

The Head of State led to Kayogoro commune where a work camp for the students on vacation was organized. The protection of the environment by contour lines was their objective and the authorities do not hide their satisfaction with a distance of more than 30km already developed.

Addressing the population who had massively responded to those activities, President Ndayishimiye called on Burundians in drawing inspiration from the experience of other developed countries so that, in turn, they can take charge of their vision of their development.

He was referring to a member of the diaspora, a native of Kabonga, in Nyanza Lac commune, but living in the United States of Africa (USA), Mr Samuel Ndayiragije who is undertaking that project, is breeding more than 400 rabbits and 400 pigs that also produce a biogas system, and modern agriculture with 4 tractors.

“Soon it will be the elections of deputies and municipal councilors, be vigilant and elect the model leaders who will represent you in the context of a better future,” the Burundian Number One told them, anxious to see the free and transparent elections in 2025.

The Head of State also called on Burundians to respond appropriately to the questions designed for the census currently being prepared, in order to have the real statistics that the country will take into consideration for its development planning. That day was also a day of satisfaction for the population of the Vugizo commune, where the President of the Republic of Burundi inaugurated an electrical line on Gahando locality, one of the eleven sites of the UMUCO W'ITERAMBERE project funded by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Europe-

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an Union (EU). It is an important step, according to him, to tackle the development activities in that high mountain locality.

The President of the Republic of Burundi, a friend of the youth, visited the Lumière Company of the City of Makamba and the Agricultural Products Valorization Company (SOVAPAB) in Vugizo acronym, involved re-

spectively in carpentry and in the field of wine processing from Japanese plums, beets and maracoudja. The Burundian Number One encouraged the young entrepreneurs Mr Eliazar Nzisabira and Blaise regarding the progress already made in a short time in their companies, and called on them to recapitalize their income in other income-generating activities. **(Presidency)**

President Ndayishimiye welcomes the development efforts in Rumonge province



The President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye spent the day of Tuesday July 23, 2024, in Rumonge province where he joined the students on vacation in their work camp and encouraged the various entrepreneurs whose development projects are already bringing the real results.

Early in the morning, the Head of State, accompanied by the First Lady H.E Angeline Ndayishimiye, participated in the work camp of the students of Bugarama commune in the activities of tracing the contour lines on Burangwa locality.

He led a moralization session for the population aiming at promoting the economic independence of all citizens. In that province, the development initiatives were noted during his visit. He first visited the HARAHAMBAYE Farm Factory pig breeding company, owned by the president of the National Confederation of Pig Breeders Mr Albert Manishimwe. Experienced in that category of breeding, he already has 2300 pigs in Kagongo, in Rumonge commune. He thanks the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock and the Institute of Agronomic Sciences of Burundi (ISABU) for their multifaceted support in that

sector. "Denmark's economy is based on pork. We would also like Burundian citizens, particularly those in the diaspora, to take the lead in pig, rabbit and chicken breeding in order to sign supply agreements with other countries," said President Ndayishimiye, keen to see each province able to slaughter 1000 pigs per day.

Another locality visited by the Head of State is the Buyengero commune where he visited the UMUCO KIRAMA chicken farming cooperative financed by the Youth Economic Empowerment and Employment Program (PAEEJ).

On his return from Buyengero, he explored the skills of a person living with a physical disability of Mr BINDARIYE Dany KASEMBE, president of the ART IN LIFE Society in the field of art. Ceramics, painting and pottery are the specialization of those young people from Rumonge grouped within that association.

At the end of the day, Number One inaugurated the Modern Regional Slaughterhouse of Rumonge, financed by the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) and the Burundian State through the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and the Environment, for an amount of more than 2 million dollars. Second after the Bujumbura slaughterhouse, it has the capacity to slaughter one hundred cows per day. "That infrastructure is built for agro-pastoralists. That is a market for those who are determined to work diligently in that sector," he reminded the population to encourage them to increase their efforts in agro-livestock farming.

The President of the Republic of Burundi criticized the way in which the population of Rumonge province engages in industrial monoculture and fishing, leaving aside food crops, which creates a great imbalance between supply and demand. He instead reminded them to take advantage of all the assets that nature offers them. That is the fertile land, Lake Tanganyika, and industrial crops. **(Presidency)**

President Ndayishimiye congratulates Bururi province for understanding the country's Vision



As part of the Inkebuzo Caravan, the Head of State His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye spent the day of Wednesday July 24, 2024, in Bururi province where he joined the students on vacation and encouraged various development initiatives.

The day's activities began with his participation in the work camp of the students from Bururi commune consisting of tracing contour lines on Mugozi locality. The President of the Republic of Burundi then successively visited the companies and hotels built in that province.

The Burundian Number One first congratulated a young Mr Désiré Habonimana for having built the Hollywood Plaza hotel in the city of Bururi, thus contributing to the tourism sector in that locality.

He then visited the Mille Montagnes Company of a certain Mr Benoît Nikiza, operating in Bururi center, in the artistic field and which was supported by the PAEEJ. The Youth Society of the Vision of Bururi belonging to a certain Privat Irakoze consisting of a multi-service secretariat and a House of research and training in science and technology was also visited by that High Authority of the country.

The religious confessions have, for their part, seized with both hands the Vision of Burundi an emerging country in 2040 and a developed country

in 2060. To begin with, the diocese of Bururi, through the intermediary of the Diocesan Organization of the Council for Education and Development (COPEDE) of Bururi, has just erected a two-storey reception center called Saint Bernard at a cost of approximately 3.5 billion Burundian francs. The Head of State proceeded to the inauguration of that infrastructure which will house the major conferences and/or retreats.

The President of the Republic of Burundi and model in agriculture also visited a young Mr Honoré Rwakiranya, a greenhouse potato seed multiplier in Kiremba in that province of Bururi. That breeding center will thus allow the distribution of seeds adapted to that region.

He also arrived on Rutundwe locality in Songa commune, where he visited a vast 9ha avocado plantation and a farm of 35 cows belonging to a certain Mr François Butoke, a retiree since 1992. The latter also rotates the crops on that area, including potatoes and beans.

The President of the Republic also proceeded to the inaugurations including drinking water captured via the drilling system by Amazi Water in Matana, where he called on the administration and the natives to extend the network of that drinking water over a great distance, by multiplying the taps, and thus allow easy access to the 900 households of that locality. Still talking about water, he expressed his satisfaction when he discovered an important initiative on Rutundwe locality in Songa commune where the Kiryama Major Seminary irrigates its fields with water captured by drilling. He finally ended with the solemn opening of the agency of the Solidarity Fund for Education Workers (FESTE) in acronym. He asked the leaders of that institution to increase the dose in granting credits to the beneficiaries in order to boost the development in the teachers' families. **(Presidency)**

Gitega Province is moving forward with giant steps towards its emergence

On Friday July 26, 2024, the President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, in the company of his wife, continued the Inkebuzo Caravan in Gitega province (Center) which stands out in its progress towards its development

In the morning, the Head of State joined the students on vacation and the population of Gishubi

commune, at the work camp for tracing contour lines on Ruhande locality, after visiting a workshop called "Korubahereze Business Company, COBUCO, in acronym" which manufactures clothes, kitchen utensils, irons, etc.

President Ndayishimiye also reminded the educators to preach by example, especially in technical sciences, and to recommend the students avoiding at all costs



the monetization of points under penalty of suffering the consequences in the future. After that activity, the Burundian Number One headed to Mahwa in Ryansoro commune, where the National Zootechnical Research Station, Institute of Agronomic Sciences of Burundi (ISABU) Mahwa is located. The latter houses 170 cows and 70 pigs, of different breeds and fields of crops. Afterwards, he headed to Buraza commune in the same province of Gitega where he visited a civil servant Mr Etienne Ndayitwayeko, a rabbit breeder. Having so far more than 200 rabbits, he asked him to extend the

hutch.

The Head of State arrived in Makebuko commune, where the East African Drilling and Granite Company is setting up its factory. He was delighted to learn from the Head of the Project for the transformation of inert rocks from Burundi into tiles, ornamental stones and derived products that Burundi will produce ornamental tiles from January 2025. The Head of that mining project, Mr Pierre Claver Ngenzebuhoro, stated that Burundi currently has 13 types of slate stones, found in the provinces of Gitega, Bujumbura, Muramvya, Bururi and Kayanza.

The President of the Republic ended the day's activities by inaugurating the Izere Communal Hospital in front of a large crowd in Itaba commune. He encouraged this population to aim for an Emerging Burundi in 2040.

On their return from the long journey, the presidential couple was received on Songa locality in Gitega to the praise and applause of the population and fans of the Musongati FC and Flambeau du Centre teams who were going to cross swords in a friendly match at the Ingoma stadium. It should be mentioned that wherever we went, the "zero waste" campaign advocated by the First Lady of Burundi was not forgotten. **(Presidency)**

Karusi Youth Determined to Follow President Ndayishimiye as Their Role Model



The Head of State His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye has been in Karusi province since Friday July 26, 2024 morning, where he joined the students on vacation and encouraged various development initiatives.

The President of the Republic of Burundi first participated in the work camp for students on vacation on Mubaragaze locality, Mutumba commune, in the same

province. Many young people from that province responded massively more than elsewhere in all the other communes already visited.

After that activity, the Burundian Number One visited the pediatrics block and a construction site of the gynecology block of the Cinquantenaire hospital "Natwe Turashoboye" in Karusi. The work began in April and the Burundian Housing Office, Burundian Office of Urban Planning, Housing and Construction (OBUHA) in acronym, has a deadline of 24 months to complete the work.

He then visited a carpentry workshop called Atelier de Vision Technique Service, AVTS in acronym, belonging to a man named Rashidi financed by the Youth Economic Empowerment and Employment Program (PAEEJ).

He also visited a rabbit breeding center under construction, and the work is being carried out by OBUHA, by the state budget via the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock in Buhiga before arriving at the home of a young Burundian named Rubis Clair Bazira, who returned from Austria to invest in agro-livestock in Buhiga. It is a major project that includes the breeding of pigs, goats, cows, and maracoudja plantations.

In Gihogazi commune, President Ndayishimiye visited the "Twagiryeko Dukora" rabbit sector development cooperative, which raises more than 300 rabbits. It was an opportunity for the cooperative's president, Mr Aimable

Habiyakare, to distribute the rabbits to the surrounding households.

It was in that same province that he inaugurated a communal hall before addressing a large crowd that came to meet him. He asked them to increase their efforts to increase production.

He ended his speech by reminding that he had just fulfilled the promise made during the election campaign concerning the Ruvubu Bridge linking the Gihogazi and Bugendanda communes of the Gitega province. **(Presidency)**

The President of the Republic notes that the population is working on development work



On Thursday July 25, 2024, the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, joined the population of Mwaro province in the community work of tracing contour lines on Kibigoye locality in Kayokwe commune. That was part of the caravan called Inkebuzo.

In his message to the population, President Ndayishimiye indicated that he is happy to see that the population is working on development activities; an observation made at the level of all the provinces already visited as part of that caravan.

Since 2020, President Ndayishimiye has started teaching young people. Thus, he said, in Burundi, we have capital but many people do not know it. Young people and land are the main capital, he said. President Ndayishimiye; friend of the youth,

indicated that he met the youth in that caravan to teach them given that they are the Burundi of 2040. President Ndayishimiye informed the youth that they go to school to acquire knowledge in order to put it into practice. Capital comes from the effort provided, hence he asked parents to encourage their children to work from an early age.

According to the Head of State, the best way out of poverty is to read the Bible that is where the inspiration for work is found. The Holy Bible teaches that no one has the right to eat when he has not worked.

After tracing the contour lines on Kibigoye locality in Kayokwe commune, President Ndayishimiye visited a young baker on Saswe locality in the same commune known as Munezero Ciza Clovis, funded by PAEEJ. Then, he proceeded to the inauguration of the Bisoro communal hospital. The activities were closed by a guided tour by President Ndayishimiye in Gisozi commune, carried out at a young rabbit farmer named Ngendakumana Alexis with 139 rabbits. It was also funded by PAEEJ. It should be noted that during the contour line tracing work, the Head of State was accompanied by several personalities including a senator elected in Mwaro province, the First Vice-President of the Senate, the Minister of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security; and the Minister of National Solidarity, Social Affairs, Human Rights and Gender. **(ABP)**

Senate President pleased with YWAM Center's achievements

On Tuesday July 23, 2024, the President of the Senate Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera, accompanied by his Spouse visited the Youth With A Mission (YWAM) Center located in the commune of Kabezi, Bujumbura province.

Mr Jagen Gouramani Nzunguri, the representative

of the center, first gave the Right Honorable President of the Senate a tour of the various projects already completed and those currently underway, as well as the future prospects of YWAM. Among the completed projects are the construction of the Burundi Dream Academy School, the "One cup a day" project, the construction of modern houses for the Batwa community and



the “I Muhira family” project. Ongoing projects include the Umwana clinic, the Vocational Training Center, the YWAM hostel, the YWAM multipurpose refectory and the YWAM secondary school boarding school.

The representative of the Youth With A Mission (YWAM) center indicated that the vision of the center is to restore and transform communities across Burundi and beyond. Every morning, children from poor families in the surrounding area share breakfast at the center as part of the “One cup a day” project. YWAM has also built the houses for the Batwa and welcomed the orphaned children into foster families with the “i Muhira family” project.

Mr Nzunguri expressed the wish for obtaining exemp-



tion from the equipment and aid that the center receives from its partners, as well as the allocation of public land by the competent authorities to allow the expansion of the project in other provinces.

Taking the floor, the President of the Senate expressed his satisfaction with the achievements of the YWAM Center, its current projects and its future prospects. He reassured the center’s representative of his concerns, explaining that the administrative authorities have spared no effort to support such projects, but that they have been disappointed by the irresponsible behavior of some representatives of associations.

The President of the Senate assured his support for the activities of the Youth With A Mission (YWAM) center and invited the administrative authorities to lend a hand to that center, which he considers essential for the development of Burundi. He also sensitized the local authorities to collaborate with the center to allow the population to have access to drinking water and electricity. Finally, the President of the Senate asked the head of Youth With A Mission (YWAM) to extend the activities of the center to other provinces of the country, and invited the partners present to become ambassadors of Burundi and to come and invest there. **(Senate)**

Gitega: validation workshop of a multi-risk early warning system in Burundi

The Ministry of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security, through the National Platform for Risk Prevention and Disaster Management, organized in Gitega, a three-day workshop, from July 23 to 25, 2024, dedicated to the validation of a roadmap for the multi-risk early warning system in Burundi.

The proceedings were opened by the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of the Interior, Community Devel-

opment and Public Security, Lieutenant General André Ndayambaje.

In his opening speech of the workshop, Lieutenant General André Ndayambaje indicated that the main objective of the workshop for the validation of a multi-risk early warning system in Burundi is to bring together the key stakeholders to review and approve the strategic direction of the proposed early warning system, ensuring that the objectives, implementation steps and success

measures are clearly defined and aligned with the needs and expectations of end users.



Following the recommendations of the United Nations (UN) to the member States of the organization to set up the national multi-risk early warning systems, Burundi quickly took the initiative of developing a roadmap for the multi-risk early warning system, formulated in a workshop organized in May 2024 in Ngozi, said Lieutenant General André Ndayambaje Permanent Secretary at the Ministry in charge of the Interior.

As for the President of the national platform for disaster risk reduction, Bd. General Anicet Nibaruta, he reminded that during the workshop held in Ngozi in May 2024, the participants developed a roadmap which was submitted to the partners, for their contributions based on 4 pillars, so that the platform can succeed in its mission.

The first pillar concerns knowledge of the risk, for the second pillar, it is the monitoring of disaster risks carried out by the Geographical Institute of Burundi (IGEBU), the third pillar concerns communication before, during and after the disaster situation and the fourth, it is the pillar which concerns preparation and response.

Concerning the monitoring of risks carried out by the Geographical Institute of Burundi (IGEBU), the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry in charge of the Interior André Ndayambaje asks the World Food Programme (WFP), to plead with other partners, so that the IGEBU is equipped with a meteorological radiodetermination device (RADAR) which would allow it to provide reliable and timely information. (RTNB)

Reflection on the mutualization of disease risk



On Tuesday July 23, 2024, the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight Against AIDS, in collaboration with the Ministry of National Solidarity, Social Affairs, Human Rights and Gender, with the support of the NGO Weworld through the 'twivuze twese' project, organized a national workshop for exchange and reflection on the mutualization of disease risk aimed at universal health coverage in Burundi.

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry in charge of Public Health, Mr Olivier Nijimbere, said that the universal health coverage in Burundi is one of the Government's priorities in order to achieve broad ownership of the culture of risk sharing. It is neces-

sary to support a change in mentality from senior authorities to the community.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), universal health coverage consists of ensuring that the entire population has access to the preventive, curative, rehabilitation and health promotion services they need, and that these services are of sufficient quality to be effective without their cost causing financial difficulties for users.

As for the representative of the NGO GVC-weworld, he said that the universal health coverage is a fundamental right ensuring that everyone has access to the quality health services, without suffering financial difficulties. The Twivuze twese project aims to strengthening a community health system, and to promote effective and responsible health management.

During the discussions, it was noted that for there to be universal health coverage in Burundi, there is a step to be taken, among other things, making the health insurance card compulsory, raising awareness among those

who have the means to join health mutual societies, etc.

At the end of the workshop, some recommendations were made, among others, speeding up the process of validating the health financing strategy in order to clear-

ly define the mechanisms for mutualizing health insurance risk, compulsory health; classification of the population after the general population census, separating the functions of supply and demand, etc. **(RTNB)**

Gitega: meeting of preparing for the national day dedicated to the local solidarity



On Friday July 26, 2024, the Minister of National Solidarity, Social Affairs, Human Rights and Gender, Mrs Imelde Sabushimike, held a meeting at the provincial capital of Gitega for administrative officials including provincial governors, municipal administrators and executives of the Ministry in charge of National Solidarity.

The purpose of the meeting was to prepare for the national day of local solidarity, which will be celebrated on August 2, 2024 in all the locality and neighborhoods of Burundi. Mrs Imelde Sabushimike, Minister in charge of National Solidarity also indicated that the meeting with the administrators was organized to evaluate the national day of local solidarity in recent years, in order to better prepare the edition of this year 2024.

The Minister in charge of national solidarity Mrs Imelde Sabushimike reminded that the national day of local solidarity was initiated 6 years ago, with a view to reconnecting with the Burundian culture of mutual aid, in the event of difficulties.

The Minister in charge of national solidarity recommended that the administrative authorities go and mobilize the population to contribute effectively, so that all the needy are assisted. She asked the municipal authorities to manage public affairs as good fathers, by issuing certificates of indigence to the neediest. She deplored that sometimes, certificates of indigence are issued to people who are not vulnerable.

During that preparatory meeting for the national day of local solidarity 2024, which was held in Gitega province, the Director of the department of humanitarian action and assistance to the victims of disasters at the Ministry in charge of solidarity, Mr Jean Berchmas Niyonzima, presented the implementation report for the year 2023, where Kayanza province ranked first in the collection of food and non-food items intended for the vulnerable, on the occasion of the national day dedicated to the local solidarity, celebrated every first Friday of August of each year. **(ABP)**

Soon, the multi-risk early warning system will be operational in Burundi

The workshop work of 3-day workshop for the validation of the roadmap for a multi-risk early warning system in Burundi was organized in the capital of Gitega province by the National Platform for Risk Prevention and Disaster Management and ended on Thursday, July 25, 2024, with acclamation by the participants.

The President of the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, Bd General Anicet Nibaruta Anicet

Nibaruta, in his closing speech, expressed his feelings of satisfaction for the commitment and determination of the participants who demonstrated during the 3 days of intense and laborious work, and which resulted in the validation of the roadmap.

Bd General Anicet Nibaruta asked the World Food Program (WFP) to integrate all the recommendations made during that workshop so that the final document contains



all the observations. He specified that a team responsible for developing the preface of that document has been set up and will be composed of the members of the National Red Cross Platform, WFP and the National Platform for Risk Prevention and Disaster Management.

Bd General Anicet Nibaruta Anicet Nibaruta also asked WFP to integrate into the four pillars the institutional framework that was presented by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and which concerns the preparation and response pillar. Finally, he asked the World Food Programme (WFP) to consolidate the

final document and share it with stakeholders including the participants who adopted it to see if that document actually includes all the observations made.

Subsequently, the President of the National Platform for Risk Prevention and Disaster Management, Bd General Anicet Nibaruta Anicet Nibaruta, said that the final document will be presented to the two Ministers, namely the Minister of the Interior and the Minister in charge of environment, who will in turn present it to the Council of Ministers for adoption.

After adoption of that document by the Council of Ministers, Bd General Anicet Nibaruta Anicet Nibaruta indicated that the National Platform for Risk and Disaster Management in Burundi will request an audience with the Minister in charge of the Interior to ask him to preface the document, which will be a starting point for the use of the implementation of this roadmap. After the preface, it is planned that the document will be the subject of intense popularization and the national workshop for the popularization of the roadmap for the implementation of the early warning system for all and multi-risk in Burundi will be organized. **(RTNB)**

Makamba: Police station hands over seized fraudulent coffee



On Tuesday July 23, 2024, the Makamba Province Police Station handed over the seized coffee seized by the police to the presidency commission responsible for monitoring and exploitation of coffee and tea, set up by the President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye in March 2024.

Col. Mukwaya Firmin, mission officer at the Presidency and member of the presidency commission

responsible for monitoring and exploitation of coffee and tea, said that the seized coffee was processed under conditions that did not meet standards.

Col. Mukwaya Firmin indicated that the Office for the Development of Coffee of Burundi (ODECA) will continue processing that seized coffee, so that it can be sold and the money from that sale can be returned to the public treasury.

Col. Mukwaya Firmin explained that the commission which has just spent 4 months in office has already seized more than twenty tons of fraudulent coffee, in the provinces of Kirundo, Kayanza, Ngozi, Makamba and Rumonge.

Col. Firmin Mukwaya calls on the coffee fraudsters to break with that despicable behavior, which lowers the country's economy and asks them to understand that the good management of coffee ensures that coffee growers are paid fairly, and raises the national economy. **(RTNB)**

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