



Burundians thank God for the blessings of october



On thursday october 27, 2022, the President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, accompanied by His Spouse His Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye took part in the ecumenical prayer organized by the CNDD-FDD Party at the Paramedical School of Gitega to thank God for the blessings of october.

The Head of State Evariste Ndayishimiye reminded his compatriots that Burundi has reserved first place for the Almighty God and that in ex-

change, he must do without unscrupulous habits, obstacles to the well-being of the Burundian population.

He took this opportunity to remind the leaders who had solemnly pledged to renounce their iniquities during the 2020 crusade in Ngozi as a new but unsuccessful start, to pull themselves together to return to the right path of God, before being humiliated (www.presidence.bi)

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The First Lady HE Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE contributes for the well-being of the mentally laid up



In her speech, the First Lady HE Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE indicated that prejudices and bad beliefs around mental illness lead to stigmatization and violence of all kinds towards the sick and the use of appropriate care is also compromised. From the point of view of violence, women remain the most vulnerable because of sexual violence and other gender-based violence of which they may be

On Monday October 24, 2022, a national workshop on mental health was held in Burundi, under the theme: "Making mental health and well-being for all a global priority" in Gitega. It was under the high patronage of Her Excellency the First Lady of the Republic of Burundi and President of the UMUGIRANEZA Good Action Foundation.

These activities were organized on the sidelines of the celebration of the world day dedicated to mental health, which is normally celebrated on October 10 of each year. In Burundi this day was celebrated in Ngozi on Thursday October 25, 2022.

According to the World Health Organization "WHO", mental health is "a state of well-being that enables everyone to realize their potential, to cope with the normal difficulties of life, to work successfully and productively and to be able to contribute to the community".

During this workshop, presenters on different themes showed that the causes of mental illnesses include gender-based violence, the effects of civil wars, social injustice, drug use, etc.

All mental health stakeholders present at this workshop stressed the need for the creation of a national mental health program.

victims during moments of unconsciousness and especially of pathological wandering.

She pointed out that mental health, coupled with general well-being, is a very broad and multi-sectoral area that requires broader and better coordinated involvement and collaboration within the framework of a national program wherever possible.

At a time when there are fewer health care structures that treat the mentally ill, the First Lady has appealed to mental health stakeholders for more action in this sector. She also proposed that each health care structure in Burundi have at least one psychologist to listen to and guide patients.

She further asked all Burundians to take good care of the mentally ill and to know that mental illness is remediable if treated well.

Let us point out that the First Lady through the Fondation Bonne Action UMUGIRANEZA has already set up in Ngozi, a medical center for listening and psychosocial care. (www.presidency.bi)

Vice-President Bazombanza participated in the 2nd extraordinary session of Heads of State and Government of ECCAS



On Thursday October 27, 2022, the Vice-President of the Republic HE Ir Prosper BAZOMBANZA arrived at Melchior Ndandaye International Airport, on his return from Kinshasa in the DRC where he represented the Burundian Head of State at the 2nd extraordinary session of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) within the framework of the Peace and Security Council for Central Africa (COPAX) devoted to the process of political transition in the Republic of Chad.

The Vice-President of the Republic HE Ir Prosper BAZOMBANZA said that this second extraordinary session focused on peace and security in Africa in general and more particularly on the situation prevailing in the Republic of Chad.

The Vice-President of the Republic also specified that the position of the Economic Community of Central African States is that all the parties come together within the framework of the inclusive and sovereign national dialogue, set up by the Chadian

Government. , where all the parties agreed on the guidelines aimed at establishing peace and security as quickly as possible in the country.

“We also recommended that there be no external influence that comes between the Chadians and that the solutions should be the emanation of the Africans, under the possible meditation of the Africans themselves,” he added.

Vice-President BAZOMBANZA finally pointed out that the Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of Central African States has begged the communities and the countries that none of the parties be under economic sanctions, often taken against one or the other, because, he says, these sanctions only worsen the situation of the already fragile countries. (www.presidency.bi)

Celebration of World Food Day, Edition 2022



large population cannot always afford healthy

On October 25, 2022, Burundi joined other nations in celebrating the World Food Day 2022 under the theme: "Leave no one behind - Improve production, nutrition". This event was highlighted by the Prime Minister Lieutenant General of Police Gervais Ndirakobuca.

Prime Minister Lieutenant General of Police Gervais Ndirakobuca who represented the Government said that the Government is aware of the importance of agriculture and livestock in the fight against poverty and malnutrition and to feed about 12 million of Burundian. It is in this perspective that to achieve its goals, the Government is in the process of carrying out projects and programs in various sectors, among others, soil fertilization, erosion control, distribution of selected seeds, restocking of livestock and the dissemination of new animal breeds, agricultural cooperatives, etc.

The Prime Minister also reiterated the commitment of the Government of Burundi to develop the agricultural sector so that the population has food and earns income.

In his speech, the FAO Representative in Burundi Mr Dadémanao Pissang Tchangai who represented the Director General of FAO, Dr Qu DONGYU in the ceremonies first thanked the guests for having agreed to share the joy of this day with the Food Organization of the United Nations (FAO) despite their busy schedule. Mr. Dadémanao Pissang Tchangai informed that the celebration of World Food Day coincides with the seventy-seventh anniversary of the United Nations Food Organization (FAO).

He indicated that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development must be achieved everywhere and for all human beings. He said that after three years of covid19 pandemic two things show impacts of covid 19. For him the impact of covid-19 is noticeable after three years of this pandemic, the inability of people to derive innovation and prosperity. He said that a

food in the world as well as the interconnection of lives and economies. Indeed, two out of three people living in a situation of extreme poverty are mainly in rural areas and depend mainly on agriculture to live and this has harmful effects on the future of children.

To face poverty, Mr. Dadémanao Pissang Tchangai indicated that the FAO in collaboration with the whole world must activate solidarity and collective action to build a sustainable world where everyone has regular access to nutritious food in sufficient quantity and especially the most vulnerable.

The FAO Representative in Burundi informed of the opinion that FAO has continued to implement its mandate to support Burundi, in accordance with the 2019-2023 Country Program Framework signed with the Government in 2019 and high-level resolutions adopted by member states. He said that in collaboration with other actors in the field of food security and nutrition, several achievements have been carried out over almost the entire national territory.

The support provided by the FAO is multiple and is essentially focused on nine areas of intervention, namely agricultural production, protection and management of natural resources, livestock, fisheries, nutrition, value chains, studies, statistics and information on food security and nutrition, technical and organizational capacity building of implementing partners and direct beneficiaries.

The FAO Representative in Burundi Mr. Dadémanao Pissang ended his remarks by thanking the Government of Burundi for its effort to ensure the food and nutritional security of its population as well as its fruitful collaboration with the FAO. **(MFADC)**

Soon, a report on the fight against COVID19 in Burundi



Prime Minister Lieutenant General of Police Gervais Ndirakobuca set up this committee on October 27, 2022, during a meeting to assess the activities and the current situation of COVID19 since the launch by the Head of State of the 'Ndakira, sinandura kandi sinandukiza koronavirus' campaign, i.e. "I am cured, I am not contracting COVID19 and I am not contaminating others."

In view of the current situation, as presented during the meeting of

Prime Minister Lieutenant General of Police Gervais Ndirakobuca has just set up a committee responsible for writing the report on the activities carried out and the means used in the context of the fight against the COVID 19 pandemic. The committee, which has two weeks to write this report is chaired by Col Claver Nzisabira, his deputy is the spokesperson for the President of the Republic Alain Dioméde Nzeyimana. This report will be submitted to the President of the Republic who will make a decision regarding COVID19.

the national committee to combat the transmission and spread of COVID19, Prime Minister Gervais Ndirakobuca declared that COVID19 is no longer a problem in Burundi.

During this meeting, the expert showed that since Tuesday February 25, 2022, a low rate of contamination and spread has been observed, with a positivity rate of less than 3% for more than 6 consecutive months while the alert threshold is triggered when this rate is greater than 5% according to the World Health Organization (WHO). (www.rtnb.bi)

The Senate adopts a bill on the status of non-commissioned soldiers



On Wednesday October 26, 2022, the Burundian Senate analyzed the bill on the status of non-commissioned soldiers of the National Defense force of Burundi, amending law n° 1/19 of 31/12/2010 on the status of men of National Defense Force troops.

The session was marked by the presence of the Minister of National Defense and veterans Mr. Alain

Tribert Mutabazi who had represented the Government to enlighten the Senators on the reasons for this bill.

On this occasion, the Minister of National Defense and Veterans Affairs indicated that some of the innovations contained in this bill relate to the well-being

of a non-commissioned soldier, others refer to the strengthening of discipline and the ethics of a non-commissioned member.

In the explanatory memorandum, the Minister of the National Defense Force and Veterans Affairs presented the innovations brought about by this bill. He said that the new bill plans to change the term "troopsman" to "ranked soldier" which is a designa-

tion common to men and women. It also provides that when a non-commissioned soldier is in police custody, his heirs continue to receive a housing allowance until his first-degree conviction.

This bill also stipulates that if a child of a non-commissioned member suffers from an infirmity or an incurable disease, this child will be medically taken care of regardless of his age. This measure was motivated by the desire to support the efforts of parents who probably experience difficulties in paying for the management of such cases. In the event of the death of a serving soldier, this bill provides that his heirs

may receive the gross salary of the deceased for one year, in order to support the bereaved family.

This bill prohibits marriage between soldiers of different categories, marriage between a soldier and a person of foreign nationality or contracting a marriage before a period of 4 years after enlistment. This bill also specifies that a non-commissioned soldier may receive the end-of-career indemnity in the event of incapacity, the on-call indemnity and the bush indemnity, etc.

After discussions and debates, the Senators unanimously adopted this bill. (www.rtnb.bi)

The Head of the ECCAS Representation Office in Burundi received in audience



On Thursday October 27, 2022, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation Mr. Ferdinand Bashikako received in audience the Head of the Representative Office of the Commission of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) with the Republic of Burundi Mr. Jean-Jacques DEAMAFOUTH.

After thanking the Permanent Secretary for granting him the audience, Mr. Jean-Jacques DEAMAFOUTH announced that the activities of his installation are going well. He praised the good collaboration that exists between the ECCAS Representative Office and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation.

The head of the ECCAS representative office in Burundi then conveyed the congratulations of the President of the ECCAS Commissions to the Government of Burundi for the recent decision taken to reopen all the country's borders, a good decision that contin-

ues to facilitate regional integration as desired by the ECCAS community.

Mr. Jean-Jacques DEAMAFOUTH, also spoke about the situation in Chad and the Democratic Republic of Congo. He is confident that Burundi will help a lot, through its experience in conflict resolution, to restore stability in the Central African countries.

The Permanent Secretary warmly thanked the Head of the Representative Office of the Commission of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) for the visit. For the

reopening of the borders with Rwanda, he indicated that Burundi and Rwanda are brother Countries and Burundi always wants to keep good ties with neighbors and other countries.

Speaking of Burundi's contribution, Mr. Ferdinand Bashikako said that Burundi will not stop contributing to find stability and peace in these countries. But to have lasting peace, the solution must come from within and the others come to support.

'It should be noted that, in the future, Burundi is preparing to undertake the presidency of ECCAS', announced the Head of the representative office of the Commission of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS). (MFADC)

The Ambassador of Burundi in Türkiye receives in audience the General Manager of the company by Action International Health services



On Monday October 24, 2022, His Excellency Mr. Gérard NTAHORWAROYE BIKEBAKO, Ambassador of the Republic of Burundi in Türkiye received in audience the Direc-

tor General of the Company by Action Internationale of Health Services (USHAS), Mrs. Dr. MUZDALIFA AKTAN to exchange on two draft cooperation agreements between the Republic of Burundi and the General Management of USHAS) in the field of Health.

At the end of their exchanges, the two authorities agreed on quick organization of a session for the signing by the Ministers in charge of Health of our two countries of the draft agreement in the field of Health. From this signature, Burundian patients who so wish will be treated in Türkiye hospitals via USHAS.(MFADC)

The Ambassador of Burundi in Brussels participates in the seminar under the theme "honorary consuls in 2022, missions and challenges"



On Monday October 24, 2022, the Ambassador of Burundi in Brussels participated in the seminar led by H.E Olivier Belle, Belgian Protocol Director, under the theme: "Honorary Consuls in 2022, Missions and Challenges", within the framework to respond to the invitation addressed to him by the Governor of Namur, the Rector of the University of Namur and the Consular Corps of Namur, Capital of the Walloon Region of the Kingdom of Belgium.

In his presentation on the theme "Honorary Consuls in 2022, Missions and Challenges", Belgian protocol

Director insisted on the status of Honorary Consuls, their roles and their attributions. It was a well written, rich and documented work. Several personalities responded to the invitation, including Diplomats, Academics, Honorary Consuls, students and other senior executives from the Walloon Region. It should be noted here that among all the African Ambassadors, only the Ambassador of Burundi in Brussels and that of Côte d'Ivoire were invited to this seminar.

After the exchanges of the participants with the presenter, the Governor of the Province of Namur offered a reception in honor of all the participants. (MFADC)

Students are called upon to avoid the consumption of psychoactive substances



On Wednesday October 26, 2022, the Ministry in charge of Public Health via the National Integrated Program for the Fight against Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases organized an awareness workshop on the harmful effects of the consumption of psychoactive substances for International Leadership students. University. The workshop targeted students because according to Dr Inès Nshimirimana, it has been observed that many young people currently consume psychoactive substances (which can change the functioning of the brain), whereas they can be the cause of disorders mental.

On Wednesday October 26, 2022, the

These substances have harmful consequences, not only on health, but also on the socio-economic life of those who consume them or of households. These consequences can manifest themselves in the short term or in the long term.

According to Dr. Inès Nshimirimana, there are licit psychoactive substances such as alcohol, tobacco, energy drinks, coffee, certain drugs; and illicit substances, such as cannabis, heroin, cocaine etc. In this workshop the speaker insisted on the unsafe effects of alcohol.

The message of the day was to tell young people to abstain from using these psychoactive substances, and to those who already use them, that there are centers that can help them with withdrawal.

Note that this workshop was organized as part of the celebration of World Mental Health Day. (www.rtnb.bi)

The Ministry in charge of National Solidarity flies to the assistance of the vulnerable



On Wednesday October 26, 2022, the day after the official launch of the agricultural year, the Ministry of National Solidarity, Social Affairs, Human Rights and Gender launched the first agricultural season at Mageyo hill in Mubimbi commune. Assistance in seeds and fertilizers was granted to a group of cooperatives called Umutwa Mw'iterambere.

This cooperative brings together 36 families from the Batwa community who grow potatoes on a 2ha plot offered to them by the Mubimbi commune as part of the policy of leaving no one behind in development. These families had no arable land and lived only from pottery.

In his speech for the occasion, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry in charge of National Solidarity Mr. Pontien Hatungimana appealed to Batwa families

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in general who do not have arable land to come together in cooperatives to request this land from the administration in order to practice development projects there in order to no longer be considered as vulnerable when they have the strength to fight poverty.

Mr. Pontien Hatungimana said that the Government via the Ministry in charge of National Solidarity Social Affairs, Human Rights and Gender has started a vast program to involve everyone in development. It is in this perspective that this ministry has decided to no longer give assistance in food but rather seeds and inputs to help the poor so as not to remain dependent on food aid.

The Permanent Secretary took the opportunity to urge the Batwa community to no longer underestimate themselves and to remain in the ignorance that has long characterized them, thus pushing them to remain in poverty.

He also appealed to this Batwa community to respect the law because it protects all communities including theirs. According to him, the Ministry in charge of National Solidarity plans that this support program for the vulnerable through seeds and ferti-

lizers will cover the whole country.

In this framework the Ministry has distributed pigs in 11 provinces which will be transmitted through the value chain so that the program extends to several beneficiaries.

In Mubimbi commune, the Ministry in charge of National Solidarity distributed equipment for the development of the Businde site in Mubimbi commune where a village of about 200 houses will be erected for vulnerable people, including the Batwa community, victims floods in Gatumba and other victims of landslides. This equipment consists of 8 tarpaulins, 20 cans, 20 shovels, 20 pickaxes, 20 machetes and 3 tanks.

This Businde site on Gisagara hill, Matyazo area of

Mubimbi commune in Bujumbura province covers approximately 9 ha and will be occupied by approximately 200 houses for vulnerable people and community infrastructure. The 1st batch is 20 houses which will be built by the Ministry in charge of National Solidarity to show stakeholders in the vulnerable sector the first steps.

The delegation of this Ministry had provided itself with 800 notebooks and 1000 pens intended for the pupils of the Matyazo zone in the Mubimbi commune who contributed to the construction of houses for the vulnerable of the Batwa community by making bricks during the summer camps of this year. (www.rtnb.bi)

Ruyigi: Social workers benefit from motorbikes



On Tuesday October 25, 2022, the Ministry of National Solidarity, Social Affairs, Human Rights and Gender with the support of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), thanks to the support of the American Office of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM) handed over 8 motorcycles to the 7 municipal social workers and a motorcycle for the provincial coordination, as part of the resettlement and reintegration of returnees.

As part of the resettlement and reintegration of returnees, the Ministry in charge of National Solidarity assisted people with specific needs (the disabled, the elderly, women heads of households, people suffering from chronic diseases, women victims of GBV, single mothers and elderly widows) in medicine and other materials including wheelchairs, crutches.

The Ministry also gave them foodstuffs representing the first capital to initiate themselves to the small income-generating trade in order not to remain wallowing in poverty.

The Minister in charge of National Solidarity Mrs. Imelde Sabushimike thanked the International Organization for Migration for this support of motorcycles which lightens the work of municipal social workers in the province of Ruyigi who before experienced difficulties in assisting people in remote areas. .

Minister in charge of National Solidarity, Social Affairs, Human Rights and Gender Mrs. Imelde Sabushimike asked the municipal social workers benefiting from the motorcycles to safeguard them and not use them for their own gains. She indicated that the pretext of lack of travel is no longer and reminded them that their work is not in the office but in the households of the poor to accompany them.

She also visited a pigsty of a women's cooperative of Ruyigi vision that the Ministry has granted pigs as part of the value chain for the empowerment of women and poor households.

Minister Imelde Sabushimike suggested the members of the women's cooperative of Ruyigi to expand their project by diversifying income-generating activities and if they lack capital to entrust themselves to the BDF women's bank. She finally promised that the Ministry will spare no effort to support them. (www.rtnb.bi)

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