



# SAVE GENERATIONS ORGANIZATION NEWSLETTER

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## Dear Partners and Friends,

### Welcome to our October–December 2024 Newsletter!

We are excited to share the remarkable progress we've made over the past three months. Save Generations Organization officially launched Ndabaga Space, a mentorship program focused on SRHR, confidence building, and leadership for girls, while also expanding health promotion and youth empowerment initiatives in Nyagatare District in partnership with AHF Rwanda. As part of these efforts, 25 sewing machines were provided to the KORUZIGAMA Cooperative to support young people.

Through the Amazi Hafi Yawe Mugore Tekana Project, we've been able to provide water catchment tanks to 20 women in Ntarama Sector, Bugesera District, with support from Acord Rwanda, AFD and Terre Solidaire.

This quarter, we also had the opportunity to equip 33 children at URUMURI ECD in Kamonyi District with essential educational materials, in collaboration with the Rwanda Governance Board and UNDP.

To support girls' education, we distributed 500 sanitary pads to 8 schools and provided 480 reusable notebooks to youth in Kamonyi and Gasabo Districts. In addition, SRHR knowledge was shared with youth and communities in Kamonyi, Gasabo, and Bugesera Districts through the Tuganire ku Buzima bw'Imyorokere project, supported by Kvinna Till Kvinna and Plan International Rwanda.

We also marked the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence with awareness campaigns in Kamonyi, Bugesera, and Gasabo Districts.

Dive into this edition to learn more about these impactful initiatives and the lives we've touched together.

**Warm Regards,**

**Save Generations Organization**

# Fostering SRHR Awareness and Empowerment through Debate and Community Engagement

At Save Generations Organization, we remain committed to promoting Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and creating lasting change in communities. Between October and December 2024, we organized the Debate Club for Change (DCC) Week across 8 schools in Gasabo and Kamonyi Districts, with support from Kvinna Till Kvinna. This impactful initiative engaged 480 participants (320 females and 160 males) directly and reached 13,297 individuals (7,107 females and 6,190 males) indirectly. Through activities like talent shows, we empowered students to share SRHR knowledge, stimulate meaningful conversations, and raise awareness, deepening understanding of these crucial topics within schools and surrounding communities.



## Additionally,

we extended our SRHR awareness initiatives to four new schools and their communities in Bugesera District, with support from Plan International Rwanda. These debates engaged 198 students and 221 community members, fostering open dialogue and equipping participants with essential knowledge to address key SRHR challenges.

These initiatives highlight our ongoing commitment to equipping communities with the tools and information necessary for making informed decisions about health and well-being. By fostering confidence and understanding, we continue building a healthier and more empowered future for all.





# Strengthening Collaboration with Teachers and Peer Educators in Bugesera District

The session focused on reinforcing their SRHR knowledge, enhancing their capacity, and addressing the challenges they face in promoting SRHR within schools and the community. By empowering educators and peer leaders, Save Generations Organization continues to create a supportive environment where youth can access accurate SRHR information, make informed decisions, and advocate for their rights—ultimately fostering a brighter and healthier future for all.



To enhance collaboration with teachers and peer educators and ensure that adolescents and youth have access to accurate Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) information, Save Generations Organization, with support from Plan International Rwanda, conducted a quarterly follow-up meeting with trained teachers and peer educators in Bugesera District.



## Ndabaga Inspirational Talks: Empowering Girls and Boosting Confidence

Save Generations Organization proudly hosted the Ndabaga Inspirational Talks across Gasabo, Kamonyi, and Bugesera Districts, with a focus on empowering girls and boosting their self-confidence. These transformative sessions engaged 180 participants, motivating them to recognize their potential, overcome challenges, and take control of their futures.

In addition to fostering confidence, the talks provided the girls with accurate information on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), empowering them to share vital knowledge with their peers and advocate for improved health outcomes. By nurturing leadership and awareness, the Ndabaga Inspirational Talks are creating a ripple effect of empowerment, transforming lives and communities for the better.



# EMPOWERING WOMEN FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE:

## The “Amazi Hafi Yawe Mugore Tekana Project”

The project trained 20 women right-holders, expanding their knowledge of climate change and environmental resilience. To support sustainable water management, each woman received a water tank, contributing to long-term environmental sustainability. Additionally, the women were trained in kitchen gardening, which enhances food security and encourages sustainable agricultural practices.



Save Generations Organization is committed to promoting climate resilience and environmental sustainability. Through the Amazi Hafi Yawe Mugore Tekana Project, we are empowering women to lead efforts toward sustainable change in the Ntarama Sector of Bugesera District, with support from Acord Rwanda, AFD, and Terre Solidaire.



The project also fosters economic empowerment by providing economic resilience opportunities. As part of this effort, eight goats were distributed to eight women, helping to create sustainable livelihoods. These initiatives highlight our dedication to empowering women as key players in environmental protection and climate resilience, strengthening communities, and paving the way for a sustainable future.



# Empowering Youth for Health and Livelihoods

Through the TWIYUBAKE Program, Save Generations Organization continues to expand its efforts in promoting youth empowerment and improving health and livelihoods in Nyagatare District, in partnership with AHF Rwanda. This initiative includes the provision of 25 sewing machines to the KORUZIGAMA Cooperative, offering young people opportunities to learn valuable skills.

The program is designed to support youth by improving their economic prospects, thereby enabling them to contribute to their families' well-being. By providing income-generating skills, the initiative also acts as a preventive measure against risky behaviors, such as engaging in transactional sex due to financial insecurity. This helps reduce the risk of exposure to sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and HIV, fostering healthier and more resilient communities.





## Contributions to the Enhancement of Early Childhood Development (ECD) in Rwanda

In partnership with the Rwanda Governance Board (RGB) and UNDP, Save Generations Organization has made significant strides in improving Early Childhood Development (ECD) services through the promotion of quality education. We provided essential educational materials to 33 children at the URUMURI Early Childhood Development Center in Mushimba, Kamonyi District.

This initiative is aimed at enhancing the quality of ECD services by equipping the center with crucial tools that support the developmental needs of young learners. It underscores our unwavering commitment to advancing early childhood development and ensuring children have access to nurturing environments that foster their growth, potential, and overall well-being.





## Raising Awareness for the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

Save Generations Organization actively participated in the global movement to eliminate Gender-Based Violence (GBV) during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. Awareness campaigns were conducted across Kamonyi, Bugesera, and Gasabo Districts, reflecting our commitment to creating safe and equitable communities. These campaigns reached 14,864 participants.

Throughout the campaign, local leaders shared valuable insights, while participants voiced their concerns and collaboratively sought solutions to GBV-related issues. Aligned with this year's theme, 'All for GBV-Free Families,' this initiative highlights our dedication to promoting safety, equity, and well-being within our communities. United, we stand in the fight against Gender-Based Violence, working together to build a brighter, more inclusive future for all.

## Recognition for Collaborative Efforts in Combating Gender-Based Violence

During the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign, Save Generations Organization was honored with a certificate of appreciation from Gasabo District. This recognition reflects the strong partnership between Save Generations Organization and Gasabo District in advancing impactful awareness initiatives.

We are deeply grateful to Gasabo District for its steadfast support in fostering meaningful dialogue and driving efforts to end GBV. Together, we remain dedicated to building resilient, equitable communities and empowering families to thrive in a GBV-free society.



## Celebrating the International Day of Persons with Disabilities

The TWISUNGANE Cooperative from Nyagatare District, supported by Save Generations Organization in partnership with AHF Rwanda and Nyagatare District, commemorated the International Day of Persons with Disabilities in Rwempasha Sector. The celebration, centered around the theme "Kuzamura Uruhare rw'abantu bafite ubumuga twubaka ejo heza" (Enhancing the Role of Persons with Disabilities in Building a Better Future), highlighted the cooperative's achievements. The cooperative proudly displayed garments made using sewing machines provided through this partnership, showcasing the skills and contributions of persons with disabilities while reaffirming a commitment to inclusive empowerment.





## BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE MOVEMENT FOR SRHR THROUGH COALITION EFFORTS

In our ongoing commitment to advancing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) for all, Save Generations Organization, in collaboration with Make Way Members, hosted a Coalition Quarterly Meeting.

The meeting focused on strengthening a resilient and inclusive movement by addressing barriers to SRHR through an intersectional approach. Together, we reviewed our expanding membership, assessed progress, and aligned on advocacy priorities to amplify our shared mission of ensuring equitable SRHR access for all.

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## GRATITUDE FOR OUR PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS

This October–December 2024 newsletter highlights the impactful interventions that have kept Save Generations Organization actively engaged over the past three months. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Government of Rwanda, including line ministries, institutions, agencies, and districts of operation, for their unwavering support. We are equally grateful to our funding partners—Kvinna Till Kvinna, the Swedish Institute, Plan International Rwanda, Rwanda Governance Board, UNDP, Acord Rwanda, AFD and Terre Solidaire, Never Again Rwanda, the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), Akina Mama Wa Afrika, AHF, NUDOR, and the Make Way program—for their invaluable collaboration and partnership.

Our appreciation also goes to our partner CSOs, school administrations, teachers, and parents from G.S Ngamba & Bugoba, Remera Indangamirwa, and Kabasare in Kamonyi District; G.S Kabuga Catholic, Ndera, Gasogi, and Ruhanga in Gasabo District; as well as G.S Rwimiyaga, G.S Rutonde, G.S Twimpara, G.S Nyakayaga, G.S Kagasa, G.S Ndama, G.S Shami, and G.S Tunda in Bugesera District.

Finally, we express our sincere thanks to our friends, supporters, and all direct and indirect right holders of Save Generations Organization for their continued cooperation and engagement throughout the past quarter.