



**Participation of the Burundian Head of State in the funeral of  
H.E Hage G. Geingos, former Namibian President**



**T**he Burundian Head of State His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, accompanied by the First Lady H.E Angeline Ndayishimiye, arrived A Windhoek on Saturday 24/2/2024 to take part in the funeral of His Excellency Hage G. Geingob, former President of the Republic of Namibia died on February 4, 2024.

Arrived at the International Airport, he was welcomed by the Namibian Minister responsible for tourism.

As soon as he arrived in the city of Windhoek, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye went to the Independence Stadium, to take part in the

commemorative ceremonies of the illustrious deceased, organized by the Namibian Government, on the eve of the funeral ceremonies.

Alongside many Heads of State and Government who came to support the Namibian Republic, His Excellence Evariste Ndayishimiye reiterated, on behalf of the Burundian Government and the Burundian People, his condolences and sympathy to the President, the Government and the Namibian People, and more especially to the former First Lady Monica Geingob and the family of Dr. Hage G. Geingob.

In his message for the occasion, the Burundian Head of State paid the trib-

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ute to an icon of the struggle for liberation, a true pan-Africanist, a champion of democracy, freedom, equal rights of man and reconciliation; an inspiration for all of Africa.

He reassured of the support of the Government and the people of Burundi during those times of difficult trials and to accompany those bereaved people in

prayer, especially since Namibia is a brother and friendly country with which Burundi has maintained diplomatic relations since 1990.

His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye closed his remarks by sending a prayer for the eternal rest of brother and friend Dr. Hage G. Geingob. **(Presidency)**

## The South Sudanese Head of State and current President of the EAC pays a working visit to Burundi



**O**n Friday February 23, 2024, the South Sudanese Head of State and current President of the East African Community (EAC) His Excellency Salva Kiir MAYARDIT made a working visit to Burundi, as part of the consultations he initiated for the strengthening of peace and security in the East African Community.

At the Melchior Ndadaye International Airport, he was welcomed by the Minister of East African Community Affairs, Justice, Sports and Culture Mr Gervais

Abayeho before being taken to the Ntare Rushatsi Palace where he was warmly received by his Burundian counterpart, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye.

After the extensive consultations, the two Heads of State then discussed about the issues relating to the regional integration and the security situation in the region and in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

In a press release sanctioning that visit which was read by the Secretary General of the EAC, Mr Peter Mutuku Mathuki, the two Heads of State among other things underlined the urgency of implementing the Luanda process in order to avoid the escalation of insecurity in the east of the DRC which risks affecting the neighboring countries.

According to the press release, the Head of State of Burundi and that of South Sudan also noted the need for Burundi and Rwanda to implement the agreements resulting from the bilateral dialogue which took place between the two countries, that with a view to strengthening the integration imperatives of the EAC which include the free movement of people, goods and services. **(Presidency)**

## The United Nations Development Program the supports macroeconomic reforms initiated by President Ndayishimiye



**O**n Friday February 23, 2023, at the Ntare Rushatsi Palace, the President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye granted an audience to Mrs. Ahunna Eziakonwa-Onochie, Assistant Secretary General, Assistant Administrator and Director of the Regional Office for South Africa. United Nations Development Program (UNDP) during which they discussed the support of the UNDP in the implementation of macroeconomic reforms initiated in Burundi to propel the national economy.

“Given the repetitive crises that have shaken Burundi since its independence, we are proud of the stage that the country has already reached,” introduced the Head of State, highlighting the potential development that Burundi is full of that it is still in the beginning phase of its socio-economic development.

“We are currently studying how to support the entrepreneurial projects of young people and support women involved in agricultural activities,” revealed the Under-Secretary General of UNDP after welcoming the projects and programs of the Government of Burundi oriented towards the promotion of youth and women.

Ms. Ahunna Eziakonwa-Onochie, at the end of her 4

-day visit to Burundi, also congratulated the Burundian Number One for the peace and security that reigns in the country and reaffirmed the commitment of the UNDP to continue its support among other things for the consolidation of peace in Burundi and the development of the country.

She also encouraged the Government of Burundi to review the law governing investments in order to promote private sector investments, the implementation of the digitalization program of institutions without forgetting the processing of agricultural products and the development of border infrastructures to strengthen the trade exchanges to boost the national economy. **(Presidency)**

### The President of the Republic leads a government retreat on budgetary reforms



**U**nder the patronage of the President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, a government retreat was held at the Ntare Rushatsi Palace from January 22 to 23, 2024. The Heads of the Desks at the Presidency of the Republic, the Ministers and their Permanent Secretaries as well as the experts from the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

In his welcome address, the Minister of Finance, Budget and Development Planning, Mr. Audace Niyonzima, indicated that Burundi has already started a new budgetary reform based on the results of the Program Budget in accordance with the recommendations of the 2022 retreat.

That is how the strategic documents such as the PTBA (Work Plans and Annual Budget) aligned with the National Development Plan (PND) 2018-2027 were developed.

According to Minister Audace Niyonzima, to suc-

ceed in that budgetary reform, the capacity building for all the actors involved in the financial process is necessary. He indicated that it is with that in mind that the Ministry in charge of finance has put in place a continuing training plan for this purpose.

At the opening of the Government retreat, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye said that the retreat was organized at a time when the Government of Burundi has just adopted the 2040-2060 vision. According to him: “who does not plan for a better future, plans his downfall.” He added that the implementation of that vision is accompanied by the reforms and the scrupulous planning in order to lay the solid foundations.

The President of the Republic insisted that it is imperative to deepen our reflections on how the reforms initiated in Public Finance can contribute to the realization of the Vision Burundi Emerging in 2040 and Developed in 2060.

His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye affirmed that it is difficult to acquire and internalize the new working methods that meet the new requirements. He said that it is by adhering to the discipline of the Budget Program that they will succeed in better organizing the country's economy.

Certainly, the Burundians need to impose a new discipline where, through the Program Budget, each actor is required to show the projects they plan to carry out and has the obligation to produce the results. It is a culture to be developed, said Evariste Ndayishimiye.

The President of the Republic invited the members of the Government who are primarily responsible to take ownership of the recommendations resulting from that

retreat and to implement them each as far as they are concerned in their sector because in those times of re-birth. Burundi needs the enlightened and the visionary leaders to put our country back on the rails of the development.

He asked the participants of the Government retreat under the direction of the experts from the World Bank and the IMF and those who have succeeded in reforms similar to those initiated in Burundi, to explore profound questions relating thereto, share experiences and enlighten their intelligence.

Much more than they are on a path of no return, all the State Institutions and all the sectors of the Public Administration must switch to the Budget-Program mode.

The Head of State insisted on the importance of mastering all the dimensions, the approach and the methodology. He added that they must understand all the mechanisms and the principles of the results-based budgeting to the better guide public policy decisions at all the levels of the national life.

He finally drew the attention of the participants, particularly the Ministers and the ministerial services concerned by the theme of the day, and the guests to do everything possible in order to have an overall vision of the progress and the future prospects in the implementation of the program budget reform, in order to have the results-based management. **(Presidency)**

### The Burundian army alongside President Ndayishimiye in the development of the country



**O**n Thursday February 22, 2024, the President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye inaugurated, in the economic capital of Bujumbura, a Saving and Credit Cooperative for the Self-Development of the Military (CECADM) in acronym and a Microfinance of the non-commissioned officers Solidarity for the Promotion of Savings and Credit (SOPEC) in acronym.

"When there are many corrupt people in the country, even the honest men have that mark. We need to do our business with transparency," said the President of the Republic of Burundi, addressing to the bank and microfinance managers, asking them to get involved in their development while fully playing their very important role in success of the Vision of an Emerging Burundi in 2040 and Developed Burundi in 2060.

The Burundian Number One never ceases to appreciate the essential role of the private sector. He then thanked the initiators of the said projects before calling on them to support the others to allow easy access to the credit at the low interest rates.

The Burundian Head of State was satisfied with the motto of Solidarity for the Promotion of Savin and Credit (SOPEC) Microfinance and Saving and Credit Cooperative for the Self-Development of the Military (CECADM) which are respectively "Development for all" and "a weapon against poverty" which, visibly

abound in the meaning of the motto "that every pocket have money and every mouth has something to eat."

President Ndayishimiye encouraged the two financial institutions to serve as a preferred path of the development for the military and their families, and the country in general. He also recommended the microfinance to use the tactic of approaching the members, and discouraging the scammers in that sector.

However, he encouraged the Bank of the Republic of Burundi (BRB) for its regular monitoring which lets those financial institutions in achieving the expected results. **(Presidency)**

## The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation presented to the President of the Republic with the prize for best Minister awarded to him by Business Executive Group Ltd.



On Wednesday February 21, 2024, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO was received in audience by the President of the Republic, His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, at the Ntare Rushatsi Palace.

For Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO, the objective of

that visit was to present the prize to His Excellency the President of the Republic, Supreme Head of Burundian diplomacy because it is thanks to his guidance and advice that Ambassador Albert Shingiro was able to succeed.

Indeed, that prize was awarded to him by Business Executive Group Ltd, during the event of good governance in Africa, prize 2024, on Thursday February 8, 2024 in Port-Louis in Mauritius.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, Ambassador Albert Shingiro was delighted with that initiative and had also dedicated that prize since its reception to His Excellency the President of the Republic of Burundi in particular and to the Burundians in general.

Note that the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, Ambassador Albert Shingiro congratulated all the winners of the prizes awarded by Business Executive Group Ltd. Among those winners were the Prime Minister, the former Head of State and eight Ministers. **(MFADC)**

## The Burundian President invested in the fight against poverty



**O**n February 20, 2024, the President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye brought together in Bugarama, in the Muramvya Province, the senior executives of the Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock to evaluate the growing season A and the step already achieved in that fight in the fight against poverty.

During that evaluation meeting, the Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock indicated that in general, the agricultural production of the growing season A is good, especially for the cultiva-

tion of expressive thanks to the appropriate availability of the seeds and fertilizers which, subsidized by the Burundian Government, are among the reasons for that success.

In his speech, the Head of State appealed to the participants named the development commanders, to coordinate well and serve as an example to the agro-breeders in order to considerably increase the production so that every mouth has something to eat, every pocket the money and thus export the excess.

President NDAYISHIMIYE urged them in promoting the mobilization of the private investments, to work together with that sector and thus seek to improve the country's agricultural sector aiming at promoting the agro-business.

Thus, the Burundian Number One advised them to use the indicators of the Burundi's vision on the agro-pastoral level for the establishment of the strategic plan of the Ministry in order to create a new dynamic

era which will lead the country to the eradication of poverty, the common enemy of the Burundian people.

Given his commitment to the fight against poverty, the Head of State recommended that a quarterly meeting

may be organized in order to meet the senior executives of the Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture and Live-stock and continue the assessment. **(Presidency)**

## The Burundian Head of State receives in audience the Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations



On Tuesday February 20, 2024, the Burundian Head of State His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye received in audience at Bugarama in Muramvya province, Mrs. Ahunna Eziakonwa, the Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations, the Deputy Administrator of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and Director of the UNDP Regional Office for Africa visiting Burundi.

Their discussions focused on strengthening the cooperative relations between the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Burundian Government through the education sectors aimed at promoting innovation in Burundian universities. A technological innovation center will be created, and will allow the young Burundians to develop a taste for creativity which, after a few years, will change the image of the country.

Mrs. Ahunna Eziakonwa congratulated the Burundian Head of State for the political and security stability of the country and mentioned the introduction of an emergency program aiming at raising the standard of living of the rural communities.

His Excellency the President of the Republic of Burundi promised him a close collaboration for the successful completion of all those projects which are the part of the country's vision. **(Presidency)**

## President Ndayishimiye announces 558 detainees prosecuted for the minor offenses



**O**n the morning of February 19, 2024, at Rutana prison, the Burundian Head of State granted pardon to 558 prisoners selected from different penitentiary establishments in Burundi, prosecuted for the minor offenses. That is the part of the promises made with the aim of reducing the overcrowding in the prisons but also for making every Burundian to contribute to the development.

The senior executives of the Ministry of Justice, the administrative staff of the Rutana province as well as the detainees warmly welcomed His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye and on the faces of the latter there was a glimmer hope which is opened up to them.

Mr. Olivier Nibitanga, the Governor of Rutana Province, in his welcoming remarks, indicated that the inhabitants of his province are committed to the development work without any worry, as demonstrated by the provincial office built on the floor since 2020 which, today is in the finishing phase.

The Attorney General of the Republic, Mr. Léonard Manirakiza, revealed the criteria on the basis of which the choice of detainees for release was made. Those include those who have already served their sentence but have not yet paid the fine imposed on them, those who have served a quarter of their sentence and those whose cases are still being executed.

The Father of the Nation, always is concerned about the well-being of his people, provided the various advice to those prisoners, and released after the careful analysis of their files by a national commission created to implement the will of the Head of State.

The President of the Republic of Burundi, in his advice, highlighted the texts of the Constitution of Burundi explaining the role of every citizen who must respect their loved ones, their property and the regulatory framework of the country.

He told them about the multiple riches that Burundi

abounds to encourage them to love their homeland to come together with others as soon as they leave to make Burundi an Emerging country in 2040 and Developed in 2060.

While congratulating the Ministry of Justice for having worked diligently in order to achieve its wishes so quickly, the Head of State also appealed to the Burundian population in general to now have confidence in the Burundian legal institution and properly welcome, without prejudice or bitterness, those citizens who return to their respective families after their detention. **(Presidency)**

### The First Lady receives in audience the Regional Director of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP)



**O**n Wednesday February 21, 2024, the First Lady of Burundi His Excellence Angeline Ndayishimiye received in audience, Mrs. Ahunna Eziakonwa, Deputy Secretary General, Assistant Administrator and Director of the UNDP Regional Office for Africa. Their discussions generally focused on the promotion of the women and support in the country's development activities. At the end of the audience, Mrs. Ahunna Eziakonwa informed the press that she appreciated all the efforts that the First Lady of Burundi deploys through the good action umugiraneza foundation and her

Office of the First Lady for Development in Burundi (OPDD-Burundi), for support the projects in relation to the development of the country as well as its activities relating to the promotion and empowerment of the women.

She promised that UNDP, in collaboration with other agencies of the United Nations system, will continue supporting its activities.

Mrs. Ahunna Eziakonwa also announced that a group of doctors will come on a mission to Burundi to support the care of women suffering from the obstetric fistulas, specifying that more than 50 women will be operated on.

She also stressed that in addition to the Humura centers in Gitega and Rumonge set up by the UNDP, another project relating to the construction of the Humura center in Kayanza will be implemented, to decentralize such centers, with a view of helping the victims of gender-based violence with the health care and the file complaints so that the perpetrators are referred. **(RTNB)**

### The Al-Maktoum Foundation offered 39 sewing machines to the “Bonne action Umugiraneza” Foundation

**A**s part of the partnership between the Al-Maktoum foundation and the “Bonne action Umugiraneza” foundation, the legal representative of the Al-Maktoum foundation in Burundi, Mr. Hashim Mohamed Ibrahim, offered on

Thursday February 22, 2024, 39 sewing machines, accessories and rolls of fabric to the Bonne Action Umugiraneza foundation chaired by the First Lady of the Republic of Burundi, H.E Angeline Ndayishimiye.

Mr. Ibrahim said that that sewing equipment has been



provided for supporting the projects of the Bonne Action Umugiraneza foundation. The beneficiaries will be the widowed women and the girls who did not have the chance to go to school, who will have completed the sewing capacity building sessions. Those sessions will be provided by the Al-Maktoum Foundation.

He estimated that the sewing profession will allow those women and girls fighting poverty, explaining that they will have the financial means to solve certain social problems and meet their basic needs. **(ABP)**

### he path to Vision 2040-2060: a Price to Pay



vinced that that vision requires a dedication, he emphasizes that that award must be rooted in piety. That is not an easy fight, but rather a long-term struggle. He calls on everyone to make the considerable efforts in their field in order to achieve that objective by 2060.

**O**n February 18, 2024, the human capital constitutes a crucial role in economic growth, and every Burundian must pay a price to achieve the vision of the Burundian Government: making Burundi an Emerging country by 2040 and a Developed country by 2060. Those words were spoken by the Right Honorable Gélase Daniel Ndarirabe during the Sunday worship at the Israel Church Burundi, in the presence of certain deputies. Con-

In conclusion, the President of the Lower House of the Parliament affirms that he is ready to do everything possible to accomplish the will of his voters, provided that it is in accordance with the divine will. It states that dying while fulfilling the God's will leads directly to eternal life, the goal to which every individual should aspire. **(National Assembly)**

### The second Vice-President of the Senate joined the population of Musongati Commune in community work



nor of Rutana province, a Deputy elected in that constituency, the Minister of National Education and Scientific Research, military and police officials, administrative authorities of Musongati commune and Rutana province, joined the population of Musongati commune in the work of cleaning the gutters and backfilling of earth and quarry on the road which connects the RN 8 Gitega-Rutana to the Musongati commune.

In his message, Honorable Nkurunziza called on the population of that province to continue to do community work, especially for the rehabilitation of the roads and the construction of the schools and the health centers. He also asked them to ensure the preservation and protection of the assets of the public interest.

**O**n Saturday February 24, 2024, the Second Vice-President of the Senate, Honorable Fabrice Nkurunziza, accompanied by the Gover-



The second Vice-President of the Senate then invited the population to promote the coffee culture, to draw the contour lines on the localities, to pay a particular attention to the education of their children, to

control births and to continue to work for peace and security for all with the aim of achieving the national vision, Emerging country in 2040 and Developed in 2060. **(Senate)**

### Return of the First Vice President of the Senate from a working mission to Angola



**O**n Friday February 23, 2024, the First Vice-President of the Senate, Honorable Denise Ndaye, returned from a working mission to Luanda, Angola where she participated in the 64<sup>th</sup> parliamentary assembly of the Organization of African States, Caribbean and Pacific (OACPS) and at the 1<sup>st</sup> session of the OACPS-EU joint parliamentary assembly according to the Samoa Agreement which replaced that of Cotonou.

During those meetings, the participants dealt with

various points including the adoption of new internal regulations, the election of members of the Desks of the regional parliamentary assemblies and the OACPS-EU joint parliamentary assembly.

In the Africa-European Union constitutive meeting held under the theme: "Towards a citizen-led partnership: perspective of the Africa-EU regional parliamentary assembly: Access to the reliable, affordable and sustainable energy for the Africa-European Union partnership", it was an opportunity for the First Vice-President of the Senate to express the need to attract the investors in the energy sector in Burundi and to present the opportunities available in that area. At the same time, African delegations raised the need for parity of the members of the Desks of the Africa-EU executive meeting.

Honorable Ndaye also indicated that alongside those various assemblies, the youth and the women's forums were held in which participants focused on the problems that undermine the community. **(Senate)**

### The Minister of Infrastructure, Equipment and Social Housing calls on the players in the real estate sector to respect the law



**O**n Thursday February 22, 2024, the Minister of Infrastructure, Equipment and Social Housing Mr. Dieudonné Dukundane carried out a raid in different neighborhoods of the city of Gitega, to examine certain construc-

tions which are being erected in an anarchic manner.

Minister Dieudonné Dukundane noted that people are starting to occupy the entire plot by starting the construction on the boundaries of the plot, while the building permit mentions the way in which the building must be erected, inside the plot. .

For the Minister in charge of infrastructure, when two neighbors build in a manner contrary to the legal requirements, they choke, especially when it comes to multi-storey construction. He also appealed to all the stakeholders in the real estate sector to scrupulously respect the instructions in the award letter. That concerns those who would like to make changes to the initial plans, he continued.

Minister Dieudonné Dukundane reminded them to have the courage to request for the authorization before making those modifications.

At the same time, the Minister in charge of infrastructure gave the instructions to the teams of the Burundian Office of Urban Planning, Housing and Construction (OBUHA) to check and recheck that all the constructions throughout the country, are being done in accordance with the law, specifying that offenders are ex-

posed to the rigor of the law. For Minister Dukundane, we cannot afford to build a country in anarchy.

He suggested that there is a distance required by the law, in relation to the restrictions of the plot which must be respected when it is necessary to build, to give life to the cities and so that in the event of fire or water and electricity connection, there will be a space. **(Presidency)**

## Official launch of the start of the implementation of the 7<sup>th</sup> funding cycle (GC7) grants of the Global Fund for Burundi



**O**n Wednesday, February 21, 2024, the Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS, Dr. Lydwine Baradahana, accompanied by the Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations at the same time the Assistant Administrator of the UNDP and Director of the Office Regional Director of the UNDP for Africa, Mrs. Ahunna Eziakonwa, officially launched the start of the implementation of the 7<sup>th</sup> funding the cycle of the Global Fund for Burundi (GC7), for the period of 2024-2026 with an amount of 160 million US dollars.

On that occasion, Dr Baradahana indicated that that amount is distributed as follows, 124 million for the fight

against AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, and 36 million for the fight against Covid-19. The management of this funding is entrusted to the United Nations Development Program in Burundi (UNDP), and ensured by a department of the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS which is the Management and the Support unit for the Health Development (UGADS), she added.

According to Dr. Baradahana, that is a very substantial amount for the next three years and which will have an additional impact on the results already obtained for HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis. She noted that the mortality linked to malaria continues declining as does the incidence linked to it.

After the activities of the said launch, the Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS, received a donation of 11 vehicles from the UNDP, which will help the Ministry in implementing their activities, in particular supervision at the level of the health facilities and the community.

Dr Baradahana specified that among that donation, 4 vehicles will be used for the fight against malaria, 6 vehicles for the national AIDS program, while one vehicle will be used for the implementation of the community activities. **(ABP)**.

## The provincial administration recommends respecting the price of the corn seeds

**T**he Governor of Cankuzo province (eastern Burundi), Mr. Boniface Banyiyezako, held on Sunday, February 18, 2024, a meeting for preparing the corn harvest collection campaign for the administrative officials, police officers and others services involved in the said campaign which has began on Mon-

day February 19, 2024.

The concerns related to the poor conservation of that harvest, the representative of the Agro-Pastoral Investment Cooperative (CIAP) in that province noted that the



necessary equipment is ready.

Governor Banyiyezako called on the participants to be vigilant. They must ensure that the selling price of the corn seeds is not less than 1700 FBu per kg as set by the Government. He also called on the population to sell the dry corn seeds and also to manage the money from that sale carefully. That collection will take place in the 11 zones of the Cankuzo province. **(ABP)**

**Cankuzo provincial administration urges the teachers to give their best for the intelligent and the competent youth**



As indicated by the provincial director of education in Cankuzo, Mrs. Jeanne Hakizimana, some of the teachers are absent from duty, others arrive late or get drunk. Mrs. Hakizimana also deplors the case of teachers who teach without having prepared the lessons, thus leading to poor academic results.

Governor Banyiyezako invited these teachers to self-evaluate and change their behavior, failing which they will suffer administrative sanctions. The authority of the Cankuzo province also announced that children are now strictly prohibited from attending places where films are shown. Mr. Banyiyezako recalled that the fight to make Burundi Emergent in 2040 and Developed in 2060 concerns everyone, hence we must make all possible efforts for intelligent and competent youth. **(ABP)**

**O**n Tuesday February 20, 2024, the Governor of Cankuzo province, Mr. Boniface Banyiyezako urged the teachers working in his province to work for intelligent and competent youth. It was during a meeting he held for stakeholders involved in the education sector.

**The growing season B is in full swing in the province of Karusi**



Jean Séverin Sinzobatohana, in an appeal launched last week to the farmers.

“It is time to start sowing crops for agricultural season B, notably beans, soybeans and potatoes,” underlined Mr. Sinzobatohana who advised the farmers to start sowing from February 15, 2024 to close on March 5, 2024.

Mr. Sinzobatohana reassured those who have already started to be careful during plowing or sowing in a corn field to avoid cutting the roots and rather raise more of the earth around the foot. He also recommends applying more chemical and the organic fertilizers to those new crops, especially and avoiding the claims that season A fertilizer is enough for the future.

**I**t is time to begin the growing season B, according to the Director of the Provincial Office of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, Mr.

The selected seeds and the semi-online is obligatory, the BPEAE technicians are there to help them. Regarding twining beans and peas, Mr. Sinzobatohana recommends the strong and long supports. Note that

he reminded that the application of urea to the rice crops before weeding is necessary and that now was the time. (ABP)

### Different advocacy plans on the fight against gender based violence (GBV) have been proposed by the civil society organizations



On Tuesday February 20, 2024, the Collective of the Women's Associations and NGOs of Burundi (CAFOB), together with the association of disabled women (AFH les Vaillantes) and International rescue committee (IRC), organized an advocacy forum in Gitega on the fight against gender-based violence.

That forum brought together the representatives of the municipal and provincial administration, the representatives of the Justice sector, the representatives of the education sector as well as the representatives of the Ministry of National Solidarity, Social Affairs and Human Rights and gender from the commune to the provincial level. That was a part of the execution of the project of strengthening the Burundian civil society against gender-based violence "PRESCIBU Tuyatuze". The person in charge of PRESCIBU, Mr. Jean Marie Bizoza pointed out that the main objective of the said forum was to present the actions of the advocacy plans developed by the civil society organizations "CSOs" which are implementing that project in order to enrich them.

Among the advocacy plans developed and presented by the civil society organizations as part of the effective fight against gender-based violence is the strengthening of the "All at School" project. That project emphasizes the education of the girls and the establishment of the educational establishments favoring all categories of students, including those living with disabilities.

Another advocacy plan presented the concerns the involvement of 50% of girls and women in decision-making bodies at the locality level by December 2027. According to Mr. Bizoza, that will allow the victims of violence based on kind of revealing the violence suffered in order to benefit from the medical assistance and to take legal action against the perpetrators of those scourges.

Citing the report of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in 2018, Mrs. Solange Nisabwe, Head of the Projects within the association "les vaillantes", noted that the women with disabilities run up to more than 10 times the risk of being the victims of sexual violence. Ms. Nisabwe indicated that 40 to 68% of young women with the disabilities experience sexual violence before the age of 18.

Based on the presentations of the advocacy plans, the PRESCIBU manager invited the participants in that forum, as well as other actors involved in the sector of the fight against the gender-based violence to take the ownership of those advocacy and to reinforce the efforts with the aim of eradicating that scourge which affects not only the human health but also which handicaps the development of the families and the country. To that end, he indicated that that would be the best way to support the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye in his vision of Burundi, an Emerging country in 2040 and Developed in 2060. (ABP)

### Around a hundred people received free medical care for the surgical pathologies

Around 101 people underwent free surgical operations for the treatment of different surgical pathologies during a campaign that lasted five days, from February 17 to 22, 2024 at the Head of per-

sonnel within the Bena foundation in Rutana (south is from Burundi), Mr. Ali Hussein, during an interview with the media.



The said campaign was carried out by the specialist doctors belonging to a group called PELEX, in relation with the Bena foundation operating at the Gihofi health district hospital, in Rutana province, said Mr. Hussein. Those surgical doctors, who came from Egypt, treated the diseases like goiter, hydrocele and other surgical pathologies.

The patients who benefited from those treatments were delighted that that group of doctors helped them when they had problems related to the means to be able to afford that medical care. As for the medical director of the Gihofi health district hospital, Dr Claver Ndayikengurukiye, he also thanked that group of speakers. The lack of qualified personnel for the treatment of those diseases in Burundi where

the few existing specialist doctors are in the city of Bujumbura, and the lack of means by the rural population to pay for those health services are at the origin of the persistence of those diseases in the population.

According to Dr Ndayikengurukiye, based on the fact that the lack of information within the population on the diseases which can be treated at the hospital for which he is responsible also means that those diseases persist for those who have already been affected. He informed that certain diseases such as hernia, hydrocele and lipoma are treated at Gihofi Hospital, and that that service is free for children under five years old.

The patients who benefited from that service as well as the doctor director of the said hospital thanked the group of speakers. They called on them to come back so that those who did not have the chance to be treated even though they had presented themselves at the hospital could also benefit from that care.

Dr Ndayikengurukiye hopes that those stakeholders in the health field will assist the Gihofi hospital by providing it with the equipment that is not available but which could help the local doctor to treat the surgical pathologies which are not treated there due to the lack of the appropriate equipment (ABP).

### The overflow of rainwater has wreaked devastation in the Kajaga and Kinyinya neighborhoods of the Rukaramu zone



**I**n a visit carried out on Wednesday February 21, 2024 in the neighborhoods, the Burundian Press Agency (ABP) noted that certain ave-



nues in Kajaga have become inaccessible following the floods. That situation continues and worries the residents of those neighborhoods.

The expert in risk prevention and management of the

hydrometeorological disasters, Dr Athanase Nkuzimana indicated that almost 500 m from the Bujumbura-Gatumba road, not far from the Missionary Sisters of Charity known as Calcutta or at Congoman Hotel, some avenues became inaccessible due to flooding. Water invaded the plots of the homes and the aquatic plants followed. Some places have been transformed into "small lakes" and the young people are already fishing there. Some house owners have already emptied the premises. The gates are well padlocked. Other house owners are trying to manage to access their plots. They desperately installed or placed bags filled with sand to block the water. "A costly job and wasted effort. It's really very difficult. There I had to spend a lot of money trying to protect my house. The purchase of bags, sand and labor," explained a resident of the locality of Kajaga, regretting that all those efforts seemed in vain: "That unfortunately did not prevent the water from invading the house".

The residents of the Kajaga district met on site asked the authorities to install water evacuation channels: "In any case, if we manage to channel the water to a single destination and control rainwater, surely our neigh-

borhood would be protected.

Those residents also reported that one of the causes of those floods is the rising waters which cross a stream called Kunzoga towards the Lake Tanganyika.

"That stream overflows and throws water into those neighborhoods," lamented the same residents, urging the authorities to find the solutions in managing that water and rebuilding that stream to a high level in order to avoid those inconveniences.

The expert in risk prevention and hydrometeorological disaster management, Dr Athanase Nkuzimana, noted that the city of Bujumbura and its surroundings are located below on the slope of the conflict ditch. He explained that when there is torrential rain, the neighborhoods are flooded a few minutes later.

It was noted that the innovations in the Kajaga and Kinzinyira districts result from the lack of gutters, explains Dr Nkuzimana. He advises the Burundian Government to lay out the gutters in order to avoid that damage because, he specifies, certain factors which cause flooding in the neighborhoods of Bujumbura are notably the climate change, the lack of gutters and the rising water levels of the Lake Tanganyika. **(ABP)**

### Vaccination of the calves against theileriosis disease



**T**he NGO ACORD has carried out the vaccination against the theileriosis disease since Friday February 23, 2024. That activity which is carried out as part of the Accelerated Innovation Delivery Initiative Project AID-I GRL Kugwiza, aims to im-

munize 300 calves (male and female) against that disease which is raging among calves and which is the cause of several deaths. The objective of that vaccination is to contribute to the good health of cattle and the repopulation of the herd, especially since many programs have distributed cattle in different municipalities in the country. The calves concerned are those aged between three months and one year from the Ngozi, Marangara and Mwumba communes.

Mr. Emmanuel Nduwimana, one of the beneficiaries of Mushitsi locality in Mwumba commune met on the Mushitsi site, explained: "I am a young breeder with two cows and two sheep. I am very happy with this vaccination. Theileriosis is very dangerous because it has already killed many calves on our locality. In addition, it costs us very much when it comes to treating affected calves." According to him, treating a single calf costs no less than 20,000 Fbu. It often even happens that the calf dies after all these expenses. He asks breeders to stop neglecting and vaccinate their calves.

ACORD Burundi, through its AID-I GRL Kugwiza

project, plans to vaccinate other 600 calves, including 300 in Cibitoke province and 300 others in Buzanza. That project aims to improving the resilience and food and nutritional security of communities through the dissemination of innovations. It distrib-

utes the improved seeds, the fodder varieties more suited to the needs of breeders, carries out vaccination against theileriosis and the artificial insemination of the cattle. **(ABP)**

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