



**President Ndayishimiye aims at strengthening family cohesion and ensuring the empowerment of women**



**O**n Tuesday March 4, 2025, during an audience granted to members of the Executive Board of the National Women's Forum at Ntare Rushatsi Palace, the President of the Republic, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, urged this institution to raise women's awareness of their vital role in the empowerment of women, the consolidation of family ties and the perpetuation of moral and cultural values.

"The Head of State has reminded us that the country is based on families. Families must be united and children must be well educated", said the President of the National Women's Forum

of Burundi, Emérence Bucumi, referring to the advice given by the President of the Republic, who deplors the existence of children with unknown fathers as a result of unwanted pregnancies.

This audience, held on the eve of the celebration of International Women's Rights Day, was an opportunity for the Burundi National Women's Forum to present a report on its activities since 2020.

Speaking to the local media, the President of the Burundi National Women's Forum, Emérence Bucumi, listed the institution's various achievements since

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2020, including the promotion of women's development, the integration of Burundian women into the Board of Directors of the East African Community Women's Forum, and the challenges encountered, mainly linked to the deterioration of children's education and social and cultural values.

Burundi's Number One also recommended that the National Women's Forum of Burundi identify all the challenges haunting the stability of Burundian society, so that they can be considered and included in Burundi's Individual and Family Code. **(Presidency)**

### The Head of State returns from a working visit to Equatorial Guinea



**O**n Friday March 07, 2025, the President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, accompanied by the First Lady H.E Angeline Ndayishimiye, returned from a two-day working visit to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea. The visit was part of the strengthening of cooperative relations of friendship between the two countries.

On arrival at Malabo's Santa Isabel airport, the Burundian Head of State was welcomed by the Prime Minister of Equatorial Guinea, Mr Manuel Osa Nsue Nsua, before being welcomed at the People's Palace by his Guinean counterpart, His Excellency Theodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo.

At the People's Palace, Burundian President His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye held closed-door talks

with his Equatorial Guinean counterpart, His Excellency Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, on strategic subjects of common interest. These included the strengthening of bilateral relations and brotherhood between the two countries, socio-economic issues, and questions relating to peace and security in the region. When we speak of the region, we are referring in particular to the member countries of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), which is currently chaired by the President of Equatorial Guinea, His Excellency Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo.

On the subject of regional peace and security, the two Heads of State, in a press briefing they co-hosted, expressed their satisfaction with regional and international mobility in the peaceful resolution of the security situation undermining the east of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, "a situation which risks spreading throughout the region", as His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye keeps reminding anyone who listens.

The First Lady of Burundi, Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye, and her Equato-Guinean counterpart, Her Excellency Constanca Mangué Obiang, discussed partnership in the implementation of social projects, in particular women's empowerment and child protection, as well as strengthening cooperation between the "Umugiraneza" and "Constancia Mangué Nsue Okomo" Foundations, which the two First Ladies respectively chair. **(Presidency)**

### The Presidential Couple celebrate International Women's Day in Bubanza

**O**n March 8, 2025, the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, accompanied by the First Lady, H.E. Angeline Ndayishimiye, graced the Bubanza Stadium with his presence at the ceremonies celebrating International Women's Day.

Under the theme "Women, pillars of development: Let's support them to achieve the Vision of Burundi as an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country

by 2060". These rich ceremonies were marked by a march of military and policewomen, followed by that of ministries, institutions, companies and women's associations operating in Burundi.

Taking the floor, the Burundi National Women's Forum, Madam Emérence Bucumi, welcomed the efforts of the Burundian government and the personal involvement of the Head of State in promoting women's rights in Burundi. As for the Resident Coordinator of the United Nations



System Agencies in Burundi, Madame Violet Kakyoma, she positively appreciated the steps taken by Burundian women in the realization of socio-economic development projects, before reaffirming the commitment of the United Nations to accompany Burundi in its vision of becoming an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060. In his speech, Burundi's Number One said that International Women's Day was an opportunity for women to look back and assess their contribution to the development of their families and their countries.

The President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, also pointed out that this day is being celebrated at a time when women are calling for the revision of Burundi's Code of Per-

sons and the Family. He stressed that this code would be revised taking into account Burundian customs and traditions.

"We are asking for the involvement of legal experts and especially the Ministry of Justice, so that the new code integrates all Burundian traditions, because I know that there are those who take advantage of this gap to commit injustices", he insisted, before stressing that all Burundians are equal and must be treated fairly.

Referring to this year's theme, the Burundian President recalled that the country's development begins with the development of families. He called on men to promote the empowerment of their wives by giving them unfailing support when they undertake family development projects. As for financial institutions, he urged them to help women and, above all, to guide them in their choice of bankable projects.

In closing his speech, His Excellency the Head of State of Burundi reaffirmed his commitment to maintaining peace and security in Burundi, and to ensuring strict respect for women's rights. He stressed, however, that peace and security are everybody's concern, and that vigilance must always be the watchword for every citizen. The President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, officially presented awards to 18 people who have distinguished themselves in the fight for women's rights. **(Presidency)**

### The Ministry of Agriculture and Industry in their attributions called to help farmers



**A**s part of the implementation of the call by the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, in connection with the Community Development Project, the President of the Senate, Rt. Hon. Emmanuel Sinzohagera, accompanied by some members of his family and local administrative staff, proceeded

to harvest potatoes at Ruzibazi Hill, Ruzibazi Seed Center, Zone Mayuyu, Commune Mukike, Province of Bujumbura, on a 4-hectare field, on Tuesday, March 4, 2025.

Speaking to the media, the Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera reminded the audience that the riches God has given people are to be found in the soil, and that they should take advantage of them, especially as He has promised to bless the works of their hands.

He also urged the Burundian population, especially civil servants, to take up farming in order to increase production to feed themselves and export the surplus. The President of the Senate, Right Hon Emmanuel Sinzohagera, also called on the Government of Burundi to help farmers by creating a bank that would work closely with all those involved in agro-pastoral activities. He pointed out that his field covers an area of 4

hectares and that he has used 6 tonnes of seed and hopes to harvest between 50 and 60 tonnes at a rate of 10-15 tonnes per hectare.

In closing, the President of the Senate, the Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera, called on the Ministry

of Agriculture and Industry, as part of their remit, to provide farmers with considerable help in preserving and processing their harvest. As we are in an election period, he asked the population to get down to work to eradicate hunger. **(Senate)**

### Bukemba population urged not to appropriate public property illegally



members of Bukemba commune council, which he chaired, and the local administration, to demarcate state-owned land located on Bugiga hill in this commune of Rutana Province, on Wednesday March 5, 2025. This initiative aims at protecting these public lands.

In his speech, the Honorable Fabrice Nkurunziza called on the population to refrain from any illegal appropriation of public property without the authorization of the competent authorities. His statements come at a time when cases of illegal appropriation of state land by some local residents have been observed. **(Senate)**

**D**uring the parliamentary recess of March 2025, the Second Vice-Speaker of the Senate, Honorable Fabrice Nkurunziza, joined

### The Prime Minister of Burundi receives in audience the Ambassador of the United States in Burundi



**T**he Prime Minister of Burundi Lieutenant General of Police Gervais Ndirakobuca received on Tuesday

March 4, 2025, the Ambassador of the United States of America to Burundi Mrs. Lisa Peterson, in an audience aimed at strengthening bilateral relations and identifying opportunities for mutually beneficial cooperation.

He emphasized that the visit had strengthened the partnership between the United States and Burundi, addressing economic and regional issues, as well as the question of refugees from Eastern Congo.

Prime Minister Moïse Nkurunziza's spokesman told the press that the meeting focused on the evolution of United States of America cooperation in Burundi and regional security. He also said that the Prime Minister explained to his host Burundi's efforts to meet the needs of Congolese refugees, through concrete actions and regular humanitarian collaboration. **(RTNB)**

### Launch of free legal aid campaign for prisoners

**O**n Tuesday, March 4, 2025, Burundian Ombudsman Aimée Laurentine Kanyana launched free legal aid activities for inmates at Mpimba central prison. This initiative is being implemented by women lawyers from the Gitega Bar Association, as part of the celebration of Women's Month.

According to the president of the Association of Women Lawyers of the Gitega Bar, Madame Anita Nizigama, the campaign of free legal aid and assisted hearings, launched in 2019, will concern inmates in the prisons of Mpimba in Bujumbura, Ngozi, Bubanza and Gitega.

The campaign aims at promoting access to justice for all,



with a particular focus on the rights of vulnerable women and men, without forgetting the implementation of the Burundi government's policy of decongesting houses of detention. The President of the Association of Women Lawyers of the Gitega Bar, Ms Anita Nizigama, pointed out that thanks to their legal aid initiative, the number of cases handled had risen from 8 to 200 in 2024. The target was to process 500 cases by 2025.

Gitega's President of the Bar, Sébastien Ntahoturi, insisted on the need for prison officials to authorize access to files, adding that the campaign would be rounded off by a series of capacity-building sessions

focusing on gender-based violence and children's rights from the moment of conception.

According to the director of Mpimba Central Prison, the facility currently houses 3,560 inmates, including 3,353 men, 207 women and 14 children accompanying their mothers. When it was built, Mpimba Central Prison had a capacity of 800 inmates. In addition, 1,437 prisoners were recently granted a presidential pardon.

Burundian Ombudsman Aimée Laurentine Kanyana noted that legal aid is a major challenge, especially for prisoners. This concern must be shared by all, as it affects not only local administrations, but also prisoners' families, who must be aware of the need for such assistance.

Those in charge of detention centers, judicial police officers (OPJ) and magistrates must produce reports enabling decision-makers to take appropriate measures, so that prisoners can be assisted in their trials, insisted Burundian Ombudsman Aimée Laurentine Kanyana.

She announced that the institution of the Ombudsman would soon be taking steps to listen to the prisoners, and asked those in charge of the public prosecutor's offices and the courts to facilitate this process.

The Burundian Ombudsman, Aimée Laurentine Kanyana, welcomed the work of the Gitega Women's Bar Association, which actively contributes to the implementation of government programs to reduce prison overcrowding. Lastly, she pointed out that women in detention face numerous difficulties, including the impossibility of raising their children, just like imprisoned men, who can no longer provide for their families, thus worsening the living conditions of their loved ones. (RTNB)

### A strategic meeting for the Burundian economy

**O**n March 6, 2025, the Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning, Mr. Nestor Ntahontuye, brought together Development Partners (PAD) for a working session dedicated to the preparation of the 2025-2026 Finance Bill. The aim of the meeting was to strengthen coordination between the State and its partners, with a view to improving the execution of development projects.

During the meeting, the Minister stressed the importance of an active and coherent contribution from development partners. He stressed the need to harmonize the efforts of public and private players to achieve the Vision of Burundi as an emerging country by 2040 and a developed country by 2060. The aim is to ensure effective synergy that will optimize the impact of development initiatives.



The Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning emphasized the need to centralize the actions of partners to ensure efficient management of projects and programs. Better coordination will make it possible to monitor the progress of initiatives and quickly identify the challenges to be met.

During the session, the Minister of Finance, Budget

and Economic Planning also presented the strategic planning formats to be used by partners. This standardization aims at aligning the actions of each stakeholder with national priorities and ensure greater coherence with the country's sectoral policies.

Emphasis was placed on the importance of convergence between the actions of partners and the strategic orientations of the government. By structuring the interventions of development stakeholders around national objectives, Burundi hopes to strengthen the impact of its growth and modernization program.

The Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning, Nestor Ntahontuye, explained that the aim of the meeting was to ensure that development partners' work plans were aligned with the 2025-2026 Finance Law and the Vision of Burundi as an emerging country in 2040 and 2060. This approach will help to better structure interventions and ensure optimal monitoring of resources committed to development projects. (RTNB)

### Karusi: Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock distributes pigs



As part of the Government's new livestock policy, Mr Prosper Dodiko, Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, distributed 145 pigs of high genetic value to eight beneficiaries selected for their ability to ensure the continuity of modern livestock breeding on Friday February 7, 2025.

According to the Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, this initiative aims at overcoming the challenges of traceability and inbreeding encountered under the old breeding policy. "From now on, the State will give preference to breeders who are technically and financially capable of maintaining sustainable and efficient breeding" he said.

Beneficiaries include two parishes in Gitega, two military camps (Bubanza and Karusi), two secondary schools (one in Gitega and another in Karusi), a cooperative and an independent breeder in Kirundo.

Of the 145 pigs distributed, 61 were females, suggesting a rapid multiplication of the herd. "In eight months' time, they could potentially have more than 500 new pigs, some of which will be redistributed to farmers close to the beneficiaries", explained Mr Prosper Dodiko. This strategy aims at gradually extending the impact of this modernization of pig breeding to the whole country.

The Minister insisted that this initiative will help to inject "new blood" into pig breeding, thereby reducing the risks associated with inbreeding, a recurring problem in the sector.

He also took the opportunity during this distribution to remind about good breeding practices. "Contrary to popular belief, pigs are animals that like cleanliness. It is important to separate feeding and resting areas from those designated for excrement" he explained. He emphasized the importance of adhering to biosecurity standards, particularly in the design of pigsties and the prevention of contamination.

Finally, the Minister of Environment, Agriculture, and

Livestock, Mr. Prosper Dodiko, reminded that these pigs remain a property of the State and the community. "This free distribution aims at a national objective: to sustainably improve pig farming in Burundi," he concluded.

With this initiative, the Government hopes not only to modernize the sector but also to strengthen the food and economic security of farmers across the country. (RTNB)

### The Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS is raising awareness among the media about the fight against MPOX



The Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS organized a sensitization workshop on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, in Bujumbura, aimed at strengthening the fight against the MPOX epidemic in Burundi. Aware of the crucial role of the media in disseminating accurate information and raising public awareness, the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight Against AIDS brought together journalists to inform them about the preventive measures to be adopted against MPOX. This initiative aims to ensure effective and coherent communication in favor of the population.

Between July and December 2024, a notable increase in MPOX cases was observed. However, a downward trend is currently emerging, with 136 patients hospitalized in various health district

across the country, according to the Director General in charge of healthcare provision and accreditations at the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS. Approximately 80% of the reported MPOX cases in Burundi come from the northern, central, and southern health districts of Bujumbura, as well as from the Isare communes and the city of Gitega, according to Dr. Oscar Ntihabose, the Director General in charge of healthcare provision and accreditations at the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS. This identification allows for targeted prevention and control efforts against the epidemic.

The Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS has intensified preventive measures, including screening and isolation of suspected cases, including among refugees from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Treatment centers have also been established at the country's borders.

The Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS has urged the population to avoid handshakes and hugs, to practice regular hand washing, to maintain social distancing, and to disinfect surfaces. It is also recommended to avoid close contact with infected individuals as well as with sick or dead wild animals. (RTNB)

### Women are called to establish trust with financial institutions in order to obtain credit more easily



The project to support financial, agricultural, and rural inclusion in Burundi, "PAIFAR-B," organized a workshop on Thursday, March 6, 2025, in Gitega, the political capital and center of Burundi, to raise awareness among women leaders who are members of cooperatives and indigenous women leaders about financial inclusion in order to

strengthen women's self-promotion.

The Governor of Gitega Province, Mr. Venant Manirambona, during the launch of this workshop, emphasized that women play a major role in the development of households and the country. He urged them to open bank accounts to secure their money and to build a relationship of trust with financial institutions to more easily obtain credit.

The representative of the national coordinator of PAIFAR-B, Mr. Ladislav Habonimana, urged women to

raise awareness among their peers about financial inclusion in order to collectively promote their empowerment and access financial services to invest in sustainable projects.

In this regard, Mrs. Marie Louise Nsabayumva from the Cooperative for Savings and Mutual Credit (CECM) pointed out that women do not take out loans to the same extent as men, explaining that only 30% of loans have been granted to women in 70 microfinance institutions. She encouraged women who have bank accounts and those who are working on self-development projects to take out loans. She urged women to distinguish between family money and money used for projects, to stop taking out loans for unnecessary needs, and to invest in income-generating activities to contribute to the development of their families in particular and the country in general.

Taking the floor, the vice-president of the National Federation of Savings and Credit Cooperatives of Burundi (FENACOBUR), Mr. SABOKWIGURA Ezéchiél, noted that less than 15% of individuals aged 18 and over have bank accounts, while Burundi has approximately 13 million inhabitants. He indicated that saving is important for securing money and preparing for a better future. According to him, unexpected events such as death, illness, etc., can occur at any time. He finally pointed out that to address the issues related to women's financial inclusion, relevant institutions must develop products and services adapted to women and support them to achieve better results.

Based on this testimony, the women who participated in this workshop suggested that PAIFAR-B organize a similar awareness session for men, who sometimes do not allow them to undertake projects, and to arrange exchange visits to strengthen their capacities in terms of financial inclusion. **(ABP)**

## The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Korean International Cooperation Agency on a mission at the Musenyi camp



**T**he United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), in collaboration with the Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), conducted a visit on Monday, March 3, 2025, to the Musenyi camp located in Giharo commune in Ruyigi province. This visit aimed at assessing the living conditions of the new refugees coming from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and to identify urgent needs.

According to the UNHCR Representative, Mrs. Brigitte Mukanga-Eno, the Musenyi Camp, originally designed to accommodate 10,000 people, is facing a significant increase in the number of refugees. Currently, 2,000 individuals from Rugombo transit site are settled there. While waiting for more sustainable solutions, temporary

accommodations have been established to address this humanitarian emergency.

She emphasized the ongoing efforts to improve the reception of refugees and to implement sustainable solutions. The UNHCR and the Korean International Cooperation Agency are working together with local authorities to strengthen the camp's infrastructure and ensure decent living conditions for the newcomers.

During this visit, the joint mission identified several needs, particularly in terms of shelter, access to drinking water, health services, and education for children. Adapted solutions are being developed to improve the living conditions of refugees and ensure their safety.

As part of this mission, the delegation also visited the association Sky Dufatane mu nda, located in the Mugeni area, Kayogoro commune, in Makamba province. Composed of five returnees and five locals, this association receives support from various NGOs, including the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Korean International Cooperation Agency.

The president of the Sky Dufatane mu nda association, Mr. Daniel Nshimirimana, expressed his gratitude to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Korean International Cooperation Agency for their support. However, he highlighted the urgent need for ma-



chines for soap processing, as well as other equipment for developing projects such as bread production and milling operations.

Under the supervision of the relevant authorities, efforts are being made to strengthen reception infrastructures and ensure regular monitoring of refu-

gees. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Korean International Cooperation Agency continue to work in synergy with local and international organizations to provide sustainable solutions and improve the living conditions of displaced populations. **(RTNB)**

### Ruyigi: Launch of a project for the empowerment of refugees



**B**urundi officially launched on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, in Ruyigi province, a large-scale project titled "From Vulnerability to Empowerment: Building Safe and Secure Communities." Funded to the tune of \$6.16 million by South Korea through the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), this project aims at improving the living conditions of vulnerable populations, particularly returnees, while strengthening social cohesion and security.

This program is part of a sustainable reintegration dynamic for Burundian returnees, with a focus on community development. The funding allocated by South Korea aims at enhancing local infrastructure and develop income-generating activities to ensure the autonomy of the beneficiaries.

Mr. Nestor Bimenyimana, the Director General for the Repatriation and Reintegration of Refugees at the Ministry of Interior, Community Development, and Public Security, emphasized the importance of this project. According to him, it marks a decisive step towards the sustainable integration of Burundian returnees.

Mr. Kim Sang-Chul, the Deputy Representative of the Korea International Cooperation Agency

(KOICA) in Burundi, reaffirmed South Korea's commitment to supporting Burundi. He recalled that the two countries share historical similarities, particularly regarding colonization, which strengthens their cooperation for stability and development.

Since 2015, over 255,000 returnees have regained safety and dignity thanks to the initiatives of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and its partners, including KOICA. The UNHCR Representative in Burundi, Brigitte Mukanga-Eno, expressed her satisfaction with the launch of this project, which she describes as a "great step towards the self-sufficiency" of returnees.

As part of the launch, a delegation from the Korean International Cooperation Agency, accompanied by the UNHCR and the Director General for the Repatriation and Reintegration of Refugees, visited the Nyabitare Transit Center, located in Gisuru commune in Ruyigi province. The objective was to assess the progress of the works funded by KOICA and to welcome new returnees from Tanzania.

During this visit, the Director General for the Repatriation and Reintegration of Refugees, Mr. Nestor Bimenyimana, urged returnees to encourage those who remain in exile to return home, stating that Burundi offers peace and security.

The project launch activities were marked by a ceremony of gift-giving symbolizing mutual encouragement and solidarity. Additionally, participants were able to see the achievements of returnees funded by KOICA, illustrating concrete efforts towards empowerment.

This project represents a significant advancement in support for Burundian returnees and the strengthening of local communities, with a lasting impact on social cohesion and stability in the country. **(RTNB)**

## The National Communication Council strengthens dialogue with the media



**T**he National Council of Communication (CNC) organized a meeting on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at the Bujumbura Town Hall, to engage with media leaders in order to strengthen dialogue and improve media performance.

This meeting aimed to address the recommendation made to the National Council of Communication during the meeting held in Gitega on September 30, 2024, to increase opportunities for meetings with key partners to enhance the professionalization of the media sector in Burundi for the democratic and inclusive development of the country, announced the president of the National Council of Communication, Madame Esperance Ndayizeye, in her opening speech.

In her address, President Ndayizeye appreciated the initiative of certain media outlets that are already incorporating programs related to the strategic objectives of

the Vision of Burundi as an emerging country by 2040 and developed by 2060. She encouraged all media organizations to increase their reporting and programs that contribute to raising awareness and mobilizing the population around this vision of emergence and development.

Another key point discussed during this meeting was access to information. She urged public authorities and information holders to collaborate with journalists by providing timely data, as the population needs to be informed. Furthermore, she encouraged journalists to adopt a respectful attitude towards their sources in order to establish a relationship of mutual trust.

Regarding the official recognition of journalists, the president of the National Communication Council (CNC) reminded that the press card is an essential document that attests to this profession. She specified that to obtain it, certain conditions must be met, namely: holding a baccalaureate degree in communication or journalism with six months of experience in a media outlet, and for those who have not attended journalism or communication schools, two years of experience in a recognized media company.

As the June 2025 elections approach, the National Communication Council is actively working on establishing a synergy among media outlets to ensure effective and responsible media coverage. The president of the National Communication Council emphasized the CNC's commitment to mobilizing the necessary resources for the training of journalists and electoral education, in order to guarantee quality information during this crucial period. (RTNB)

## The Red Cross of Burundi receives a donation of eight ambulances



**T**he Red Cross of Burundi received a donation of eight ambulances on Thursday, March 6, 2025, thanks to a fund

established in 2017 to support national relief societies. This fund was created by international relief organizations, namely the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

According to the Secretary General of the Red Cross of Burundi, Mr. Anselme Katiyunguruza, these humanitarian organizations aim at providing assistance to people affected by disasters and emergencies in various countries. This has led to the establishment of a fund intended to strengthen the capacities of Red Cross societies so that they can better respond to natural disasters, accidents, and crises.

In this context, the Red Cross of Burundi has been equipped with eight all-terrain ambulances, outfitted with rescue equipment. He emphasized that this assistance marks a new step in the organization's ability to help those affected by disasters and emergencies. The Secre-

tary General reminded that the Red Cross of Burundi, Mr. Anselme Katiyunguruza, cannot afford to be inactive in case of accidents and natural disasters. This donation will enable the organization to fulfill its

commitments by enhancing its intervention capabilities. These ambulances will be used particularly for medical evacuations to healthcare facilities, especially in cases of accidents or natural disasters. (RTNB)

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