



FVS-AMIE DES ENFANTS

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2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Our mission is to contribute to the development of orphans and other vulnerable children (OVCs) through access to basic social services and the fight against gender-based inequalities.

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FOREWORD



Dear Partners and Friends of FVS-Amie des Enfants,

It is with great pride that I present to you the 2025 annual report of FVS-Amie des Enfants's achievements and invite you to discover the results achieved over the course of this year. The year has been marked by great achievements despite challenges; thanks to the staunch support of FVS-Amie des Enfants's partners, the collaboration with stakeholders, and the unfailing commitment of its teams and community members caring for orphans and vulnerable children (OVCs).

FVS-Amie des Enfants has built on its achievements by continuing to develop and expand its approaches that are particularly effective ; to promote the registration of the birth of children who were undeclared at birth, the defense for children whose rights are being violated and the reintegration of children into their families of origin; to promote good local governance, women's leadership and social cohesion ; to advocate for education and the fight against sexual and gender-based violence; and to promote health for all. For its areas of intervention, FVS-Amie des Enfants uses different approaches : **community engagement** through economic strengthening of households taking care of OVCs by the "**Nawe nuze**" and **FCAP** (Facilitated Collective Action Process) approaches (Participatory approaches that allow community members to develop their financial capacities, to defend the rights of children in order to have access to basic social services and to strengthen social cohesion); **mentorship** for leadership development and local governance, **positive masculinity** for the deconstruction of gender stereotypes. In addition, innovative strategies support the implementation such as **door-to-door** home visits for the identification of malnourished or under-immunized children as well as those not registered in the civil registry, **case conference** for individualized support for children with behavioral problems; active involvement of the administration as well its collaboration with stakeholders. For 2026, FVS-Amie des enfants will continue to consolidate its activities, strengthen its community structures through its approaches and with its most effective strategies. It is also committed to strengthen its partnerships and mobilize more resources to improve the living conditions of the vulnerable children of Burundi.

FVS-Amie des Enfants and its beneficiaries would like to thank local and international partners, donors, and all those who have contributed with their precious support and their expertise to the success of FVS-Amie des Enfants in 2025 in the achievement of its mission.

Best wishes for the year 2026.

Spès Nihangaza

Co-Founder and Legal Representative FVS-Amie des Enfants

INTRODUCTION

FVS-Amie des Enfants, a nonprofit organization, has a 34-year experience and is proud to have experimented with approaches that have succeeded and influenced national policies. Such is the case of community-based care of orphans and other vulnerable children (OVCs) through Solidarity Groups (SGs) and Child Protection Committees (CPCs).

FVS-Amie des Enfants's vision: to be a leader among development players in Burundi for the children's well-being, while contributing to build a supportive society for the recovery of vulnerable people with gender equity.

The mission of FVS-Amie des Enfants is to contribute to the development of OVCs through access to basic social services and the fight against gender-based inequalities.

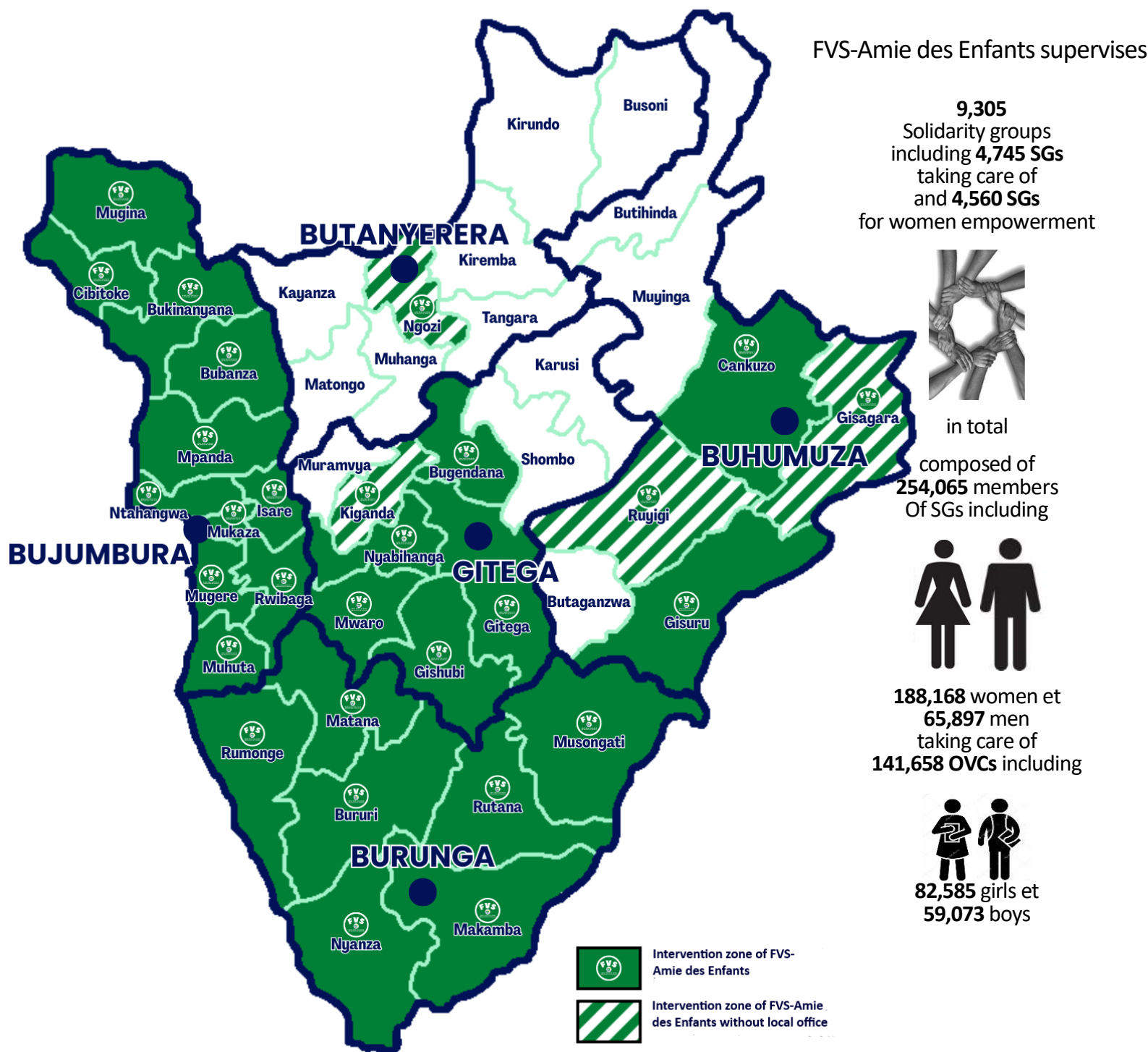
The target groups for FVS-Amie des Enfants actions are distributed into two categories: direct and indirect targets. The direct beneficiaries are:

- Orphans and other vulnerable children (OVCs);
- Parents and guardians of OVCs;
- People living with HIV (PLHIV);
- Vulnerable young people.

The indirect beneficiaries are:

- Solidarity Groups (SGs);
- Child Protection Committees (CPCs);
- Community partners.

INTERVENTION ZONES OF FVS-AMIE DES ENFANTS



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

FVS-Amie des Enfants is a committed local organization that has been able to mobilize and secure the community's commitment to the children's wellbeing, whilst also building a solid platform based on the Burundian saying "**Umwana si uwumwe**". Its activities focus on four fields centered around five intervention areas, namely: (1) Protection and defense of children's rights, as well as the fight against gender-based inequalities; (2) education and psychosocial support for OVCs, (3) health, the fight against HIV/AIDS, Covid-19 and the promotion of community-based health insurance schemes; (4) economic strengthening of the households taking care of the OVCs; and (5) the coordination and strategic development of the organization.

To fulfil its mission, FVS-Amie des Enfants has established and economically reinforced the community structures that in turn take care of the OVCs alongside FVS. In the year 2025, 4745 solidarity groups, 452 CPCs, and 146 FCAP communities worked in synergy for the children's well-being through the four areas of intervention (Protection and defense of children's rights, as well as the fight against gender-based inequalities; education and psychosocial support for OVCs, community-based health and the fight against HIV/AIDS; and economic strengthening of the households taking care of the OVCs).

Regarding the **protection and defense of the children's rights and the fight against gender-based inequalities**, 804 children were defended in court, of whom 209 were reinstated in their legal rights, 714 cases involving 1861 children were settled amicably following mediation, 240 children were also reintegrated into their families of origin. 14,739 children undeclared at birth were registered in the civil registry. 254 gender-based-violence cases were received in court and 42 survivors were defended in court.

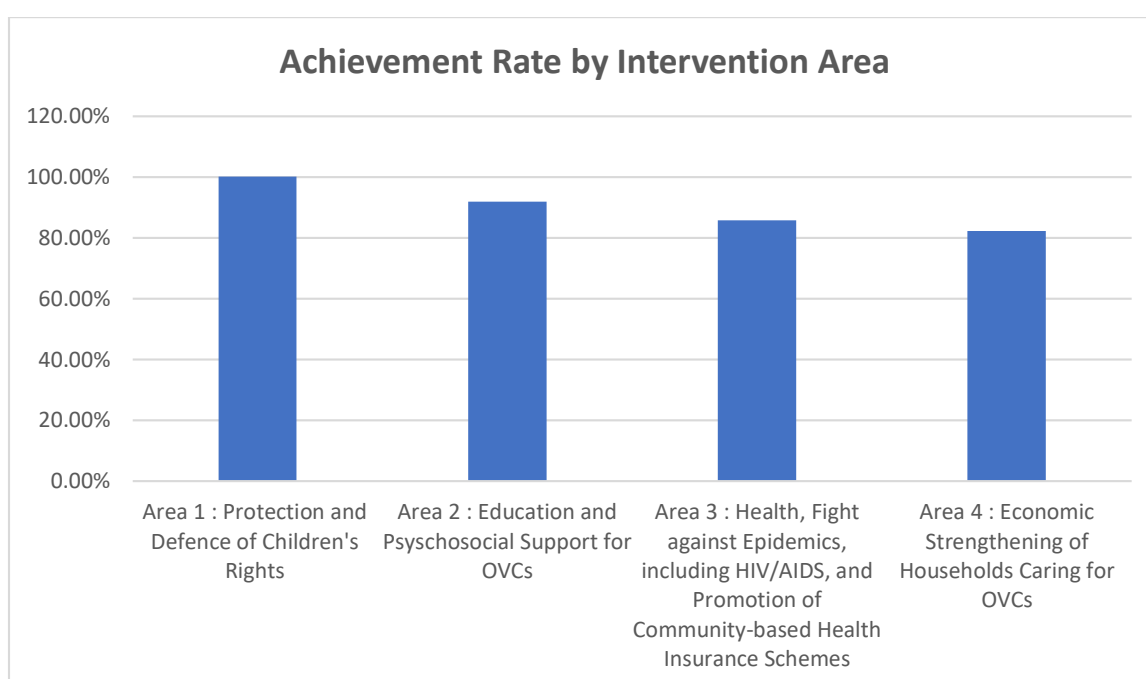
Regarding the **area of education and psychosocial support for OVCs**, 96,826 OVCs received educational support from GS members and 114,953 children received school kits, 3,937 OVC at school obtained official documents required by the schools (Birth certificate and other documents), 41 Matana's ECOLAMIE OVCs de l'ECOLAMIE including 28 of them supported by partners (DCI, Rotary Club of Figeac) and 13 supported by FVS-Amie des Enfants received a school sponsorship. 2 HIV-positive young women received vocational training in dressmaking and 32 young people who received vocational training are now engaged in income-generating activities for their empowerment. 143 OVCs received a psychosocial support and have recovered psychologically.

On the **health area**, 4,826 children (399 zero-dose, 4,421 under-immunized, 1 malnourished, and 5 HIV-positive children) were referred to health care facilities (FOSA) for care, 35,596 OVCs received health insurance cards, 4,333 persons joined the mutual insurance scheme called Mutuelle Tuzokira Twese (MTT), 565 persons were tested for HIV, 13 persons were tested positive for HIV and were undergoing antiretroviral therapy (ART), 855 persons living with HIV (PLHIV), including 733 adults and 122 children, were undergoing ART and being monitored for HIV. Until the end of this third quarter, 802 PLHIV received a viral load (VL) test, 786 had their VL suppressed, 17 persons had detectable VL levels and received reinforcement sessions for their adherence to the

treatment. 5 pregnant women and 19 couples, mothers, and children were monitored. 31 GBV survivors received medical care, and 215 survivors received psychological care.

For the **area of economic strengthening of households taking care of OVCs**, 146 communities have implemented the FCAP approach with 90 of them having graduated, 2,456 SGs have been connected to DUKUZE Microfinance S.A or other microfinance institutions, 514 SGs were referred to DUKUZE for credit granting, 141,658 OVCs (82,585 girls and 59,073 boys) were taken care of by the SG members and FCAP communities, 214 GBV survivors received socioeconomic supports through reintegration into the SGs.

CHART 1: ACHIEVEMENT RATES BY INTERVENTION AREA



AREA 1: PROTECTION AND DEFENCE OF CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND THE FIGHT AGAINST GENDER-BASED INEQUALITIES

During 2025, the main achievements were: awareness, training of legal guardians and members of the SGs on children's rights; support to CPCs with the late registration of births not declared to the civil registry; reintegration of children into their families ; training of social workers, CPC representatives, SG representatives and school representatives on the prevention of gender-based violence (GBV) in schools and communities ; and organization of discussion sessions with various stakeholders on the eradication of the GBV against women and children.

Specific Objective 1.1: To contribute to the protection and defense of children's rights, as well as the reduction of cases of gender-based violence (GBV) against women, girls, and children

FVS-Amie des Enfants has intervened in the capacity-strengthening of child protection actors in the area of the protection of children's rights and the fight against sexual exploitation and abuse. It has also supported them in their activities such as the identification of cases of children whose rights were violated, amicable settlement of cases within their competences, reintegration of children into their families of origin and support of actors in the identification of children not registered in the civil registry for their regularization. The distribution of legislation for reference to the communities (such as the Individual and Family Code and the law against GBV) has been achieved. The results achieved during the year 2025 in the area of children's rights protection are as follows:



Training session for CPC, local notables, and community leaders on the protection of children's rights in Rutana

- **318 CPC managers** were trained on the harmonized module developed by the Ministry of Justice responsible for the social welfare and the fight against GBV.
- **5,062 community actors** were trained on children's rights.

- **182,767 members of community structures (CPCs, SGs, CHAs, etc.)**, Abahuza and the community were reached through awareness-raising sessions on children's rights.
- **714 cases** involving **1,861 children** were settled amicably following mediation.
- **804 children** were defended in court, of whom **209** had their rights reinstated.
- **240 children** were reintegrated into their families of origin.
- **14,739 children** undeclared at birth were registered at the civil registry.



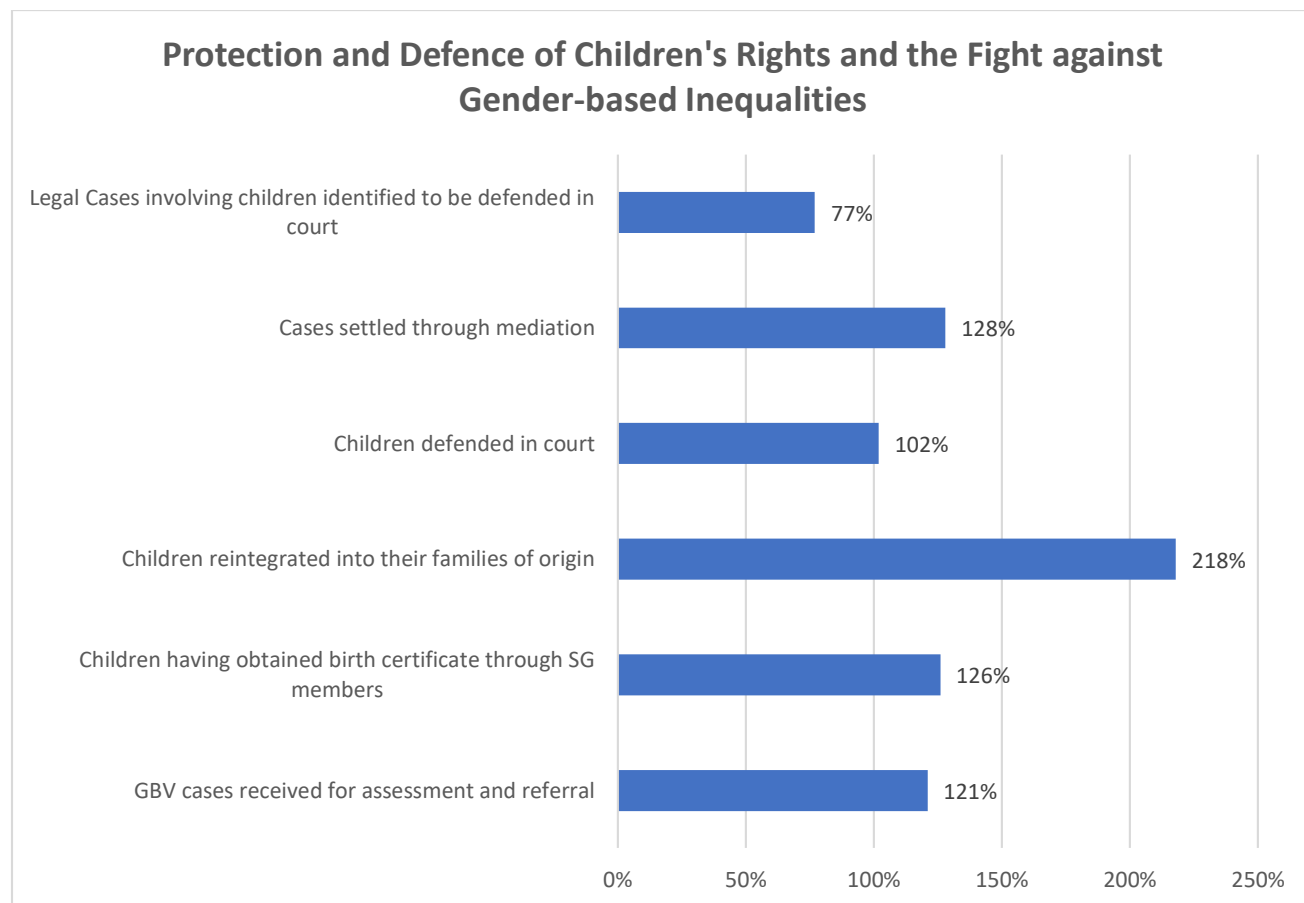
Reintegration of children into their commune of origin of Butaganzwa, Buhumuza province (Former Ruyigi province)

With the aim of eradicating GBV against women, girls, and children:

- **25 FVS community facilitators** have benefitted from a training on the prevention of GBV in schools and communities, including enforcement instruments (PSEA, specific laws against GBV, etc.).
- **148,031 employees of partner institutions, stakeholders and community members** were made aware of the issue.
- **20 discussion days** were organized.
- **6 suggestion boxes (3 in Makamba, 2 in Gitega, 1 in Bururi)** were set up to alert and prevent violence against women and children.
- **254 GBV cases** were filed and **42 survivors** were defended in court.

AREA 1 ACHIEVEMENT RATE: 100 % OF THE ANNUAL TARGET

CHART 2: RESULTS' EVOLUTION IN THE FIELD OF CHILD PROTECTION AND DEFENCE OF CHILDREN'S RIGHTS



AREA 2 : EDUCATION AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT OF OVCs

In the field of education, the year 2025 was marked by the following key achievements: the identification of OVCs in need of assistance based on objective and standardized criteria, their academic monitoring, support to the legal guardians of OVCs in obtaining birth certificates for the school enrolment of their children, identification, care, and/or referral of OVCs with psychological issues as well as the organization of vocational training and the professional reintegration of out-of-school OVCs.



Specific Objective 2.1: To contribute to the schooling and retention of OVCs in school and the vocational training of out-of-school OVCs as well as the psychosocial support of the OVCs in the intervention zone

Ensuring access to education for vulnerable children has always been a priority of FVS-Amie des Enfants. That is how the distribution of school kits to orphans and other vulnerable children, an activity launched by FVS-Amie des Enfants in 1992, has been transferred to the solidarity groups (SGs), which were established and supervised by FVS since 2010, with the view of its sustainability. These SGs are able to purchase the school kits thanks to their weekly contributions to the OVCs fund. During 2025:

- **114,953 children** received school kits purchased by the SGs for the value of **1,007,758,112 BIF**.



Distribution of school kits

- Among the children taken care of by the SGs, the most academically gifted are selected for enrolment at the Ecole Amie des Enfants in Matana, a school of excellence that is inclusive of vulnerable children and reconcile science with positive human values.
- There are currently **40 OVCs** enrolled at the Ecole « Amie des Enfants » in Matana, **13** of whom enrolled during the 2025-2026 school year. Of these **40 pupils**, **29** were sponsored by different partners (**26** by DCI, **3** by Rotary Club of Figeac). FVS-Amie des Enfants is still looking for partners for the school sponsorship of the remaining **11 OVCs**. The school's target of reserving **15%** of the places for vulnerable children has yet to be reached as their intake should have been **90**. Efforts of the resource mobilization for school sponsorship must continue.



Legal representatives of FVS-Amie des Enfants with OVCs enrolled at école Amie des Enfants

With the aim of contributing to reduce the gender gap in the access to secondary education, 80% of the vulnerable children enrolled at ECOLAMIE are girls.



Picture of Ecole Amie des Enfants of Matana

- **37 OVCs** who graduated from ECOLAMIE are benefitting from university sponsorship (**18** at the Université du Burundi, **15** at the Université Lumière du Burundi, **3** at the Université du Lac Tanganyika and **1** at Université de Ngozi).
- **3,937 OVC students** received administrative documents required by the schools (birth certificate and other documents).
- **855 SGs** organized recreational events for OVCs.
- **96,826 children** benefitted from educational support.
- **2** were enrolled in a dressmaking training center and **32 OVCs** trained during 2024 were offered employment or started their own economic activity with the aim of becoming self-reliant.



*Vocational Training of OVCs in dressmaking
In Bururi*



*Youth trained in carpentry for the
socio-economic reintegration at Rutana office*

Within the supervision of SGs; FVS-Amie des enfants ensures the inclusion of vulnerable people (Those living with disabilities, indigenous people and others). The SGs also contribute to promoting inclusive education for people with special needs. An illustrative case is in the Makamba office. SG members of the Musenyi hill, Gitara zone of the former commune of Mabanda have ensured that this child from a vulnerable family has been in school since primary school. He is now moving on to secondary school. This SG has taken charge of all the child's educational needs: purchase of uniforms, payment of school fees, purchase of school supplies and of other essential needs. He told us that he lacks nothing at school, is thriving, and well integrated.

FVS also works for OVCs experiencing psychosocial difficulties. As a result:

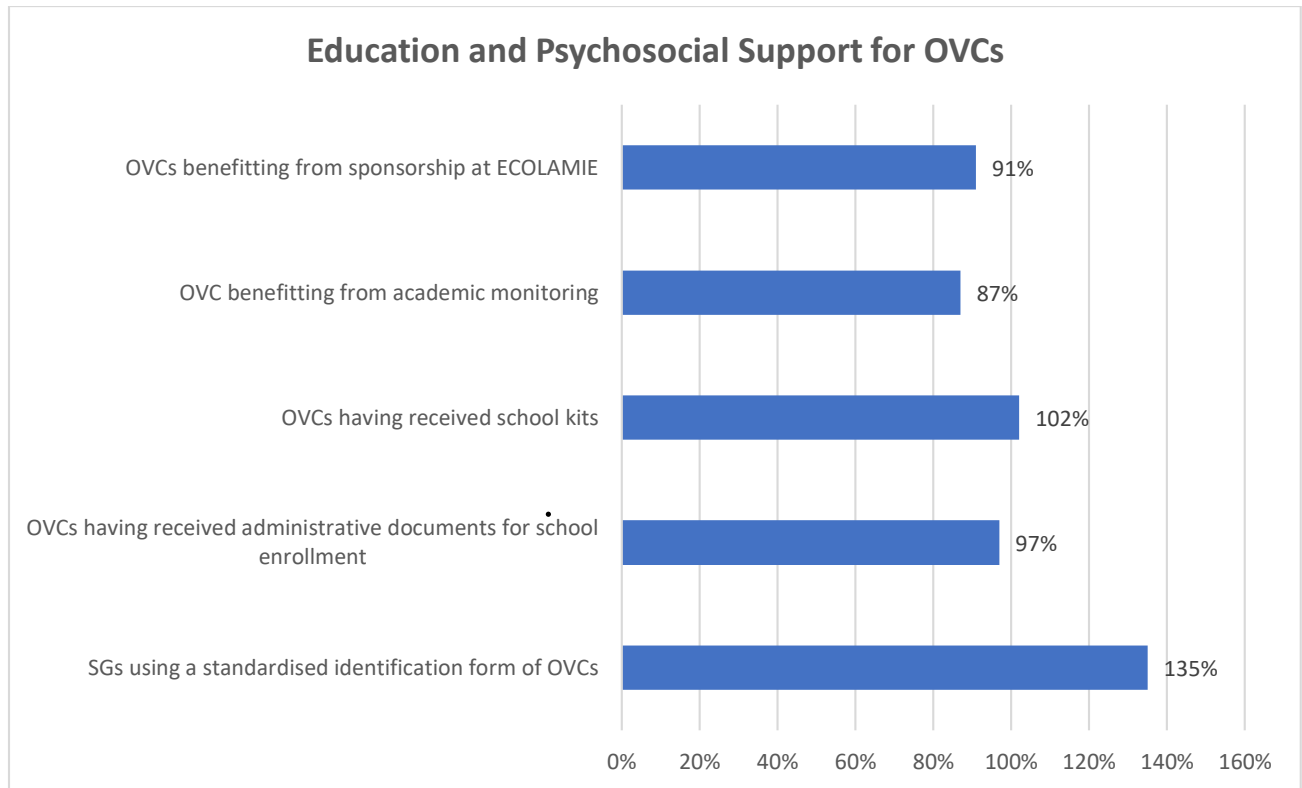
- **596 OVCs** with psychosocial difficulties were identified and **140 cases** were treated or referred to specialist centers.
- **143 OVCs** have benefited from psychological rehabilitation.



Youth living with a disability during the distribution of school kits

AREA 2 ACHIEVEMENT RATE: 91,9 % OF THE ANNUAL TARGET

CHART 3: RESULTS' EVOLUTION IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT



AREA 3: HEALTH, FIGHT AGAINST EPIDEMICS, INCLUDING HIV/AIDS, AND PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEMES

The main achievement during 2025 included raising awareness among SG members about joining the MTT, training community facilitators to facilitate the management of MTT membership, and raising awareness among SG members about prevention measures of vaccine-preventable childhood diseases as well as epidemics (such as COVID-19, MPOX, etc.).

Specific objective 3.1: To contribute to the promotion of community health as well as the fight against epidemics, including HIV/AIDS

With the aim of reducing vaccine-preventable childhood diseases and malnutrition, as well as epidemics (Covid-19 and MPOX):

- **27 community facilitators** have been trained in prevention measures of epidemics and dirty hand diseases, in vaccination (vaccination schedule and vaccine-preventable childhood diseases), in nutrition, as well as the early detection of HIV/AIDS.
- **1,294 leaders of SGs, CPCs, community health agents' groups (CHAGs)** were made aware of these themes.
- **2,545 awareness sessions** were organized for the **209,565 members of SGs, CPCs, CHAGs, and members of the community.**
- **8,427 community structures (SGs, CPCs, CHAGs, etc.)** were supported in generating demand for health services in the health training and in the community.
- Thanks to the activities of community structures, **4,808 children** were identified and referred for care:
 - **399 cases** of zero-dose children,
 - **4,421 cases** of under-immunized children,



Identification of zero-dose and under-immunized children in the community

- **1 case** of malnutrition and **5 people** tested HIV-positive were put on antiretroviral therapy.

FVS-Amie des Enfants organized awareness-raising and mobilization campaigns to encourage people to join community-based health insurance schemes, so that community members could have access to healthcare.

- **35,596 OVCs** have received health insurance cards (Mutuelle Tuzokira Twese, CAM and others) purchased by SGs.
- **19 community facilitators** from FVS-Amie des Enfants have been trained in awareness-raising and membership management techniques.
- The Mutuelle Tuzokira Twese currently has **4,333 members** and **11,377 care recipients**.



The SG members and communities affiliated with the MTT in Makamba

As part of the fight against HIV/AIDS, the care and support of people living with HIV (PLHIV) is a priority for the FVS:

- **283,037 people** have been made aware of HIV testing.
- **565 people** were tested at the medical and social centers in Bururi and Mabanda.
- **5 pregnant women** and **11 mother-child pairs** are being monitored (5 in Bururi and 6 in Mabanda).
- **13 adults** and **children living with HIV** have been placed under ARV treatment (5 in Bururi, 6 in Mabanda and 2 in Cibitoke).
- **855 PLHIV** are receiving clinical monitoring, composed of **733 adults** and **122 children** being under ARV treatment and monitored.
- **802 PLHIV** have been referred for viral load testing (**215** in Bururi, **153** in Bujumbura Rural, **38** in Gitega, **316** in Makamba, and **79** in Ngozi).



Viral load monitoring in the Bururi Health Center

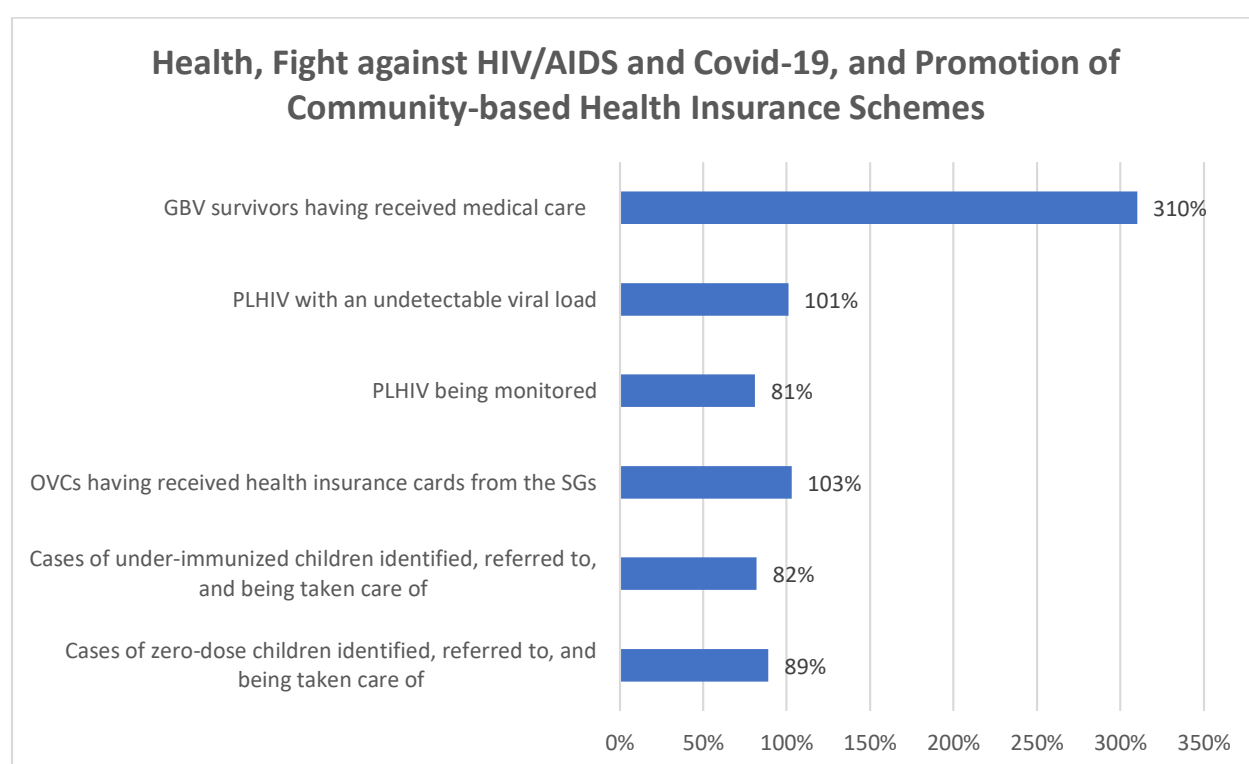
- **786 PLHIV, meaning 98%**, have an undetectable viral load (**147** in Bujumbura Rural, **213** in Bururi, **37** in Gitega, **312** in Makamba, and **77** in Ngozi).

As part of the fight against sexual and gender-based violence:

- **31 survivors** benefited from medical care at the health centers (HCs) in different parts of the country (**1** in Bururi, **24** in Gitega, and **6** in Mabanda).
- **21 cases** were referred to other appropriate structures (**1** cas by Bururi and **20** by Mabanda)
- **215 survivors** received psychological support. FVS-Amie des Enfants, in collaboration with the Centre Humura contributes to the sustainable socioeconomic and psychosocial reintegration of survivors of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBVs).

AREA 3 ACHIEVEMENT RATE: 85,7 % OF THE ANNUAL TARGET

CHART 4: RESULTS' EVOLUTION IN THE AREA OF HEALTH



AREA 4: ECONOMIC STRENGTHENING OF HOUSEHOLDS CARING FOR OVCs

Community-based care for vulnerable children would be impossible in a context of extreme poverty. That is why, in order to improve this taking care of OVCs and ensure the sustainability of the undertaken activities, FVS-Amie des Enfants is invested into strengthening the economic capacity of households caring for vulnerable children. The development of the “Nawe n’uze” approach was one of the strategies adopted, involving the creation and development of solidarity groups (SGs) composed of households of parents/guardians of OVCs. FVS also uses the FCAP approach (or Facilitation-based Collective Action Process), a community development methodology that enables communities to organize themselves, identify their own needs, develop micro-projects and receive micro-grants, thereby fostering empowerment and sustainable local development. To strengthen the economic and entrepreneurial capacities of the SGs acting as legal guardians for OVCs, FVS-Amie des Enfants improves the SGs’ access to credit and other financial products by connecting them to existing MFIs. To ensure the sustainability of the SGs’ actions, FVS-Amie des Enfants empowers community members known as “pillars”, who are responsible for continuing to guide the SGs’ action in caring for vulnerable children and the economic strengthening of households acting as guardians for OVCs.

FVS-Amie des Enfants provides financial education to SGs in order to contribute in increasing their members’ incomes so that they will be able to develop independently and to take care of the OVCs within their responsibility.

Specific Objective 4.1: To Contribute to increasing the income of parents/guardians of vulnerable children to ensure the satisfactory and sustainable care of these children.

For this objective, the results of the key achievements are:

- **226 new SGs** have been established, bringing the total to **9,305 partner SGs** supervised by FVS (including **4,745 SGs** caring for OVCs and **4,560 SGs** for the women’s empowerment).
- **254,065 SG members** (**188,065 women** and **65,897 men**) taking care of **141,658 OVCs** (**82,585 girls** and **59,072 boys**).
- **146 communities** have implemented the **FCAP approach**, of which **90 communities** have graduated.
- **3,046 SGs** have been put in contact with DUKUZE Microfinance s.a or other microfinance institutions.
- **514 SGs** were referred to DUKUZE for credit granting.
- **1,108 pillars** trained on the Nawe Nuze approach and entrepreneurship.

As part of the fight against GBV, **189 survivors** receiving care at the Centre Humura in Rumonge have been reintegrated into **40 SGs** and are now practicing IGAs (Income-generating activities).

The photos below show the graduation ceremony of a FCAP community of Mugamba. The community chairperson took the opportunity to thank FVS-Amie des Enfants and its partner SPARK for their support in implementing projects that enable the economic development of the upcountry community, thereby allowing for the care of a greater number of vulnerable children. At the same time, this community also distributed food to vulnerable children in the community.

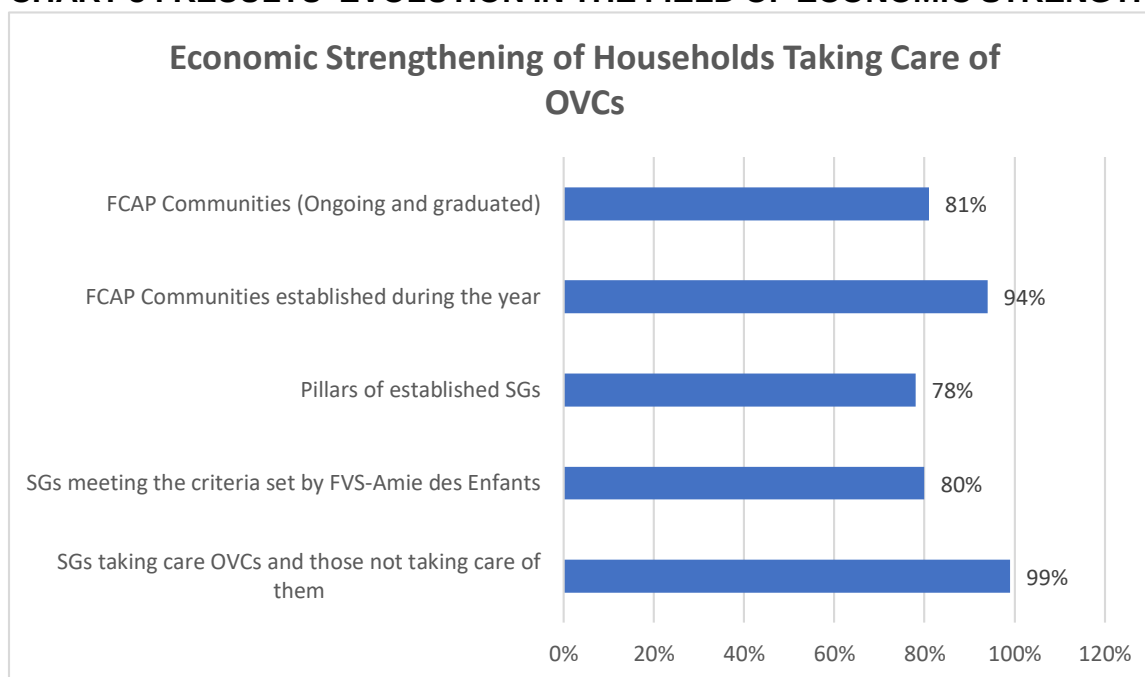
Delighted by the efforts made and the successes achieved by the FCAP community for the benefit of vulnerable children, FVS encourages them to redouble their efforts so that this graduation does not mark a let-up but rather their commitment to development and support to vulnerable children.



Graduation ceremonies of a FCAP community in commune Mugamba

AREA 4 ACHIEVEMENT RATE: 82,3 % OF THE ANNUAL TARGET

CHART 5 : RESULTS' EVOLUTION IN THE FIELD OF ECONOMIC STRENGTHENING



AREA 5: COORDINATION AND DEVELOPEMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION

As part of the overall coordination of the organization's activities, quarterly supervisory visits to the provincial offices and the ECOLAMIE in Matana were carried out by the top management of FVS-Amie des Enfants, together with technical advisers from the Technical and Finance departments. Office coordinators carried out field monitoring visits of activities and held coordination meetings between headquarters and the offices; weekly planning meetings were organized on a regular basis.

Specific objective 5.1: To ensure the overall smooth running and strategic development of the organization

- **7 statutory meetings (Executive Committee, Supervisory Committee and General Assembly)** were held during the first three quarters.
- **1 general audit** of the organization's accounts was carried out.
- **47 weekly meetings** were being held.
- **4 quarterly meetings** between head office managers and office managers to discuss the overall direction of activities and analyze the quarterly reports.
- **1 annual coordination meeting** with representatives of the "Umwana s'uwumwe" networks was organized.
- **4 supervisory visits** were carried out at the offices.
- **9 projects** (both ongoing and new) were being funded.

AREA 5 ACHIEVEMENT RATE: 85,7 % OF THE ANNUAL TARGET

OVERALL ACHIEVEMENT RATE FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2025: 87,4 % OF THE ANNUAL TARGET

SUCCESS STORIES

BUJUMBURA CITY OFFICE

KEZAKIMANA Audreille, a 21-year old girl from the Twa ethnicity, left Mugongomanga to look for work in Musaga, in Bujumbura City, as a house cleaner or a domestic worker. Emmanuel, vice-chair of the « Umwana s'uwumwe » network of Musaga heard about her case and communicated about it to the other network members. Working with the chairwoman, with the knowledge of her failure to complete the final year of lower secondary education, they offered her the chance to continue her studies, which she accepted. They searched a school for her to repeat the year and she enrolled at ECOFO Musaga II. For the time being, Audreille is continuing her studies like other children and is receiving support. She is currently living with a neighbor of the network's vice-chair.



From left to right: the vice-chair of the Musaga network, the girl, the chair of the « Umwana s'uwumwe » network, and the guardian who is a member of the network

GITEGA OFFICE

Reinstatement of the rights of two orphan girls.

S.B and N.Y are young girls from Mahonda hill in the Gitega commune. They inherited a plot of land owned by their late parents. Following their parents' death, they were taken in by their maternal grandmother and have been living with her. Their 19-year-old older brother sold the entire family property and moved to a location that remains unknown to this day. At the time of the case being filed, the two girls were 16 and 14 years old respectively.

When the CPCs of the Mahonda hill became aware of this case, they attempted to reach an out-of-court settlement between involved parties without success. The Gitega coordination office decided to handle the case itself through the CPCs of the hill and brought it to the Gitega court of residence against 12 buyers of the orphans' family assets. The case was successful at every level, right up to the Gitega court of appeal. The judgment has become final and has been definitely enforced in favor of the children. The two young girls, now with the current age of 19 and 17 respectively, have had their legal rights reinstated and are using the land to meet their needs. It should be noted that the two girls had dropped out of school before the beginning of the trial.

MAKAMBA OFFICE

In the former commune of Mabanda, Kayogoro zone and Miyo hill, a woman with a mental disorder gave birth. After one week, she has relapsed into a mental health crisis and abandoned her child. A kind-hearted breastfeeding mother from the Twiteho Impfuyi I SG of the Mivo hill took the child in to raise her/him alongside her own. However, she was unable to meet all the needs of both babies. Members of her SG took the initiative to support the brave woman by providing her with nutritional supplements.



As the two children grew, their needs increased. The Twiteho Impfuyi I SG referred the case to the “Urunani Umwana s’uw’umwe” network in the Kagogoro zone, which purchase two tins of milk. This network then mobilised the local administration and the community, who in turn supported the mother, by

paying for milk for these children each month.

RUTANA OFFICE

Support for a vulnerable mother in Bukemba

In the commune of Bukemba, a vulnerable woman, mother of five children (two boys and three girls), and member of **DUTSIMBATAZE AMAHORO DUFASHIMPUVYI** SG of Rubanga, saw her home completely destroyed by a fire. Lacking the means to rebuild a home for her family, she found herself in a situation of extreme distress.

Faced with this situation, the SG members organized an extraordinary meeting. They decided to join forces to rebuild a thatched house for this family, thereby enabling the mother and her children to find shelter once more.

As all the family’s belongings had been destroyed in the fire, the SG members also provided support in the form of food supplies (beans, maize, and cassava). In addition, they provided to the family a **150,000-BIF** financial aid so that she can buy essential items that the family needs.

In the following photos, the SG is shown building the thatched house and visiting the family with baskets containing food supplies.



Nutritional support for OVCs in the DUTEZIMBERE IMPFUVYI SG in Gihofi

The DUTEZIMBERE IMPFUVYI SG in Gihofi, located in the commune of Bukemba, has 35 members, including 7 men and 18 women. The group cares for 40 Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVCs), comprising 17 boys and 23 girls.

In addition to their weekly savings and credit activities, the members have set up collective income-generating activities (IGAs): sale of palm oil, farming, and animal husbandry (Goats, pigs, and egg-laying hen). These initiatives aim to diversify the group's sources of income.

Among the supported 40 OVCs, three children – two girls and one boy – were suffering from malnutrition. The chair of the SG, NYANDWI Ancile, who is also a community health worker, proposed that the eggs produced by the SG's hens be given directly to these three children. The members approved this initiative.

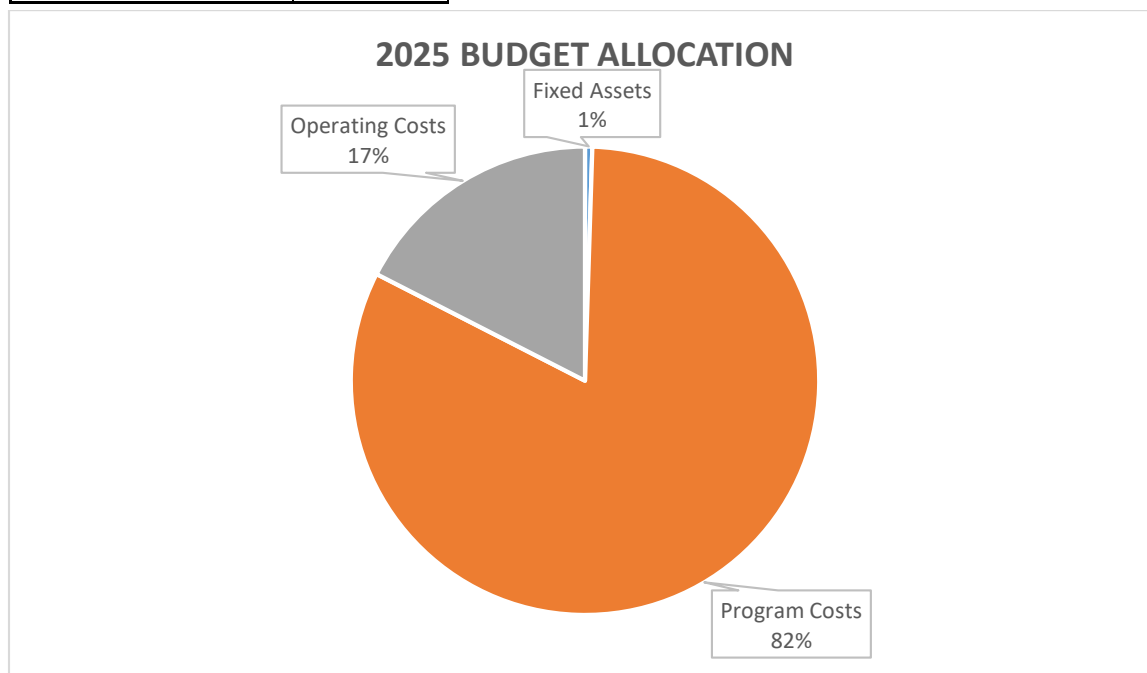
With the support of the SG members and the nutritional supplementation, these children quickly regained their health and are continuing their education.

2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

I. 2025 BUDGET ALLOCATION

Budget Line	Amount (in BIF)	Amount (in USD)
Fixed Assets	21,111,990	7,133
Program Costs	3,445,605,872	1,164,174
Protection and defense of children's rights as well as the fight against gender-based inequalities	508,492,197	171,805
Education and psychosocial support for OVCs	184,470,480	62,327
Health, fight against epidemics (E.g. : HIV/AIDS) and Promotion of Community-based Health Insurance Schemes (MTT)	609,297,387	205,865
Economic Strengthening of Households taking care of OVCs	1,934,258,771	653,532
Coordination and development of the Organization	209,087,037	70,645
Operating Costs	733,997,948	247,997
Total	4,200,715,810	1,412,172

Fixed Assets	0,50%
Program Costs	82,02%
Operating Costs	17,47%
Total	100,00%



II. 2025 RESOURCE ALLOCATION

<u>Resources</u>	<u>Amount (in BIF)</u>	<u>Amount (in USD)</u>
Carryover from 2024	595,390,549	201,166
Project funds	3,839,828,732	1,297,371
Internal Funds	141,435,073	47,787
Self-financing income (rental income, revenue from services, other self-financing income)	62,840,817	21,232
Miscellaneous income and surplus (membership fees, received donation)	1,148,147	388
Financial products (interest income and investment income)	77,446,109	26,167
TOTAL RESOURCES RECEIVED IN CASH (FISCAL YEAR 2025)	3,981,263,805	1,345,158
TOTAL AVAILABLE BUDGET (FISCAL YEAR 2025)	4,576,654,354	1,546,324

III. 2025 PARTNERS

DONOR/PROJECT	Received Funds (In BIF)	Received Funds (In USD)
AMADE / Promoting birth registration through the digitization of civil registration records in the commune of Rumonge	258,590,326	87,370
ARCANUM / Project to strengthen the community-based care system for orphans and other vulnerable children in the provinces of Rutana, Makamba, and Bururi.	469,888,579	158,762
DCI 25-26 / Improving access to quality secondary education for vulnerable children in Burundi through the Ecole Amie des Enfants in Matana	177,144,107	59,852
FAM ANNEE 3 /Contribution to increasing the empowerment of PLHIV and achieving the 95-95-95 strategy aimed at combating and eradicating HIV/AIDS in the provinces of Bururi and Rumonge	101,237,344	34,205
CARE / GEWEP IV Project: Powered by women	191,695,109	64,768
CARE / Congolese refugee emergency	72,038,820	24,340
PNUD / Strengthening women's leadership in the justice sector, the rule of law and social cohesion, as well as local governance, with a particular emphasis on respecting and promoting women's human rights in the current provinces of Burunga and Gitega	144,133,500	48,699
SPARK MICROGRANTS /Household economic recovery through micro-projects using the FCAP approach	491,776,644	166,158
IRC / TUYATUZE Project	12,409,238	4,193
UNICEF / Data collection for six beneficiary satisfaction surveys and the registration of SGs and their members in the provinces of Bujumbura City, Bujumbura Rural, Cibitoke, Gitega, and Kayanza	154,230,597	52,110

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UNICEF / Humanitarian response (Shock-responsive social protection) Bujumbura Rural through support for the establishment of SGs to assist flood victims from Gatumba who have been relocated to the Mubimbi site in Bujumbura Rural	18,667,655	6,307
UNICEF / Vaccination Project	341,580,457	115,411
UN WOMEN / Connecting the global to the local: Strengthening women's leadership for the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) on « Women, Peace and Security »	265,943,471	89,855
USAID-COPED / WIYIZIRE Project	296,871,016	100,304
WORLD CENTRIC 2 / Contributing to the improvement of the socio-economic conditions of households belonging to FCAP communities in the provinces of Bururi, Gitega, and Rumonge to ensure adequate care of their families	735,900,317	248,640
TOTAL	3,849,911,849	1,300,778

CONCLUDING REMARKS

During 2025, FVS-Amie des Enfants has continued its mission to support the development of vulnerable children by providing access to basic social services and combating gender-based inequalities.

Project aimed at protecting children's rights have been developed. One of the innovations has been the promotion of birth registration through the digitization of civil registry. Indeed, access to a birth certificate is one of a child's fundamental rights, as it confers legal status, the right to nationality, inheritance, and many other rights to the child.

The community-based care system for OVCs has been strengthened. It involves mobilizing the community in which the vulnerable child lives to organize itself to care for the child and seek assistance for issues beyond its capacity. Thus, since 2010, SGs supported by FVS-Amie des Enfants have been providing school supplies for vulnerable children in their local areas, whilst FVS-Amie des Enfants secures sponsorships for the most academically gifted among them who are enrolled at the 'Amie des Enfants' school of excellence in Matana. The SGs and the CPCs advocate on behalf of the children whenever their rights are being violated or they fall seriously ill.

However, mindful of the rather precarious economic situation of Burundian families, one of the FVS-Amie des Enfants' priorities have been to strengthen the economic situation of the households, and in particular those caring for vulnerable children.

Indeed, one cannot speak of children's rights when a mother cannot feed her child, when medical treatment for illness is unaffordable and when the family cannot afford to send the child to school.

We would like to extend our special thanks to our partners who have supported the organization and provided the necessary resources to carry out the various projects that have significantly transformed the lives of beneficiaries in a very positive way.

The health of vulnerable children and their families has also been at the heart of the organization's focus. This is how programs aimed at the promotion of children's vaccination and the fight against malnutrition were developed. In addition, there is care for people living with HIV/Aids and the promotion of the community-based health insurance scheme ('MUTUELLE TUZOKIRA TWESE') to make healthcare more affordable for families working in agriculture and other informal sectors.

This enables them to pay their contributions during the harvesting season and to have access to healthcare all year round, including during the period of food shortage. It is a very good experience of solidarity in healthcare.

With the support of our loyal partners, we have been key agents of change in the lives of many children in Burundi.

We thank you for your support and invite you to continue your commitment alongside us.

Best regards,

FVS-Amie des Enfants team

Protecting a child is to prepare the future



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