



### The great achievements of President Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, one year after taking power



The Head of State H.E Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE was invested President of the Republic of Burundi on June 18, 2020. In his inauguration speech, President Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE pledged to ensure that during his mandate, the "Government would be responsible and hardworking" and to ensure that "every mouth would have food and every pocket money". After a year at the head of the country, President Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE has recorded a largely positive assessment. This article reviews his great achievements.

After a year in power, the responsible and hard-working Government led by the Head of State, HE Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, has already started several development projects which are already bearing fruit. The Burundian

population will have been made aware of respect for the law and public affairs. Through several meetings organized for them, the Administrators will have learned to serve the population. And the Head of State warned that those who misbehave would be punished exemplarily.

As part of good governance, President Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE has been involved in the fight against corruption and fraud. In particular, he adopted a new approach of settling disputes in public, thus providing opportunities to publicly denounce abuses by public authorities. Also within the framework of the promotion of good governance throughout the country, the Head of State established the system of suggestion boxes set up in the capitals of all the municipalities of the country. According to HE Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, this approach allows the population to make suggestions or denounce what is wrong in their localities.

The Head of State also initiated the pooling of land in order to develop agriculture and livestock in order to increase production. The objective of the President of the Republic being to fight effectively against poverty, so that "every mouth has food and every

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pocket money", a slogan of the responsible and hard-working Government.

In a retreat on the implementation of the agricultural policy document of the Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock which was chaired by the Head of State, HE Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE invited economic operators to invest in the agrifood sector to increase production so that each citizen has enough to food and export the superfluous abroad to have foreign currency, in accordance with the principle of responsible and hard-working Government.

Under the leadership of the President of the Republic, this retreat provided guidance to officials of the Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, Administrators, businessmen as well as technical and financial partners so that everyone can fully play their role in the development of the country.

On the diplomatic level, President Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE has taken a considerable step forward by normalizing cooperation relations which had been marred by the crisis of 2015. This was made possible by the security situation that reigns throughout the national territory, a situation which has also allowed the massive return of Burundian refugees from Rwanda, Tanzania and others. The President of the Republic H.E Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE has always expressed his full readiness to work to strengthen relations of friendship and cooperation and has never ceased to recall his attachment to the values of brotherhood, respect and complementarity in the coexistence of Nations. The arrival of H.E Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE as head of the country in June 2020 raised hopes for a rapprochement between Burundi and the countries which had broken off their cooperative relations.

Under the regime of HE Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, the Government of Burundi requested its withdrawal from the agenda of the United Nations Security Council to focus on capitalizing on the gains of peace, strengthening national cohesion and development. The United Nations Security Council has decided to remove Burundi from its political agenda. A decision that comes shortly after the refusal of the Burundian authorities to extend the presence of the office of the UN Special Envoy. It is in this context that Burundi also called for the closure of the office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary General of the United Nations and which it obtained.

In terms of good governance, several actions have been carried out in order to materialize its intentions to develop the country. The President of the Republic notably took a stand against corruption and economic malfeasance and declared that these bad practices must be eradicated.

"The taxpayer's money must be used for the well-being of the citizen," hammered HE Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE. The Head of State thus recommended to the executives and officials of the State to leave their offices for a close supervision of the population. The President of the Republic himself made raids to realize the reality on the field. As part of the fight against corruption and economic malfeasance, the Head of State did not hesitate to dismiss the executives of the State who were guilty of corruption. We will remember, for example, the dismissal of officials from the Burundi Road Agency and the National Communal Investment Fund (FONIC) and police officers who were arrested and excluded from the Police Force. As part of the strengthening of good economic governance, a campaign to collect municipal taxes was organized during a test month, to check irregularities in this sector. The old tax collectors and all municipal accountants have been replaced by new ones who have proven to be more efficient.

Concerning the field of health, from his coming in power, the Head of State HE Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE began a vast project in the health field in order to protect the Burundian population. Invested in a context of the global health crisis of COVID-19 and of which Burundi was already a victim, the President of the Republic set to work to fight effectively against this pandemic.

Just after his inauguration on June 18, 2020, the Head of State HE Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE took a series of measures including the campaign against the coronavirus COVID-19, a campaign called "Ndakira, sinandura kandi sinanduza Coronavirus". The entire population was called upon to adopt barrier gestures against this global pandemic. Free voluntary testing has been initiated across the country. Positive cases have been treated free of charge, which has enabled the drop in cases of COVID-19 contamination.

The President of the Republic said that the role of all Burundians in the eradication of this scourge was essential. And to invite all those who showed signs of this disease to present to various screening sites set up across the country.

To deal with imported COVID-19 cases, testing centers have been set up on the borders within the country. The positive cases of this disease were everywhere treated free of charge. The results were satisfactory from the first month because, the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS (MSPLS) which planned to screen 15,000 people during the 3 months that were to follow, screened 13,000 during the first month.

In order to curb the spread of COVID-19 in schools, President Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE ordered the massive screening of all students in boarding schools at the end of the term's vacation to ensure that only students not contaminated returned to the boarding school. Students responded overwhelmingly to this call and COVID-19 screening sessions were also organized for external students from these same boarding schools.

Another important fact in the field of health is the launch of the campaign to build communal hospitals by the Head of State HE Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE. The laying of the first stone took place in Kagwema in Gihanga commune in Bubanza province. The plan being that each municipality has a hospital. It is a measure that is negotiated to relieve the po-

pulation who sometimes had to travel several kilometers to access health care requiring doctors. It should be remembered that President Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE has the work of his predecessor, late President Pierre NKURUNZIZA, relating to free health care for children under 5 and pregnant women.

In the justice sector, the President of the Republic announced since his accession to the supreme office the measure of presidential pardon, a measure which recommended the release of 5,000 prisoners. This measure has started to be implemented since last April.

The Head of State also promulgated the organic law n° 1/02 of January 23, 2021 amending the organic law n° 1 / of June 12, 2019, a law which determines the missions, the organization and the functioning of the Superior magistrate council.

Among the missions devolved to this council are that of ruling on complaints from individuals or the Ombudsman concerning both the professional behavior of magistrates and poorly judged manifesto, sunk in the force of judgment as well as the mission of controlling the quality of judgments, judgments and other judicial decisions denounced or brought to its attention.

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## The Head of State calls on Burundians to believe in God, forgiveness and reconciliation



Since Thursday, June 18, 2021, the political capital of Burundi has hosted a national prayer of thanksgiving organized on the occasion of the celebration of the first anniversary of the accession to power of the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE.

The opening ceremonies of this prayer began with a parade of High Authorities followed by that of Representatives of all the municipalities of the province of Gitega. In her opening prayer, the First Lady of the country Her Excellency Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE implored divine blessing during the three days of this prayer of thanksgiving.

The central theme of this three-day prayer of thanksgiving is: "Support one another, and if either of you has a reason to complain about another, forgive each other, just as the Lord has forgiven you". Colossians 3:13.

The preacher of the day Reverend Pasteur, at the same time President of the Upper House of the Burundian Parliament, the Right Honorable Emmanuel SINZOHAGERA, referring to this central theme, called on the Burundians to forgiveness and reconciliation.



In his speech delivered on this first day of prayer of thanksgiving, the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE asked the Burundians to give thanks to God who loves Burundi, their promised land, as evidenced by its good climate, its hospitality. It is a country full of extraordinary riches,

pools and sources of water, a country of milk and honey. He called on the Burundians to be reconciled, to forgive themselves in order to break with the painful past that has grieved the country, in order to achieve sustainable development for all.

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### Ngozi: the Head of State encourages social dialogue at the workplace



The President of the Republic H.E Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE proceeded on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 in Ngozi province, to the solemn opening of the work of the Forum of the State's General of the Social Dialogue. The Forum is held under the theme: Social Dialogue, a factor of economic growth and social progress in Burundi.

According to the Minister of Public Service, Labor and Employment, Mrs. Domine BANYANKIMBONA, the objective of this Forum of the State's General of Social Dialogue is to establish an inventory of the situation of social dialogue in the workplace. This Forum comes ten years after the signing of the national social dialogue charter by the social partners, with a

view to laying solid foundations for new promising prospects for a peaceful and productive social environment in Burundi, she continued.

The Minister in charge of labor appreciated the step already taken in the field of social dialogue by the social partners. She explained that the fruit of the dialogue between employers and employees is manifested in the fact that today, workers' strikes are no longer frequent as in previous years.

In his opening speech of the Forum of the State's General of Social Dialogue, the President of the Republic recognized that social dialogue is an essential factor in the country's economic growth.

The Head of State HE Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE advises employers and employees to always favor dialogue in the event of disputes to ensure agreement at the service to increase production.

The Forum of the State's General of Social Dialogue which is held in the province of Ngozi saw the participation of the Burundian Ombudsman, members of Parliament and the Government, Representatives of employers and employees, provincial Governors, and others.

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### President NDAYISHIMIYE pleads for a new Burundi



As the Catholic Church celebrates the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Head of State His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE joined the Christians of the Regina Mundi Cathedral Parish, in the Chapel of the Jesuit Fathers of Kiriri, where he expressed his wish to see a new youth dedicated to work.

Today's Bible readings relied primarily on the love of God. God appears as both father and mother, who loves his people, as parents who love and care for their children. But the tragedy is that

his people forget the one who created them, do not recognize all that God does for them. The passages bring out the infinite tenderness of God, who is moved for the unfaithful people and who will release them again through His beloved son.

Jesus Christ materialized this immense love through his pierced Sacred Heart, letting the Blood and water flow, a sign of love and purification. Through this mystery, each Christian is called to be a source of life for others.

"Using our different gifts and talents, Jesus Christ calls us to help, strengthen and save our brothers", said Father Védaste NKESHIMANA in his homily.

In his speech, the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE reminded Christians that the country is going through moments of moral reconstruction in order to see a beautiful country, built on love and reconciliation. "We would like the young Burundians to differ from the old generations, for the current youth to be more dedicated to work because the lazy have no place in this country", President NDAYISHIMIYE said.

He did not forget to seek the support of Christians in prayer to accomplish his task of leading the country well.

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### One year after inauguration: President NDAYISHIMIYE takes stock



**D**uring the Mass celebrated at the Parish of Saint Francis of Assisi in Magarama, the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE positively appreciated the various achievements made in Burundi during his first year in power, thanks to God who has never stopped flooding Burundi with its multiple blessings, he said.

This Mass, which began with the 3-days prayer of thanksgiving, organized as part of celebrating the first anniversary of the investiture of the President of the Republic and of giving thanks to God for his benefits on Burundi, was enhanced by the Presidential Couple as well as the various High Authorities of the country.

His Excellency the Head of State hailed the step already taken by the Burundians in terms of governance, the strengthening of national unity and social cohesion: "I congratulate the Burundians for the political maturity they have so far manifested

because I am the second democratically elected President who is celebrating a year in power while still alive. This honorable behavior on their part is an eloquent sign which testifies a divine will on Burundi.

The Head of State, however, urged the Burundians to remain in prayer to implore the support of the Almighty in national reconciliation in order to denounce and banish forever the crimes that have been committed in Burundi. In addition, he prayed that all Burundians roll up their sleeves and work hard to promote their development in particular and that of the country in general.

The Burundian Number One finally asked for prayer that he will continue on the right path and properly govern the Burundian people. He thanked the Lord for the projects carried out by his Government during the past year and asked for divine blessings and assistance in carrying out the other projects planned for the next years of his term.

In his homily read in the book of Matthew 5: 23-24, Archbishop Simon Ntamwana urged Burundians to forgive each other so that reconciliation is possible in Burundi. He implored the Lord to bless the Head of State abundantly and that these blessings reach all the Burundian population.

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## Ngozi / Moralization: the Head of State calls on the population to patriotism



The President of the Republic HE Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE met on Wednesday June 16, 2021 in the capital of Ngozi province the administrative officials, Representatives of the people, religious denominations and civil society as well as natives working elsewhere, in a meeting of moralization on patriotism, good governance and the development of the country.

The President of the Republic returned to the situation prevailing in Burundi, a situation based on lies, a history strewn with cyclical crises that have plunged Burundi into mourning. He invited the leaders of Ngozi to serve as a model in the fight against all these evils which have plagued the country and which have prevented it from developing. The Head of State called on

the entire population to make a personal commitment to contribute to the development of the country.

The President of the Republic HE Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE urged the leaders to accomplish the missions entrusted to them while ensuring the well-being of the population without discrimination. He also asked them to put prayer at the center of their activities in order to have the wisdom to accomplish their missions well.

In this moralization session in Ngozi, the President of the Republic, HE Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE said that he will not tolerate acts of misappropriation of public property and asked the population to help him monitor and denounce those responsible for these despicable acts which handicap the development of the country. Burundi is full of all the potential to become rich, he confirmed.

Closing the moralization session he held in Ngozi province, the Head of State HE Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE invited the population of this province to take part in a prayer crusade organized in Gitega in order to thank the Lord for a year that he has just spent at the Head of the country.

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## The First Lady satisfied with a working mission to Benin



The First Lady of Burundi, Her Excellency Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE, returned on June 15, 2021, from Benin where she carried out a work mission from June 9 to 14, 2021, a mission which aimed to exchange experience between the Benin and Bu-

rundi with regard to the school feeding program.

During this working visit, the First Lady of Burundi was accompanied by three Ministers of the Government of Burundi, who are directly concerned with aspects related to school feeding. They are the Minister of National Education and Scientific Research, Dr. François HAVYARIMANA, the Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, Dr. Déo Guide RUREMA and the Minister of Health Public and the Fight against AIDS, Dr. Thaddée NDIKUMANA.

In an interview with the press, on her arrival at Melchior Ndadaye International Airport in Bujumbura, Her Excellency Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE, declared to be satisfied by the results of the visit, which she describes as of such great importance for the revitali-



zation and the sustainability of the national school canteen program in Burundi.

The First Lady of Burundi said that during her stay in Benin, she visited quite a few public primary schools to assess the status of the implementation of the national integrated school feeding program. She stressed that the latter is a model that Burundi could draw inspiration from because, in addition to the financial and technical resources devoted to it by the Government of Benin and the World Food Program (WFP), local communities contribute enormously by providing a small portion of their harvest to schools where their children are enrolled.

The First Lady of Burundi also confided that this practice, once implemented in Burundi, could help achieve her most ardent wish to see all children benefit from this program, in order to be able to study under the same conditions.

In addition to visiting schools with school canteens, Her Excellency the First Lady of Burundi indicated that the delegation also had the opportunity to visit the Ouémé valley in which associations and cooperatives cultivate rice, preserve it and shell it in the same place, and World Food Program (WFP) buys part of their harvest to contribute to public primary schools and school canteens. This allows associations to find the outlets for their products, and therefore help strengthen the link between school canteens and increased production.

"The delegation also had the opportunity to visit the Songhai Integrated Regional Center which is deve-

loping an integrated approach to agriculture, animal husbandry and the environment. The center produces and processes agricultural and livestock products, then places them on the national and international market, being valued and bringing foreign currency to the country", said the First Lady of Burundi.

She further clarified that what is practiced in the Songhai regional center fits well with the vision of the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, which stipulates that each mouth must have food and each pocket must have money.

Her Excellency Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE particularly thanked the population of Goulo Sodji for the confidence placed in her by inviting her to lay the first stone for the construction of a refectory of the school canteen of the school of Goulo Sodji, in Zê commune, in the Atlantic department.

On the sidelines of this experience exchange visit, the First Lady of Burundi, Her Excellency Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE, met with her Beninese counterpart, Her Excellency Claudine TALON. She said she learned a lot from the First Lady of Benin, who is already entering her second term. "It was also an opportunity to forge partnership relations between the "Claudine TALON Foundation" and the "Fondation Bonne Action UMUGIRANEZA", which I chair", concluded Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye.

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## Visit of the Prime Minister to the construction sites of the hydroelectric dams of Jiji and Murembwe



The Prime Minister CPG Alain Guillaume BUNYONI in the company of the Minister in charge of infrastructures Mr. Déogratias NSANGANIYUMWAMI and the Minister of Hydraulics, Energy

and Mines Ir Uwizeye IBRAHIM visited on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 the construction site of Jiji and Murembwe hydroelectric dams in Songa Commune, Muheka zone of Bururi Province.

After this visit to these sites, Prime Minister CPG Alain Guillaume BUNYONI gathered behind closed doors all those responsible for the construction of these dams. The Prime Minister said he visited this site to inquire about the progress of the work. He said that work is underway on the Jiji hydraulic dam and that in Murembwe construction will start soon. The roads leading to these dams under construction have already been developed, the Prime Minister said.

The Prime Minister CPG Alain Guillaume BUNYONI

asked the CMC / ORASCOM consortium which won the contract to work together in order to avoid exceeding the 45-month execution times provided for them in the contract.

CPG Alain Guillaume BUNYONI asked them to do a rigorous follow-up with regard to the management of the funds, by putting forward the good of the workers, especially at the level of the remuneration. He asked them to plan for the future of workers without forgetting their life insurance, continued CPG Alain Guillaume BUNYONI. And call on those who won the con-

tract to specify the time frame for the work for the time remaining so that they can make up for lost time.

The Prime Minister closed his visit by asking the Ministry in charge of Infrastructures and that of Hydraulics, Energy and Mines to work ardently, each one as far as he is concerned, so that the project progresses properly end on time.

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### Covid-19: the quarantine places now is left to the free choice of travelers



The national COVID-19 management and response committee met on Monday June 14, 2021 under the chairmanship of the Minister of the Home Affairs, Community Development and Public Security, CPC Gervais NDIRAKOBUCA, Chairman of the said committee. The objective of the meeting was to analyze the new measures to be taken in the face of the evolution of the pandemic.

At the end of the meeting, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS, Dr. Jean Baptiste NZORIRONKANKUZE held a press briefing during which he announced that new measures had been taken, in particular the abolition of compulsory quarantine in selected hotels. And to add that quarantine for those arriving from outside will now be at home or in a hotel of their choice.

“The tests will be done at border posts and the results will be available within 24 hours. Only those who test positive for COVID-19 will take the treatment and the related advice on the “Bon accueil” site, continued Dr.

J. Baptiste NZORIRONKANKUZE.

Dr. Jean Baptiste NZORIRONKANKUZE also said that the border between Burundi and Tanzania has been reopened since Monday, June 14, 2021, including the Kobero posts in Muyinga province and Mugina in Makamba province which are now operational.

However, at these two border posts between Tanzania and Burundi, passengers will also have to undergo diagnostic tests for COVID-19. Those who test positive will need to be given medication and those who test negative will continue their journey.

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry in charge of Public Health, Dr. Jean Baptiste NZORIRONKANKUZE recalled that the measures taken enter into force from June 14, 2021 and that they are not retroactive.

The national response committee against Covid19 also discussed the problem of a new strain that is currently raging in India. Burundi is closely monitoring the situation. If necessary, related measures will be taken.

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## Preparations for the 2022 General Population, Housing, Agriculture and Livestock Census are progressing normally



The Director General of ISTEERBU believes that there will be no problems in carrying out this census successfully. The results of the pilot census planned for a few months will make it possible to identify the challenges linked to the conduct of the census itself, and consequently to adopt the necessary strategies and improve the collection tools that will be used in 2022.

The methodological documents that will be produced during this two-week retreat will accompany the strategic documents already in place.

Preparations for the pilot census scheduled in a few months to better prepare for the 2022 General Population, Housing, Agriculture and Livestock Census are well underway, according to Mr. Nicolas NDAYISHIMIYE, Director General of the Burundi Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies (ISTEERBU).

It is in this very perspective of the preparations for the pilot census planned for next August, that ISTEERBU opened on Monday in Gitega (central Burundi), a retreat to prepare methodological documents that will be used in the conduct of all the stages of the 2022 general census for members of the census organizing technical committees. The Director General of ISTEERBU then indicated that the preparations for the general census of the population, housing, agriculture and livestock (RGPAE) are on the right track, specifying that the institutional framework is already in place. He cited in particular the presidential decree establishing the RGPAE for the year 2022 which has already been promulgated.

There is also the presidential decree which sets up the governing bodies of this general census. These bodies include the census steering committee and the census technical committee, among others. In terms of methodological documents that will help to conduct the census properly, the technicians have already developed a global strategy for the RGPAE. They have already put in place a financial resource mobilization strategy and a social mobilization strategy. The latter is used in communication to gain the support of the entire population.

As for the innovations of the next General Census of Population, Housing, Agriculture and Livestock in 2022 compared to the 3 censuses previously organized in Burundi, as H.E the President of the Republic of Burundi has indicated that previous censuses covered population and housing only. But the next census also includes aspects of agriculture and animal husbandry. Also, the previous censuses had used the classic collection with use of paper but the next census will use new technologies, android phones, etc. We will also geo-reference public and private infrastructure to understand the status of housing improvement in Burundi.

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