

Restoring Hope for a bright future

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Women conference on parenting styles by H.E. Rev. Denise NKURUNZIZA

MISSION STATEMENT



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To restore the Social Functioning of widows and orphans of war and HIV/AIDS, the aged, the disabled, returnees and the poor.









BUNTU Foundation is a philanthropic organization. It was created in November 2005 to be legally registered by the Government in December the same year known as Fondation BUNTU (in French). Since the number of orphans and widows was too big, this foundation was established with the aim of assisting as many orphans as possible.



The Presidential Family together with some of the Orphans

"BUNTU" is a Kirundi word which, at the same time means "with the Sense of Humanity" and "Grace." Such a given to Mrs. Denise Bucumi NKURUNZIZA by Church members in 1999 thanks to the fact that she empathetically shared the little she had with the poor even when she was in need.

The organizational structure of BUNTU Foundation:

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Services and Beneficiaries of BUNTU Foundation

GOVERNANCE

Education for the orphans of HIV/AIDS and war

- 27 University students sent abroad (18 young ladies and 7 young men);
- 4 University students assisted within in the country;
- IT1 Students in the BUNTU Professional Training Centre of Buye;
- **5** 75 Children of Nezerwa Orphanage in Kinama commune of Bujumbura city;
- Kajaga Primary school constructed in Bujumbura Province;
- Computer labs granted to ENEFA Kibumbu in Mwaro province (centre) and to Amahoro Centre of Kirundo Province (north);
- Literacy programs 489 Men and women already equipped and organised into local self-help associations;
- School materials and uniforms granted to orphans at the opening of the new school year in different areas of the country.











Medical and Health care

The referral of and assistance granted to patients abroad (priority given to children born with morbidities);



Baby Goreth Nyishuyimana referred at Fortis Healthcare Ltd.



Baby Goreth from India Bujumbura, April 26th 2011



Pacific Manirakiza who was born without the anal organ from an operation at Fortis Healthcare Ltd. Bujumbura, March 13th 2013

Financial assistance (mostly to purchase medical materials used for beneficiaries who locally hospitalized or to help clear hospital bill for those who are not able to)



Medical materials and equipment collected and granted to the Ministry of Public Health in partnership with international organizations;





Water and hygiene

Clean water supply at Makamba (south), Bubanza (west) and Musasa (North) and health education based o hygiene.



Capacity building and Solidarity groups

BUNTU Foundation accompanies beneficiaries in establishing and managing their own income generating activities in their families. Those are:

- Widows beneficiaries of capacity building programs through literacy and income generating activities (mainly agricultural production);
- Students who graduate from University, Professional and Technical schools with the assistance of BUNTU Foundation.





25 tailoring trainees launched out into community on January $11^{\rm th}$ 2014 at BUNTU Professional Training Centre of Buye



Community based Selef-help Association

Capacity building and Solidarity groups





Community based Self-help Association



Humanitarian services

Humanitarian services are offered to: orphanages, aged homes, returnees and victims of communities in natural disasters.





Effects of the February 9th 2014 heavy rains at Gatunguru, Bujumbura province

Humanitarian services



BUNTU Foundation Team at Gatunguru, Bujumbura province





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A BRIEF HISTORY OF KUNTU FOUNDATION

The idea of creating this Foundation was initiated by H.E. Rev. Denise NKURUNZIZA after a deep analysis on the context and socioeconomic living conditions of the poor, particularly for the orphans and widows of ward and HIV/AIDS.

When she became First Lady, she was already caring for more than 12 orphans in her family, together with her biological children. Since the number of orphans and widows had considerably increased within the country due to the civil war which erupted in 1993, Rev. Denise NKURUNZIZA was inspired and decided to create a foundation to be able to attend to the needs of many orphans and widows and other needy people.





A Brief History of BUNTU Foundation

In the course of 2005, 2006 and 2007, much work was done in the area of humanitarian intervention and fight against HIV/AIDS with strong emphasis put on creating awareness among church leaders and community local leaders.

Starting with the year 2008 up to 2010, BUNTU Foundation actively visited mothers throughout the whole country helping women on how to promote the proper family functioning applying healthy marital relations and parenting styles. Orphans' education (for primary, secondary and university levels) was given more attention.



Thereafter in 2010 and 2011, the foundation concentrated a lot of efforts to the promotion of mother-child health by seeking support and creating awareness among church leaders and local authorities in matters pertaining to family planning and control of fecundity to curve the demographic explosion.











H.E. Mrs. Ban Soon-taek the Spouse of H.E. Ban Ki-Moon the General Secretary of the United Nations apreciates the work of H.E. Rev. Denise NKURUNZIZA for orphans through BUNTU Foundation New York, June 12th 2013 Seen the big number of orphans in need of assistance, BUNTU Foundation resolved to establish a BUNTU City (centre of humanity) to assist as many orphans and widows as possible. Besides the management and funding of the solidarity groups and financing our students' education at different levels of training, setting up BUNTU City is another priority.



Muhizi Joël is a boy who was found at Gatsinda in the northern part of Burundi on January 19th 2010 by H.E. Denise NKURUNZIZA, thrown away by his mentally disturbed mother Mukamana Odette from Rwanda.

He was nursed and educated at the Presidential Residence. His mother was treated at the Neuro-Psychiatric Centre of Kamenge in Bujumbura with the help of Rev. Denise. Now, she is healthy, back to Rwanda and remarried.



ENVIRONMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT



The extension of BUNTU Professional Training Centre

The foundation strategically initiated professional training at a progressive pace to equip the orphans and widows with technical and soft skills which enable them to run small scaled businesses for the betterment of their families. Herein, the aim was to help those who graduate (from professional training and universities) to be organized into associations of solidarity groups and accompany them with a seed fund launching them into the community of business according to their domain of interest



BUNTU Professional Training Centre (Hotel management & Tourism, Tailoring, Literacy, etc.)

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Future plans:

- To continue developing the site of Musasa BUNTU City;
- To strengthen advocacy for the economic development and psycho-social rehabilitation of the disadvantaged people;
- To establish a BUNTU Radio & Television The Voice of Orphans and Widows;
- To seek funds to finance the micro-projects program for widows and orphans through solidarity groups;
- To constitute an important database on needs and problems of the beneficiaries of BUNTU Foundation;
- To develop the operational and technical capacities of the personnel of BUNTU Foundation in partnership the Government, local and international organizations, etc.

OBJECTIVES OF BUNTU FOUNDATION



- 1. Providing material, financial and moral support to vulnerable people (widows and orphans of war and HIV/AIDS, the aged, the disabled, returnees and the poor) with the aim of restoring their wellbeing;
- 2. Establishing community centres hereafter called "BUNTU Cities" where beneficiaries are to benefit from professional and technical training, organized through solidarity groups and income generating activities, to promote their social functioning;
- 3. Establishing partnership with the Government and other national and international organizations capable to contribute to the development and boosting of performance in the programs of BUNTU Foundation and the wellbeing of its beneficiaries.

PRIORITIES OF BUNTU FOUNDATION



Irangabiye Channy-Chaba from Fortis Healthcare Ltd. India Bujumbura, August 20th 2012

Priorities:

Medical treatment for children born with morbidities Orphans' Education Widows Capacity building Care for the Disabled and the Aged





Theirs Excellencies Rev. Denise NKURUNZIZA and Mrs. Salma KIKWETE greeting triplets babies at Hopital Militaire de Kamenge Bujumbura City, July 3rd 2012

Mr. Salvator Nizigiyimana, the Deputy Chairperson of BUNTU Foundation expounds on the medical assistance by BUNTU Foundation

BUNTU FOUNDATION AROUND THE WORLD





The Millennium Development Goals: 2013 Women's Progress Award by Voices of African Mothers and Associates New York, UN Headquarters, June 13th 2013

The International Community, the Government of Burundi and the People of Burundi appreciate the accomplishments of BUNTU Foundation.

For several times, H.E. Rev. Denise NKURUNZIZA the First Lady of Burundi and Founder&Chairlady of BUNTU Foundation has been honoured and encouraged for her good work.





The Women Department of the Rock Church congratulates H.E. Rev. Denise NKURUNZIZA for her good job.

Bujumbura, July 20th 2013

BUNTU FOUNDATION AROUND THE WORLD



Women Leadership Inspirational Award Centre for Economic and Leadership Development & CEO Clubs

Dubai, December 18th 2013



Mr. Parfait Onanga ANYANGA Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations-UN in Burundi appreciates the work of H.E. Rev. Denise NKURUNZIZA

Bujumbura, October 26th 2012



Awarded by the Government of Burundi Bujumbura, July 1st 2013

BUNTU FOUNDATION RESOURCES

The main source of funds:

Contributions of its members and Donations from both local and international organisations and friends. BUNTU Foundation does not yet have a regular source of funds.







THE STAFF

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H.E. Rev. Denise Bucumi NKURUNZIZA The First Lady of BURUNDI Founder & Chairlady of BUNTU Foundation

Special thanks

BUNTU Foundation is delighted to extend its warm greetings and gratitude to all the organizations and individuals who support its programs. May God bless you!



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H.E. Rev. Denise Bucumi NKURUNZIZA The First Lady of BURUNDI Founder & Chairlady of BUNTU Foundation

Her Excellency Mrs. Denise NKURUNZIZA, First Lady of the Republic of Burundi and Founder & Chairlady of BUNTU Foundation was born at Gatsinda, Mwumba District of Ngozi province in the northern part of Burundi on December 1st 1969. She did her primary school education at Gatsinda Primary School and the first four years of high school at Busiga in her home region to complete the last four years at ENEFA Kibumbu (Ecole Normal d'Education Familiale/Family Economy Education School), Mwaro province, in the central region of Burundi; now finishing her BA Program in Theology at Hope Africa University of Bujumbura.

Rev. Denise BUCUMI, daughter of Protais NTAHOMPAGAZE and Angèle GAKECURU was born in a family of 12 children with 5 girls and 7 boys. She founded her family in 1994 and is now a mother to two daughters and three sons. She served as a Migrations' Headquarters Officer since August 1st 1993 to 2002.

When H.E. Mr. Pierre NKURUNZIZA, the President of the Republic of Burundi joined the National Council for the Defence of Democracy - Force for the Defence of Democracy (CNDD-FDD) movement in April 1995, Mrs. Denise NKURUNZIZA was left with a small child and a four months pregnancy. The second child was born when she was alone, hated and tormented by the government of the time for being a wife to the revolution leader who wanted peace and social justice to be done in the governance system of Burundi.

By then, Mrs. NKURUNZIZA led a life full of misery and hardships until 1997 when she received Jesus Christ as her Lord and Saviour. Enabled by God, she endured all the troubles and took care of children, tirelessly serving God. During her time of need, she persevered and even shared the little she could get with those in similar situation to hers. For that reason, her church members nicknamed her merciful woman ("BUNTU" - in Kirundi).

Denise is an ideal church choir member, an evangelist, a prayer worrier, a teacher of the word of God and morality, and the best mentor for community development. On 2nd July 2011, Mrs. Denise NKURUNZIZA was ordained Reverend Pastor. Since the year 2004, Mrs. Denise made great achievements:

In consideration of the vision of BUNTU Foundation, Mrs. Denise Bucumi NKURUNZIZA's main objective is to ensure all the younger generations are mobilized and equipped for the service of their Nation and Creator, for the wellbeing of each and every citizen in Burundi particularly, and the entire world in general.

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