

Annual Report 2014

# FVS-AMADE BURUNDI



Our mission is to promote the protection of orphans and vulnerable children and the economic autonomy of households for the ultimate well-being of children.

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Dear Partners, Friends, and Supporters:

The year 2014 marked the beginning of a new era for FVS-AMADE Burundi, in which our community care model, previously a dream, has become a reality. Since 1992, FVS-AMADE has been working to improve the well-being of orphans and vulnerable children (OVC). Our approach has evolved from humanitarian assistance to sustainable development in 2010 with a shift towards community empowerment — where we finally are today.

During 2014, we created a community network of our solidarity groups that care for the OVC. By working together, the groups are better able to serve the OVC, coordinate activities, ensure the quality of services, and mutually reinforce their capacities. Throughout this network, we implement activities in four areas of intervention: the protection and promotion of children's rights, the economic reinforcement of vulnerable households taking care of OVC, education and psychosocial support for OVC, and access to healthcare and the fight against HIV/AIDS.



This year, the solidarity groups demonstrated their capacity to independently manage certain aspects of providing for the OVC, such as their access to education and healthcare. 42,794 OVC received school kits, purchased 100% by the solidarity groups, while FVS-AMADE only contributed to the formation and supervision of these groups. Thanks to the new community-based health insurance, over 10,000 people, including OVC, benefited from health care. Moving forward into 2015, the purchase of school supplies for the OVC and their healthcare are no longer preoccupations of the organization; the priority will be to increase the incomes of the vulnerable households that have adopted OVC into their care.

Another major achievement in 2014 was the opening of a secondary school, “Amie des Enfants” in the rural commune of Matana in the province of Bururi. The school opened its doors in September 2014 to 60 children, 10% of whom are orphans chosen among the most vulnerable but intelligent in primary school. The school is bilingual (French/English) and is a boarding school where the students are provided a quality education.

This year the organization also invested in our staff members, who made all of these accomplishments possible. Capacity building was provided in the areas of medicine, accounting, IT, entrepreneurship, and the English language. Certain staff members also participated in events where they had the opportunity to exchange knowledge on topics including caring for HIV-positive individuals, sexual and reproductive health education, and group savings and credit approaches. With these improved capacities, FVS-AMADE's staff will be able to better serve our beneficiaries in the future.

I would be remiss if I ended this letter without thanking all of the donors and partners that have accompanied FVS-AMADE throughout this year. On behalf of the entire staff, we hope that they take pride in the significant impact that we have achieved this year thanks to their support and will share with us the joy of reaching community autonomy in the areas of education and healthcare.

Best wishes for 2015,

Spès Nihangaza  
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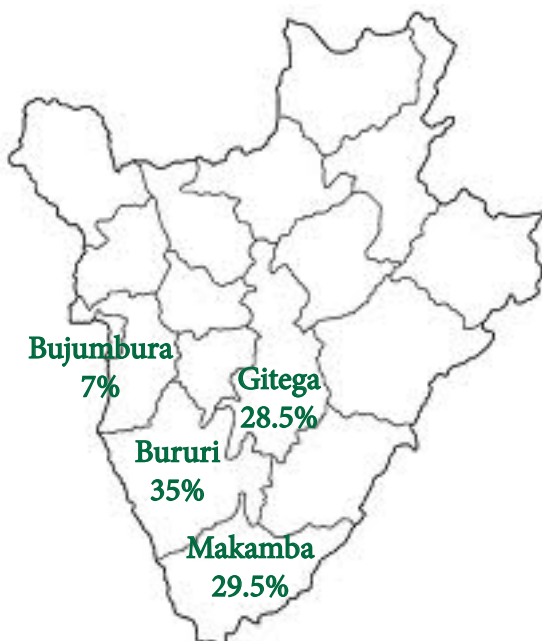
# Our Solidarity Groups: Nawe N'uze



The foundation of FVS-AMADE approach is to form and supervise solidarity groups comprised of caregivers of OVC that practice a system of saving and credit called “Nawe N’uze.” Each week, the groups meet to put aside savings for three specific purposes: a rotational small-business loan fund, a fund to purchase school supplies for the OVC in their care, and an emergency fund for group members. Through these solidarity groups we are able to organize a multitude of other trainings and development projects.

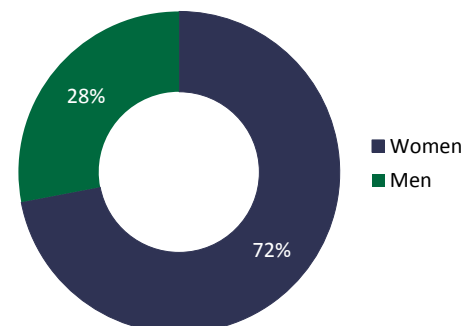
In 2014, we created networks among these solidarity groups at various levels to strengthen their connections and impact. The presidents and treasurers for each local-network received capacity-building training on financial management so that they are adequately equipped to manage the solidarity group savings accounts.

Furthermore, 235 new solidarity groups comprised of 4,956 members were created this year. They each received trainings on the organization, managing small businesses, and the savings practice of Nawe N’uze.



## Who are our beneficiaries?

**1,347** solidarity groups,  
comprised of **44,855** members,  
who care for **49,562**  
orphans and vulnerable children.





# Protection and Promotion of Vulnerable Children's Rights



In 2002, FVS-AMADE created a community system of children's protection committees (CPCs), which was adopted by the government as a national intervention model. The CPCs are in charge of identifying children in vulnerable situations in their communities, directly helping the children, and informing the organization of cases that surpass their capacities. In 2014, **4,584 members of the CPCs benefited from supervision and trainings.**

This year, **14,696 children benefited from a variety of actions to protect their rights**, performed by members of the CPCs and the legal assistants of the organization. These activities included family conflict mediation, registration of real estate and other inheritances, reinsertion into families, and the sensitization of parents on legalizing their marriages among other things. Furthermore, **12,343 children previously lacking birth certificates were registered as citizens**, enabling them to access free primary school and other a wide array of other social services.

Unfortunately, even with prevention measures, incidents of children's rights violations still exist, but we continue to do everything possible to combat these injustices. **1,997 children benefited from mediations resulting in amicable agreements between all parties**, conducted by the CPCs. In situations where FVS-AMADE needed to intervene, **281 cases involving 796 OVC were defended before the courts and settled favorable for the children.** The local administration and courts facilitate our work in the protection of children's rights by prioritizing these court cases.



Joselyne and Ninette with two cows that had been unrightfully stolen but were returned to their possession thanks to FVS-AMADE's legal support.



Mbabazi Princina was thrown in a banana field and rescued by a member of the CPE of Ruziba in the commune of Kanyosha.



# Economic Reinforcement of Vulnerable Households Taking Care of OVC



Poverty is the primary reason that children's rights violations exist among our beneficiaries. Therefore, throughout the year 2014, one of the organization's primary focuses was to increase and stabilize the incomes of households taking care of OVC.

Since 2008, FVS-AMADE has been using a savings and credit approach called Nawe N'uze. Group members save not only for their economic recovery, but also to support the OVC. We have increased community outreach to multiply the number of solidarity groups caring for OVC.

**Each member of the 1,347 solidarity groups, old and new, was supervised and trained in financial practices** for the success of their income-generating activities (IGAs). As a result of these trainings and support, **the solidarity groups collectively saved 1.867.833.425 FBU (1,205,000 USD).**

The group savings were allocated to three specific purposes: **1.531.315.665 FBU (988,000 USD) for rotating small business loans, 218.952.925 FBU (141,250 USD) to purchase school supplies for the OVC, and 117.564.835 (75,750 USD) for emergency needs.** At the end of the year, when the groups shared the loan repayments and their interest, **individual members received up to 500.000 FBU (320 USD).** They used these savings to improve their homes, to purchase land or livestock, and to invest in their small businesses.



Before joining her solidarity group, Evelyne stayed at home all day while her husband was the sole financial provider for their family. After receiving a small loan from her solidarity group, she was able to purchase a stand in the Ruziba market. Next, she received a loan to stock her store from DUKUZE, a microfinance organization created by FVS-AMADE in 2010 to support members with larger capital needs than the groups are able to save themselves. With Evelyne's household contributions now that her business is up and running, her family was able to purchase a plot of land. She aspires to continue increasing her profits so that in five years she will be able to buy a car so that she can easily restock her store and also to better provide for her family and the orphans in her care.



# Capacity Reinforcement of Vulnerable Households Taking Care of OVC



According to an external survey, two years after joining our solidarity groups, **the percentage of members owning IGAs increases from 54.5% to 93.5%.**

In 2010, FVS-AMADE created DUKUZE Microfinance to provide business loans to members with larger capital needs than they can receive from Nawe N'uze. During 2014, **19,350 members received microloans, of whom 63% were women and 37% were men. In total, 2.616.030.000 FBW (1,687,761 USD) was distributed.**

In 2013, the organization created the Center to Promote Entrepreneurial Solidarity to facilitate collective social IGAs among the groups. With their "Project Lumiere," **14 collective IGAs earned a total of 9.462.600 FBW (6,100 USD) in profits** during 2014 by selling lamps that are powered using renewable energy, are free of health and safety risks, and allow students to study after dark.

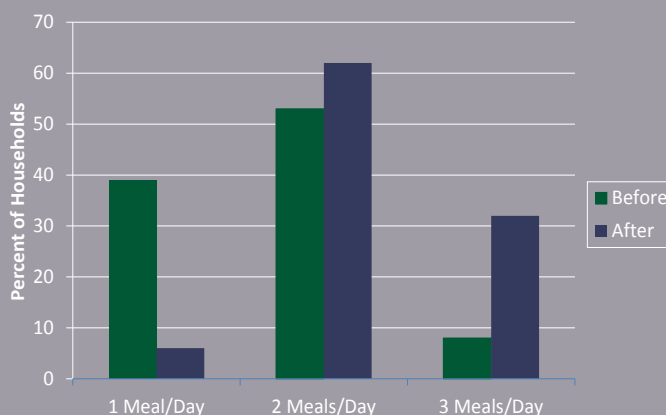
In order to build the capacity of members, FVS-AMADE launched trainings on the creation and management of IGAs. These trainings began in 2014 in the commune of Kanyosha and will continue in other regions. So far, **107 members have been trained, including 35 who received supplemental trainings and a certificate permitting them to train others.**

With the increased income associated with these entrepreneurial activities, our beneficiaries are better able to provide for both their families and the orphans in their care.

In only three years, the average income of solidarity group members increased by 437.5%!



Their families eat more frequent meals just two years after joining our solidarity groups.





# Education and Psychosocial Support for Orphans and Vulnerable Children



Since 2002, our dream has been for the OVC to receive full support from their communities as opposed to direct aid from the organization. In 2014, this dream became a reality. Without any financial contributions from FVS-AMADE, except for the supervision of the solidarity groups, **42,749 OVC received school supply kits thanks to the sole efforts of group members.** In order to minimize dropouts among the OVC, often related to psychological trauma, **443 children also received psychosocial support from the organisation and specially trained group members and teachers.**

Another major milestone for FVS-AMADE this year was the opening of a secondary boarding school, "Amie des Enfants" (Friend of Children), in the rural commune of Matana in the province of Bururi. The objective is to train the future professionals and technicians of Burundi, including OVC. Classes are bilingual (English/French) and include computer skills. **In September 2014, the school opened its doors to 60 children including 10% orphans chosen among the most vulnerable and intelligent.**

Beyond traditional education, we also provide vocational training to orphans heads of households who financially support themselves and younger siblings. This year, **105 youth received vocational training, including 75 in sewing and 30 in culinary art and restaurant service.** The group received their diplomas and we are helping them to find professional positions. **100% of the OVC who completed their training in 2013 were placed into jobs.**



The students at the school "Amie des Enfants", including OVC, who will become Burundi's future leaders, recite the national pledge of allegiance.



A group of young orphans heads of households during a professional training in culinary art in Bujumbura.



# Access to Healthcare and the Fight Against HIV/AIDS



In the domain of healthcare and the fight against HIV/AIDS, the activities of FVS-AMADE are both preventative and curative. We organize sensitization trainings across the solidarity groups, including adults and youth. Last year, **36,643 youth and 43,947 adults were sensitized on HIV, STDs, and family planning**. As an immediate result, **1,498 youth and 3,181 adults received voluntary HIV testing and 2,635 adults are now using modern contraceptive methods**.

In terms of curative care, FVS-AMADE's two medical centers in Bururi and Makamba continued to offer medical services to the local population, and in particular to people living with HIV/AIDS. During 2014, **791 people, of whom 605 are under ARV treatment and 186 are taking Cotrimoxazole, received continual support**, including medical and psychosocial care. We also monitored **43 couples under PMTCT and are happy to report that all of their children tested HIV-negative**.

To improve access to basic healthcare for OVC and their families, FVS-AMADE created a social enterprise called "Santé Assurée" in 2012 that promotes, supervised, and provides technical assistance to community-based health insurance. During 2014, three mutuels operated in Makamba, Bururi, and Bujumbura Mairie. A fourth mutual was created in December 2014 in Gitega. **These health mutuels currently have 4,273 registered members and 21,693 beneficiaries including families and OVC**.



Members in Kibago hold up the community-based health insurance cards they purchased.

**A beneficiary story:** In 2008, Adéline (age 27) learned that she was HIV-positive after a voluntary testing during a prenatal visit conducted by FVS-AMADE. This news was difficult to accept, but nothing compared to the fact that her two year old daughter also tested positive. Adéline felt extremely guilty to have unknowingly transmitted the disease during pregnancy. Ever since, she has been strictly following the protocol of Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) and is in permanent contact with the doctor at our Medical Center in Bururi. Since, she has given birth to two HIV-negative babies!

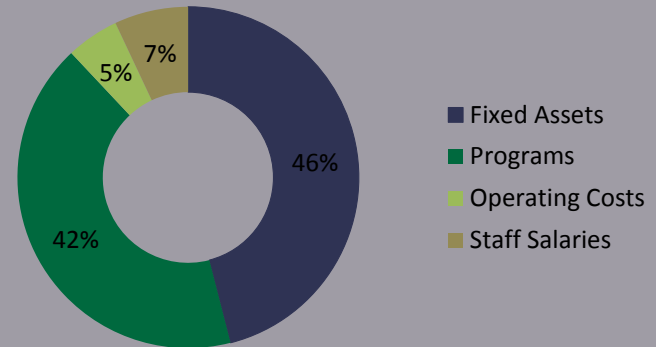


# Financial Report for the Year 2014

Budget Items	Expenditure (FBU)
Fixed Assets*	1.176.430.551
Programs**	1.056.105.136
Operating Costs	125.453.411
Staff Salaries	175.291.019
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.533.280.117</b>

<b>2013 Year-End Balance</b>	<b>262.511.051</b>
Project Financing	1.819.341.165
Donations	5.629.818
Autofinancement	217.423.443
Bank Loans	500.000.000
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>2.804.905.477</b>
Expenses	2.533.280.117
Loan Repayments	26.634.438
Total Expenditure	2.559.914.555
<b>2014 Year-End Balance</b>	<b>244.990.922</b>
Percent of Available Resources Expended in 2014	91%

Breakdown of Expenses



\*The construction of the school increased the amount allocated to fixed assets. Additionally, a bank loan was taken out in order to ensure the school's successful opening in September 2014.

\*\*The organization received funds for two projects in December 2014 that will be executed in 2015.

## Donors and Partners of the Year 2014 and Perspectives for the Year 2015

AMADE Mondiale — 428.094.898 FBU (276,190 USD)  
 Principauté de Monaco — 414.625.966 FBU (267,500 USD)  
 Fondation Arcanum — 233.926.157 FBU (150,920 USD)  
 UNICEF — 229.383.677 (147,990 USD)  
 Segal Family Foundation — 116.146.796 FBU (74,933 USD)  
 CARE International — 96.629.022 FBU (62,341 USD)  
 Union Européenne — 68.287.089 FBU (44,056 USD)  
 Handicap International — 47.148.608 FBU (30,419 USD)  
 Fight AIDS Monaco — 39.572.112 FBU (25,530 USD)

Secours Catholique France — 38.060.557 FBU (24,555 USD)  
 KIYO — 37.348.747 FBU (24,096 USD)  
 GIZ — 25.242.950 FBU (16,286 USD)  
 CNLS — 13.755.398 FBU (8,875 USD)  
 Cordaid — 10.498.158 FBU (6,773 USD)  
 Global Health Corps — 10.199.000 FBU (6,580 USD)  
 ForgottenSong — 8.387.871 FBU (5,412 USD)  
 GIP Esher — 2.904.000 FBU (1,874 USD)

We want to sincerely thank our donors and partners, without whom we wouldn't have been able to achieve these activities in 2014. We have already developed a strategic plan for 2015 to expand our programs and their impacts. In 2015, the organization will not only increase the number of solidarity groups but also build members' capacities to increase their revenues and better care for OVC. In 2015, we also plan to increase the number of children whose rights are protected and who have educational opportunities, psychosocial support, and access to healthcare. The organization will also create a new emergency response line to quickly respond to the needs of children in difficult situations. The estimated budget for 2015 is 2.273.768.481 FBU (1,466,947 USD) and thanks to our donors and partners, we have already secured 1.596.427.476 FBU (1,029,953 USD). We still need to raise 677.341.005 FBU (436,994 USD), and your donations are greatly appreciated.