



SAVE GENERATIONS ORGANIZATION

HIGHLIGHTS ACHIEVEMENTS

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Dear Friends and Partners

We are excited to share the highlight achievements of the Save Generations Organization in the year 2023.

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude for the incredible support and dedication from our community. Together, we have achieved remarkable milestones and made a significant impact on the lives of our community we serve.

We are dedicated to promote, protect and advocate for children, youth and women's rights in order to prepare, empower and equip the future generations.

Our interventions have originated from our programs including the Education, Adolescents and Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (AYSRHR) and Family Planning (FP), Child protection and wellbeing, Youth and women's socio-economic development, Environment protection & climate change resilience and Emergence Responses

Kindly take a few minutes to peruse this edition of our newsletter; we hope you will find it informative and enjoyable.

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ABOUT SAVE GENERATIONS ORGANIZATION

Save Generations Organization is a Rwandan Development and Women's rights organization that works to prepare, empower and equip the future generations, with the aim to promote, protect, and advocate for children, youth and women's rights. It was established in 2015, and it is registered as a Non-Government Organization under Rwanda Governance Board (RGB) with the legal personality number 008/RGB/NGO/2016. Our motto is to Prepare, empower and equip the future generations.

Vision

A community that is able to raise up generations full of hope, with good values, dreams, ability and actions.

Mission

To create spaces and provide opportunities to children, youth and women for their integral development and healthy life in order to enable them reach their full potential.

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A JOURNEY THROUGH SAVE GENERATIONS ORGANIZATION'S 2023 ACHIEVEMENTS

Building the Capacity of Right Holders and Duty Bearers.

Through the trainings

In 2023, the Save Generations Organization organized impactful training sessions on Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) and rights.

The goal was to empower a diverse group, including adolescent girls, boys and youth in and out of schools in the districts of Kamonyi, Gasabo and Bugesera. The training involved peer educators, religious leaders, and teachers and community health workers. These sessions equipped participants with vital knowledge and skills, promoting a culture of informed choices and overall well-being in the field of sexual and reproductive health.



Community health workers.

To improve understanding of SRH, the training provided to the community health workers in Bugesera district, teaching them how to offer friendly SRH services. A total of 308 health community workers were trained by Save Generations Organization supported by Plan International Rwanda.



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A testimonial from one community health worker highlights the impact of the training:

Before gaining knowledge about SRH, we felt ill-equipped to provide comprehensive services to individuals in our community. We lacked skills on how to offer culturally responsive services to people from diverse backgrounds. However, after completing the refresher session, we were equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills to provide high-quality SRH services to our community members. We learned how to provide services that were sensitive to the cultural norms and values of our communities. We also learned how to use inclusive language and how to offer services in a non-judgmental and respectful manner.



Capacity building for teen mothers and youth on SGBV.

In a dedicated effort to raise awareness, impart knowledge, and enhance skills related to Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) prevention, as well as child rights, Save Generations Organization conducted targeted training sessions for 30 teen mothers and youth. The initiative specifically focused on young girls and boys in Kamonyi District, Gacurabwenge Sector. Through this training, participants were empowered with valuable insights and tools to recognize, prevent, and address instances of SGBV, fostering a community where child rights are upheld and protected.



Create a youth-friendly and supportive environment for SRHR

To create a friendly and supportive environment for adolescents and youth, 40 agents of change and 120 parents from both Kamonyi, Gasabo and Bugesera districts were trained on SRHR. The goal is to reduce negative perceptions towards SRHR and have them become agents of change in their community. They are involved in promoting SRHR by reaching out to their peer parents and educating their children about SRHR.



Training on feminism and SRHR Community Scorecard.

Through these trainings, 32 SRHR network members from different organizations were empowered with knowledge and skills that enable them to understand and assert their SRH rights for self-advocacy, using human rights-based approaches and inclusive community activism.



Training on intersectionality.

29 CCGs, CPs and youth panels were empowered with knowledge on SRHR toolkits, enabling them to advance in SRHR advocacy, lobby, and intersectionality. Additionally, 19 youth panel members from Make Way Program were trained on building self-esteem and coordinating social media usage when addressing SRHR and inclusiveness issues.

A path to economic independence, knowledge expansion, and cooperation

In Kamonyi District, 30 young girls, boys out of school and single mothers received specialized training sessions, enhancing their understanding of cooperative formation, management and entrepreneurship. Armed with this knowledge, they are now better prepared to navigate the business world and seize economic opportunities. During the sessions, they were equipped with practical skills and provided support to kick start income-generating activities, fostering financial stability and contributing to overall socio-economic development.

In 2023, significant milestones were reached, notably the establishment of the Fruit and Vegetables Mushimba roadside market in Kamonyi district, Gacurabwenge sector. This market serves as a crucial platform for young girls, boys, and single mothers transitioning from informal to formal business settings, thereby enhancing their livelihoods. Constructed by Save Generations Organization funded by Rwanda Governance Board (RGB) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)



THE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES ROAD SIDE MARKET

Following the construction of the modern market, startup capital was provided to 30 rights holders, empowering them to establish and expand their businesses. This initiative not only fosters economic development and job creation but also enables the rights holders to turn their innovative ideas into successful and sustainable enterprises.



Empowering rights holders through Health Club for Change sessions.

In addition to our school based initiatives, Save Generations Organization reached out to youth aged 19-24 in 10 community safe spaces located in the Ngeruka & Kamabuye sectors of Bugesera district.

This provided a friendly environment for them to discuss and be equipped with knowledge and accurate information on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR).





Save Generations Organization supported by Plan International Rwanda has made significant strides in fostering a healthier and more informed community in Bugesera district.

We conducted impactful Health Club for Change sessions in schools leaving a positive impact on them peers from Kamabuye and Ngeruka sectors.

CREATING SAFE SPACES FOR LEARNING AND SHARING EDUCATIONAL AND INFORMATIVE KNOWLEDGE

Supported by Kvinna Till Kvinna, Save Generations Organization empowered rights holders through inspiring Debate Club for Change (DCC) sessions in eight schools located in Kamonyi and Gasabo districts. These schools include G.S Remera Indangamirwa, G.S Kabasare, G.S Ngamba, G.S Bugoba, G.S Ruhanga, G.S Gasogi, G.S Ndera, and G.S Kabuga.

Our primary goal was to enhance rights holders' understanding of their rights to access Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) services freely and equally, regardless of their gender. We strongly believe that every young person, whether a girl or a boy, should have access to essential information and services related to their SRHR needs.



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Save Generations Organization understands the importance of promoting open discussions on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) by conducting impactful dialogues. This involves engaging with 200 adolescents, both young girls and boys, from four schools in Kamabuye and Ngeruka sectors - G.S Rwimiyaga, G.S Rutonde, G.S Twimpara, and G.S Nyakayaga.

These dialogues provided a safe space for them to share their experiences and concerns related to SRHR. During these dialogues, adolescents and young people fearlessly voiced their perspectives on various SRHR concerns that directly impact their lives. The exchange of ideas and stories allowed a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by the youth in their journey towards healthy and informed decision-making.



DIALOGUE WITH DUTY BEARERS

In our unwavering commitment to promote open communication and Advocacy for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), Save Generations Organization extended dialogue to the wider community. The dialogue reached out to 68 duty bearers

From Bugesera district and 100 duty bearers from Kamonyi and Gasabo districts. This increased their engagement in response to SRHR issues affecting adolescents and young people hence contributing to creation of friendly, safe and supportive SRHR environment for them.



Intergenerational dialogue

In 2023, Save Generations Organization organized various intergenerational dialogues aimed at understanding the importance of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) for young people. The goal is to ensure that young individuals have the necessary information for making informed decisions about their sexual lives and can access relevant services within a supportive family environment.



Several dialogues were conducted, including:

200 adolescents aged between 10-19 years from 4 selected schools of Bugesera district and 480 rights holders from 8 selected schools of Gasabo and Kamonyi districts engaged in SRHR through Debate Club for Change and Health Clubs for Change to create independent SRHR safe spaces, addressing teenage pregnancies and GBV.

250 young adolescents aged 19-24 from 10 community safe spaces in Bugesera district formed health clubs for change to create a safe space for sharing accurate SRHR information to their peers.

225 adolescents and 140 parents in Bugesera District participate in intergenerational dialogues on SRHR issues, while 120 rights holders and duty bearers in Kamonyi and Gasabo districts engage in discussions addressing adolescent concerns.



EMPOWERING YOUTH THROUGH SRHR CAMPAIGNS



Various activities and competitions were organized, providing a platform for youth to express their thoughts and ideas through talents such as songs, poems, theatres, drawings, debates, and fashion. Save Generations Organization believes that these initiatives are crucial in promoting awareness and understanding of SRHR among the young generation.

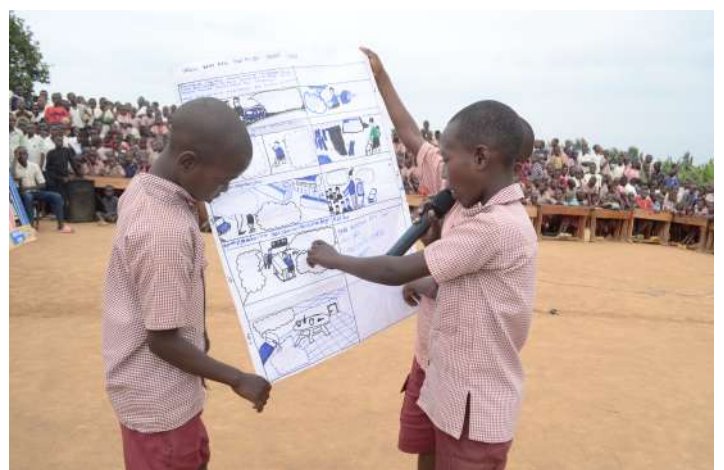


Save Generations Organization, with support from Plan International Rwanda, has successfully conducted impactful SRHR Social and Behavior Change Campaigns (SBCC). These campaigns aimed to challenge negative perceptions surrounding Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) within the community. The initiatives focused on engaging 6,935 adolescents from G.S Rwimiyaga, G.S Twimpara, G.S Rutonde, and G.S Nyakayaga in the Bugesera district, sectors of Ngeruka & Kamabuye. The primary goal was to equip members of the Health and Community Care (HCC) club with accurate SRHR information.

The objective was to empower them to address misconceptions among their peers, fostering increased community engagement in response to SRHR issues faced by adolescents and young people. The campaigns aimed to enhance access to SRHR information and services, enabling adolescents and young people to make informed decisions and take actions concerning their bodies. The strategy involved challenging existing negative perceptions, including social norms, cultural, and religious beliefs around SRHR for adolescents and young people.



In commitment to improving the well-being of adolescents and young people, Save Generations Organization conducted impactful community awareness campaigns focused on SRHR. Engaging 5492 citizens from Kamabuye and Ngeruka sectors in Bugesera District, these campaigns shed light on the pressing SRHR challenges faced by the youth. The organization aims to create a more inclusive and informed society by actively involving adolescents in their unique talents.





In Bugesera district, 10,162 adolescents from four schools including G.S Tunda, G.S Nyakayaga, G.S Rutonde and G.S Biharagu disseminated SRHR information through competitions targeting social norms and challenges. Additionally, 2,643 young adolescents and parents spread accurate SRHR information via a football match. In Kamonyi and Gasabo districts, 10,722 students from eight schools accessed SRHR information during DCC week campaigns against GBV and teenage pregnancies.

Social behavior change awareness campaigns.



Mass social behavior change and communication campaigns were conducted in Kamonyi, Gasabo, and Bugesera districts to increase knowledge and raise awareness on accurate Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) information for 4,317 young adolescents in and out of school and their parents, addressing SRHR issues faced by girls; **additionally, 1,724 people from Nyagatare district increased knowledge on Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and HIV prevention strategies and reduced stigma related to SRHR services through a World AIDS Day campaign.**



INCREASING ACCESS TO ACCURATE SRHR KNOWLEDGE AND INFORMATION THROUGH PUBLICATIONS.

Twese abakobwa n'abahungu kugira amakuru ku buzima bw'imyororokere n'uburenganzira bijyana biratureba!!!

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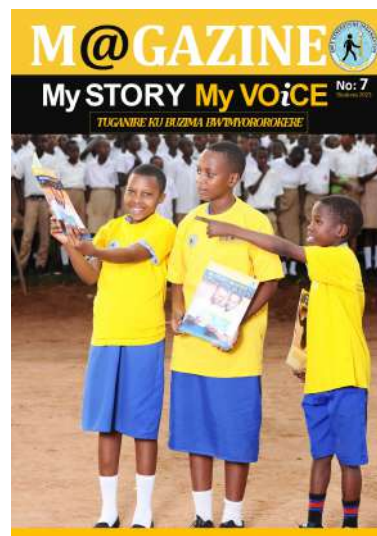
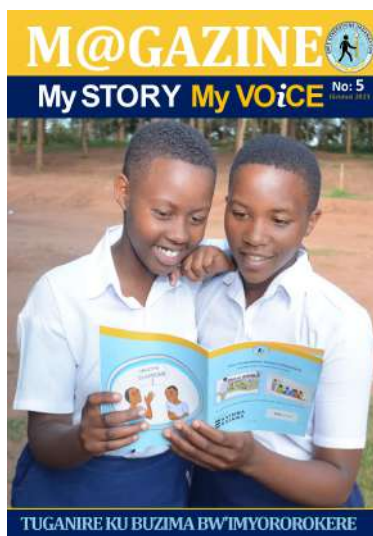
My Story, My Voice.

Save Generations Organisation

Magazine

The power of storytelling and advocacy can change someone's life. Save Generations Organization, has published the 5th, 6th and 7th editions of the "My Story My Voice" magazine ("Tuganire ku buzima bw'imyororokere"). This publications serves as a platform for self-advocacy, allowing adolescents and youth to express their Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) issues and share inspiring stories of change.

The impact of this magazines has been tremendous, magazine copies distributed among our rights holders from Kamonyi, Gasabo and Bugesera districts. Through the pages of the "My Story My Voice" magazine, we aim to inspire, educate, and empower adolescents and youth aged between 10 and 24 years old, encouraging them to make responsible choices on their SRHR journey.



Among the highlights of this edition, readers will find a section titled "HAHA UBWENGE" (translating to "Smart Knowledge"), filled with valuable and educative messages. These messages serve as guidelines for informed decision-making, promoting a supportive environment for young people.

View the magazine

<https://sgorwanda.rw/my-story-my-voice-magazine/>





Empowering Communities with SRHR Learning Materials

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In our ongoing commitment to improving access to Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) information, Save Generations Organization has distributed 2,463 accurate SRHR learning materials to adolescent girls, boys in and out of school, and their parents. These materials aim to empower parents, adolescents, and young people in Kamonyi, Gasabo, and Bugesera districts where Save Generations Organization is actively involved. The goal is to equip them with the knowledge and tools necessary to engage in open and constructive discussions about SRHR issues.



SAVE GENERATIONS ORGANIZATION'S PARTICIPATION IN WOMEN DELIVER 2023



We are happy to share our incredible experience at Women Deliver 2023, a global event dedicated to advancing gender equality and women's rights. As Save Generations Organization, committed to preparing, empowering, and equipping future generations, Women Deliver provided a unique platform to showcase our work advocating for the rights of children, youth, and women, resulting in significant networking opportunities, knowledge exchange, capacity building, an advocacy platform, and inspiration to pursue our mission with renewed determination.

CONCLUSION

Save Generations Organization remains committed to the well-being of our community, and we are thrilled to have positively impacted the lives of so many young adolescents, youth and Women. We aim to continue empowering the youth with knowledge and information, as we believe that human resource development brings sustainable development.

Appreciation

This highlight offered a glimpse to interventions that have kept Save Generations Organization busy in the past year 2023. We would like to take a moment to thank the Government of Rwanda line Ministries, Institutions, Agencies & Districts of operation, our funding partners Kvinna Till Kvinna, Swedish Institute, Plan International Rwanda, Rwanda Governance Board, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Never Again Rwanda, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC, SIDA, Akina Mama Wa Afrika, AHF, NUDOR and Make Way program, for their partnership and collaboration. We thank partner CSOs, School Administrations, Teachers and parents from G.S Ngamba & G.S Bugoba, G.S Remera Indangamirwa and G.S Kabasare in Kamonyi District: G.s Kabuga Chatolic , G.S Ndera, G.S Gasogi and G.S Ruhanga in G.S Gasabo District: G.S Nyakayaga, G.S Biharagu, G.S Rutonde, G.S Twimpara in Bugesera district. We thank our Friends and all Save Generations Organization direct and indirect right holders for your kind cooperation during the previous year from January to December 2023.

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