



# SAVE GENERATIONS ORGANIZATION

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## NEWS LETTER



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DEAR PARTNERS AND FRIENDS,

### WELCOME TO OUR JANUARY-MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER!

We're excited to share the incredible progress made by Save Generations Organization this quarter. We reached 650 youth with SRHR education through school and community debates, guided 60 adolescent girls through the Ndabaga Space mentorship program, and trained 20 peer educators and 24 teachers to lead SRHR efforts in their communities.

We conducted a menstrual hygiene assessment in 15 districts, organized 47 focus group discussions, and engaged 48 key informants per district, followed by a validation meeting with 30 stakeholders.

On child protection, we held a consultative meeting with 30 ECD stakeholders from 15 districts and conducted 4 one-on-one advocacy meetings. Our outreach activities also supported a women's saving group of 20 members and strengthened the Humura Kibondo ECD center.

We thank you for joining us in this journey of impact and invite you to explore our work in the pages ahead.

WARM REGARDS  
SAVE GENERATIONS ORGANISATION



# 10 YEARS OF IMPACT AND EMPOWEREMENT CELEBRATION

This year, Save Generations Organization proudly marked 10 years of dedicated service since its founding in 2015. What began as a vision to uplift future generations has grown into a movement for change—empowering children, youth, and women across Rwanda.



Over the past decade, we've reached countless lives through programs that promote gender equality, protect rights, and drive community development.



These achievements have been made possible through the unwavering support of our board, partners, government bodies, institutions, stakeholders, and, most importantly, the communities we serve. The celebration brought together inspiring speeches, heartfelt testimonies and exhibitions participants reflected on a decade of achievements, and honored the collective efforts that have shaped our journey.

Thank you to our partners, supporters, and communities who have walked this journey with us. Here's to the next chapter of impact—together!





# ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL RETREAT

At the start of 2025, Save Generations Organization held its annual organizational retreat, bringing together all staff under the delegation of the Executive Director and Board Members.

The retreat provided a valuable platform to reflect on key achievements from January to December 2024, with each department presenting quarterly accomplishments and demonstrating impact using a results-based approach aligned with implemented projects.

The retreat also featured a capacity-building session on measuring Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), facilitated by an external consultant. This training enhanced the team's ability to effectively monitor and evaluate organizational performance.

To close the retreat, the Executive Director applauded the dedication and achievements of each department and emphasized the importance of maintaining momentum in alignment with SGO's strategic priorities for 2025.



# Adolescent and Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (AYSRRH) and Family Planning

## INTRODUCTION

Since 2022, Save Generations Organization, funded by Plan International Rwanda, has implemented a project titled "Empowerment of Adolescents and Young Girls in and out of School on Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights in Bugesera District." The project initially focused on schools GS Biharagu, GS Nyakayaga, GS Twimpala, and GS Rutonde.

In 2024, it expanded to include four additional schools GS Kagasa, GS Shami, GS Ndama, and GS Tunda, as well as 10 community safe spaces. In schools, the project reaches 400 rights holders, comprising 240 girls and 160 boys aged 10–18 years old. Additionally, 250 rights holders, including 150 girls and 100 boys, are involved in 10 community safe spaces from Kamabuye and Ngeruka Sectors

The project aims to increase knowledge and information on SRHR among adolescents and youth in and out of schools, enabling them to make informed and responsible decisions about their bodies. It also seeks to foster community engagement to create a supportive environment for adolescent and youth sexuality and reproductive health.

## GIRLS' INSPIRATIONAL TALKS (NDABAGA SPACE)

Save Generations Organisation expanded its Ndabaga Space mentorship program this quarter, successfully guiding 20 adolescent girls in self-confidence and SRHR awareness.

As part of this initiative, the 7th, 8th, and 9th sessions were conducted, providing a structured platform for mentorship and empowerment.

The 9th session, held on March 22, 2025, in Bugesera District, engaged 20 girls (aged 13–18) in interactive discussions on consent and various forms of violence. These sessions continue to foster confidence, equip girls with advocacy skills, and support them in making informed decisions about their reproductive health and rights.





## SRHR AWARENESS THROUGH DEBATE IN EXISTING SCHOOLS AND 10 COMMUNITY SAFE SPACES

To foster open discussions on SRHR, we facilitated debates in four schools and ten community safe spaces, engaging adolescents and youth in Bugesera District on critical SRHR issues.

As an achievement the project enhanced SRHR knowledge, empowering youth to make informed decisions about their health and well-being while fostering a supportive community environment.



## QUARTERLY FOLLOW-UP MEETING WITH TRAINED PEER EDUCATORS AND TEACHERS

Save Generation Organizations successfully held a follow-up meeting at GS Rutonde in Bugesera District with trained peer educators and teachers to strengthen their capacity in delivering SRHR education.

The session reinforced their knowledge, provided continued support, and allowed for reflection on past activities to improve program delivery in schools and communities. All 44 trained participants attended, including 18 females and 26 males. The meeting served as a platform to openly discuss challenges, share successes, and exchange best practices in SRHR implementation





# MENSTRUAL HYGIENE ASSESSMENT & VALIDATION MEETING

Save Generations Organisation conducted an in-depth assessment across 15 districts to evaluate the affordability and accessibility of menstrual hygiene products for adolescents and young women in rural areas.

The study engaged 48 key informants per district, including representatives from the Private Sector Federation, teachers in charge of girls' rooms, and nurses overseeing adolescent and SRHR activities. In addition to one-on-one interviews, 47 focus group discussions were held involving 10 young people per group, bringing together young people (ages 10-19 and 20-24) and 10 mothers per district to share insights on menstrual health challenges and solutions.



Following the assessment, a validation meeting was conducted with 30 network members and key stakeholders to review findings and discuss strategies to improve access to menstrual hygiene products.

The discussions highlighted economic barriers, supply chain limitations, and stigma surrounding menstrual health.

The insights gathered will inform future advocacy efforts to ensure affordable and accessible menstrual products for all adolescent girls and young women in Rwanda.





## POLICY ADVOCACY ON ADOLESCENT CONTRACEPTIVE USE

As part of our project, SGO, in collaboration with the Rwanda Young Women's SRHR Network, conducted an assessment on teenage pregnancy and its associated factors. This assessment aimed to inform decision-makers and facilitate evidence-based planning and programming for adolescent sexual and reproductive health and rights (ASRHR), specifically preventing unwanted pregnancies and their related consequences among adolescent girls.

To further our advocacy efforts, Save Generations Organisation developed a joint position paper with SRHR network members to inform parliamentarians on research findings regarding adolescent contraceptive use and parental perceptions in Rwanda.



## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION THROUGH SUPPORT

To mark International Women's Day celebration, through private sector engagement, SGO partnered with Toyota Rwanda and CFAO Mobility Rwanda to celebrate International Women's Day by supporting menstrual health initiatives.

In March Save Generations Organization provided over 1,300 sanitary pads to the girls' room at GS Ndera, ensuring that young girls have access to essential menstrual hygiene products. This initiative reinforces our commitment to promoting menstrual health and gender equality by fostering partnerships that improve access to sanitary products for school-going adolescents.



# CHILD PROTECTION AND WELL-BEING

## CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON ECD POLICY



Save Generations Organisation conducted a consultative meeting with 30 key stakeholders, including ECD focal persons and CSO representatives at the district level, to analyse the 2016 Early Childhood Development (ECD) policy and its implementation frameworks in alignment with the National Strategy for Transformation 2 priorities.

The discussion focused on identifying opportunities and areas for improvement to strengthen ECD services and contribute to the NST2 priority of reducing malnutrition and stunting.

The meeting was attended by 21 participants (14 males and 7 females) representing various districts, including Rutsiro, Kirehe, Muhanga, Gasabo, Rulindo, Gakenke, Ruhango, Musanze, Nyanza, Ngoma, Gisagara, Bugesera, Burera, Nyarugenge, and Kamonyi. The engagement provided valuable insights into existing ECD-related policies and fostered collaboration to enhance the quality and accessibility of ECD services across Rwanda.



## STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT WITH PRIVATE SECTOR

To strengthen child protection efforts, Save Generations Organization engaged in 5 one-on-one advocacy strategic meetings with key private sector actors, including PSF, Jibu, Inyange, and CSOs like Caritas, Help a Child Rwanda, to explore collaboration opportunities. And commitment to the contribution on the improvement of ECD services in Rwanda.



# YOUTH AND WOMEN'S SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



## OUTREACH FIELD VISIT



Save Generations Organisation conducted an outreach field visit in Ntarama Sector, Bugesera District, where they strengthened collaboration with local leaders and had an opportunity to assess the impact and sustainability of their initiatives, particularly in Early Childhood Development (ECD) services.



Additionally, SGO reinforced financial support for the savings group of 20 women in 'Mugore Tekana Imbere heza' and the 'Humura Kibondo ECD' center, furthering efforts to enhance community resilience and socio-economic development.

# ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AND CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE



## END-OF-PROJECT EVALUATION

An evaluation was conducted to assess the impact and sustainability of environmental protection and climate change resilience initiatives undertaken by the Save Generations Organization. The visit provided an opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness of ongoing projects, document success stories



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S STRATEGIC PARTNER ENGAGEMENTS



During her time in Rwanda, our Founder and Executive Director, Mrs. Yvette Nyinawumuntu, held strategic meetings with key partners to strengthen collaboration and explore areas of shared impact.

At the Save Generations Organization office, we hosted Mr. François Munyentwari, Executive Director of ACORD Rwanda. Their discussions focused on deepening collaboration and expanding partnership opportunities to advance mutual goals in community empowerment and social development.

In a separate engagement, Mrs. Nyinawumuntu welcomed Dr. Marcus Mohlin from Never Again Rwanda. Their dialogue centered on planning future joint sessions around strategic planning, developing sustainable funding models, and enhancing communication strategies.

These meetings reflect Save Generations Organization's continued commitment to fostering meaningful partnerships that drive sustainable change.



We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated partners who have played a crucial role in supporting our initiatives and advancing our mission. Special thanks to ACORD, Plan International Rwanda, Never Again Rwanda, and Akina Mama wa Afrika for their unwavering commitment and collaboration. Your support has been instrumental in empowering youth, promoting SRHR, enhancing child protection, and strengthening community resilience.

As we continue our mission, SGO remains dedicated to advocating for gender equality, SRHR, child protection, and socio-economic empowerment. We appreciate the support of our partners, stakeholders, and communities in making these milestones possible.

## GRATITUDE FOR OUR PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS

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