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Umushinga wo gutanga ubumennyi n'ubushobozi bigamije gufasha abantu bahoze ari abasirikare n'abandi bafite ubumuga kwihangira imirimo







































## 1570 Ex-combatant and Other People with Disabilities graduated! Abasezerewe mu ngabo n'Abandi bantu bafite ubumuga 1570 barangije amahugurwa!

The photos of the cover page are Staff of 11 Skills Training Centers (STCs) which provided skills training for Ex-Combatants and Other People with Disabilities (ECOPD). Skills training supported by ECOPD Project had terminated in November 2013, and 1,570 ECOPD completed skills trainings from 2011 to 2013.

STC's staffs are important key persons for the Project because they spent substantial time with our trainees during the training. Furthermore, much knowledge of the Project was transferred to the STCs. Here are STC information and experiences obtained from interviews with 11 Directors of STCs which collaborated with the Project over the last three years.

Amafoto yo ku ipaji ibanza ni ay'Abakozi bo mu Bigo 11 byigishije imyuga Abasezerewe mu ngabo n'Abandi bantu bafite ubumuga. Amahugurwa y'Umushinga ECOPD yarangiye mu Ugushyingo 2013, Abasezerewe mu ngabo n'abandi bantu bafite ubumuga 1570 barangije amahugurwa y'imyuga kuva muri 2011 kigeza muri 2013.

Abakozi bo mu bigo byigisha imyuga ni abantu b'ingenzi ku Mushinga kuko bafashe igihe kinini bari kumwe n'abanyeshuri bacu mu gihe cy'amahugurwa. Ni ukuvuga ko ubumenyi bwinshi bwatanzwe n'umushinga bwahawe Ibigo byigisha imyuga. Ibi ni ibiganiro twagiranye n'Abayobozi 11 b'Ibigo byigisha imyuga byakoranye n'Umushinga.

Name of center & director	AGHR, Kigali City / Mr. Nkundiye Zacharie
Izina ry'ikigo & umuyobozi	AGHR, Umujyi wa Kigali / Bwana Nkundiye Zacharie
Courses provided / Imyuga yig	
Year & number of JIC	
accommodated / Umwaka	
w'abanyeshuri ba JICA bahu	
Strong points of the center	Good environment for PWDs, Experienced teachers and well organized
on disability	board members.
Ibyiza by'ikigo ku bafite	Ahantu horohereza abafite ubumuga, abarimu b'Inararibonye na Komite
ubumuga	nyobozi ikora neza.
Most memorable story on	It makes me happy when I saw PWDs are creative and able to live
disabled trainees	independently.
Ibishimishije cyane ku	Bintera ku ishima iyo abantu bafite ubumuga bihangira imirimo kandi
banyeshuri bafite ubumuga	bashobora kubaho bigenga.
Major learning from	Good training skills. The Project showed PWDs are able to work. It makes
ECOPD Project	me think about other PWDs who don't get chances of skills training.
Ibishimishije cyane ku	Ubushobozi bwo guhugura. Umushinga werekanye ko Abantu bafite
Mushinga ECOPD	ubumuga bashoboye gukora. Bintera gutekereza ku bandi bantu bafite
, and the second	ubumuga batabonye amahirwe yo guhugurwa.
Future plan on training for	To use our experience from ECOPD to approach government, stakeholders
PWDs	in order to continue supporting PWDs.
Gahunda itaha yo	Gukoresha ubumenyi bwatanzwe na ECOPD Dukangurira leta n'
guhugura Abantu bafite	abafatanya bikorwa kugirango bakomeze gufasha abantu bafite
ubumuga	ubumuga.

Name of center & direct	or ATC Amizero, Kayonza District / Mr. Bideri John
Courses provided	Tailoring, Welding, Carpentry, Construction, Plumbing, Electronic, Hotel
	services, Computer / Ubudozi, Gusudira, Ububaji, Ubwubatsi, Gukora
	amazi Elegitoroniki, Guteka, mudasobwa
Year &number of JICA	trainees accommodated 2006,2007, 2008, 2012 / 204 graduated
Strong points of the	Our staffs have many experiences because they have been working with PWDs for
center on disability	ten years. Our staffs have good facilitation skills.
	Abakozi bacu bafite ubunararibonye kuko bakorana n'abantu bafite ubumuga
	kuva mu myaka icumi ishize. Abo bakozi bazi neza kubafasha.
Most memorable story	Fight against discrimination.
on disabled trainees	Kurwanya ivangura
Major learning from	The project supported PWDs, and promoted inclusiveness without discrimination.
ECOPD Project	Umushinga wafashije abantu bafite ubumuga u na shishikariza kudaheza.
Future plan on	We do not stop, We continue the training for PWDs.

training for PWDs	Ntabwo tuzahagarara, Tuzakomeza guha amahugurwa abantu bafite ubumuga.
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Name of center & direct	or ETEFOP, Musanze District / Mr. Bizimana Jean Bosco	
Courses provided	Tailoring, Welding, Auto Mechanic, Carpentry	
	Ubudozi, Gusudira, Ubukanishi bw'imodoka, Ububaji	
Year & number of JICA	trainees accommodated 2012, 2013 / 131 graduated	
Strong points of the center on disability	We have accessible buildings, skilled trainers and trainees, and good leadership. / Dufite inyubako zidaheza, abarimu n'abanyeshuri bafite ubumenyi, nubuyobozi bwiza.	
Most memorable story on disabled trainees	Some people thought PWDs cannot work, but it's wrong. PWD became not only trainees but also trainers for non-disabled people.  Abantu bamwe batekereza ko abantu bafite ubumuga badashobora gukora, ariko ntabwo ari ukuri. Narishimye igihe nabonye Abantu bafite ubumuga bahugura abatabufite.	
Major learning from ECOPD Project	Good partnership, Changed mindset of many people. The project showed PWDs are able to work like others.  Ubufatanye bwiza, bwahinduye imyumvire y'abantu benshi. Umushinga werekanye ko Abafite ubumuga bashoboye gukora kimwe n'abandi.	
Future plan on training for PWDs	We wish to continue working with PWDs, and employ them.  Twifuza gukomeza gukorana n'Abantu bafite ubumuga kandi tukanabakoresha.	

Name of center & directo	Gako Organic Farming Training Center, Kigali / Mr. Richard Munyerango Ikigo cy'Amahugurwa y'Ubuhinzi n'Ubworozi cya Gako, Kigali	
Courses provided	Agriculture and husbandry / Ubuhinzi n'ubworozi	
Year & number of JICA t	rainees accommodated 2007, 2011, 2012 / 346 graduated	
Strong points of the	Barrier-free facilities, good management, gentle staff, successful demonstration	
	field, provision of training in local language	
	Kuvanaho inzitizi, imicungire myiza, abakozi bihangana, ahantu heza ho	
	kwigira, no gutanga amahugurwa mu rurimi rukoreshwa mu gihugu.	
Most memorable story	We keep on the training.	
on disabled trainees	Turakomeza amahugurwa.	
Major learning from	ECOPD assisted many people with and without impairments.	
ECOPD Project	Umushinga wafashije abantu benshi bafite ubumuga ndetse n'abatabufite.	
Future plan on	Our center still opens for people with and without impairments to promote	
training for PWDs	inclusive society. / Imiryango iracyakinguye ku bantu bafite ubumuga ndetse	
	n'abatabufite kugirango habeho umuryango udaheza.	

Name of center & direct	or   IPRC Kigali / Mr. Uwimana Augustin	
Courses provided	Welding, Auto mechanic, Plumbing, Electronics, Carpentry, Construction etc.	
	Gusudira, Ubukanishi bw'imodoka, Gukora amazi, Elegitoroniki, Ububaji	
Year &number of JICA	Year &number of JICA trainees accommodated 2012 / 74 graduated	
Strong points of the	We have accessible infrastructure, modern equipment and experienced instructors.	
center on disability	Dufite inyubako zidaheza, ibikoresho bigezweho, n'abahugura b'inararibonye.	
Most memorable story	All trainees took their initiative to help each other.	
on disabled trainees	Abahuguwe bose bafashe iya mbere mu gufashanya.	
Major learning from	Well organized, respect of agreement, good time management, payment on time,	
ECOPD Project	distribution of starter kits.	
Ç	Igendera kuri gahunda, yubahiriza amasezerano, ikoresha neza igihe, yishyurira igihe, igatanga ibikoresho kurangije amahugurwa.	
Future plan on	Plan is still on the process, but we are trying to do advocacy.	
training for PWDs	Gahunda irimo gukorwa, ariko turagerageza gukora ubuvugizi.	

Name of center & Director	Rwanda Union of the Blind, Kigali City / Mr. Rukeshimana JMV
Courses provided	Agriculture, Braille, Mobility training, Activity Daily Living training
	Ubuhinzi, Inyandiko ya Braille, Amahugurwa ku kugenda, Amahugurwa
	ku mirimo ikorwa buri munsi

Year & number of JICA	trainees accommodated 2006, 2007, 2011, 2012 / 53 graduated	
Strong points of the center on disability	It's the only training center for people with visual impairment in different aspects. Ni cyo kigo cyonyine gihugura abantu bafite ubumuga bwo kutabona mu bumenyi butandukanye.	
Most memorable story on disabled trainees	I am happy when PWDs from different areas of all over the country are trained.  Nshimishwa no kubona abantu bafite ubumuga baturuka ahantu hatandukanye mu gihugu barahuguwe.	
Major learning from ECOPD Project	Promoter of inclusiveness, capacity building of people with all type of impairments. / Kudaheza mu iterambere, kongerera ubushobozi abantu bafite ubumuga butandukanye.	
Future plan on training for PWDs	To continue the training for PWDs.  Gukomeza amahugurwa y'abantu bafite ubumuga.	

Name of center & direct	or VTC Gisenyi, Rubavu District / Mr. Tuyisenge Evariste	
Courses provided	Tailoring, Welding, Plumbing, Electronic, Computer	
	Ubudozi, Gusudira, Gukora amazi, Elegitoroniki, Mudasobwa	
Year & number JICA tr	Year & number JICA trainees accommodated 2011, 2013 / 149 graduated	
Strong points of the	We have the trainers who are able to communicate with people with different	
center on disability	impairments.	
	Dufite abarimu bashobora kuvugana n'abantu bafite ubumuga butandukanye.	
Most memorable story	People with impairments who have been trained by VTC Gisenyi succeeded	
on disabled trainees	self-employment without begging.	
	Abantu bafite ubumuga bahuguwe na VTC Gisenyi bashoboye kwihangira	
	umurimo ntibasabiriza.	
Major learning from	The Project promoted inclusiveness for ex-combatants, PWDs and those without	
ECOPD Project	impairments.	
	Umushinga watumye abasezerewe mu ngabo badahezwa mu iterambere,	
	Abantu bafite ubumuga hamwe n'abatabufite.	
Future plan regarding	We plan to advocate in collaboration with WDA, MINALOC and NCPD to	
training for PWDs	support PWDs. / Turateganya gukora ubuvugizi dufatanyije na WDA, MINALOC	
	na NCPD hagamijwe gufasha Abantu bafite ubumuga.	

Name of center & direct	or VTC Kibali, Gicumbi District / Mr. Eugene Ruzindana		
Courses provided	Tailoring, Welding, Auto Mechanic, Cooking		
_	Ubudozi, Gusudira, Ubukanishi bw'imodoka, Guteka		
Year & number of JICA	Year & number of JICA trainees accommodated 2007, 2008, 2011, 2012 / 259 graduated		
Strong points of the	We are strong, and have experienced trainers.		
center on disability	Turakomeye kandi dufite abanyeshuri bafite uburambe.		
Most memorable story	To respect human being without exclusion and discrimination.		
on disabled trainees	Kubaha ikiremwa muntu nta kuvangura ndetse no guheza.		
Major learning from	It's the pioneer to promote disability affairs. / Kuba umushinga warafashe iya		
ECOPD Project	mbere mu guteza imbere imibereho myiza y'abafite ubumuga.		
Future plan on	To monitor and evaluate ex-trainees to find potential ex-trainee as trainer of our		
training for PWDs	center because we consider to employ them.		
	Gukurirana ndetse no gusuzuma abahuguwe kugirango tumenye abafite		
	ubushobozi bahuguwe n'ikigo cyacu kuko tugamije kubakoresha.		

Name of center & directo	or VTC Nyanza, Nyanza District / Mr. Simon Mudumiro	
Courses provided	Tailoring, Knitting, Welding, Plumbing, Carpentry, Construction	
_	Ubudozi, Kuboha imipira, Gusudira, Gukora amazi, Ububaji, Kubaka	
Year & number of JICA	Year & number of JICA trainees accommodated 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013 / 398 graduated	
Strong points of the	Our trainees with impairment are creative and competitive on labour market as	
center on disability	compared to others. / Abanyeshuri bacu bafite ubumuga bazi guhanga no	
	gupiganwa ku isoko ry'umurimo ugereranyije n'abandi.	
Most memorable story	I was always happy when I saw our trainees with impairments succeeded in	
on disabled trainees	self-employment with their acquired skills.	
	Buri gihe nashimishwaga no kubona ufite ubumuga twahuguye abashije	

	kwihangira umurimo akoresheje ubumenyi yahawe.
Major learning from	Good partnership, respect of agreement, distribution of starter kits timely. It's so
ECOPD Project t	many that we can copy from the ECOPD Project.
	Ubufatanye bwiza, kubahiriza amasezerano, gutangira ibikoresho igihe. Dufite
	byinshi dushobora kwigara ku mushinga ECOPD.
Future plan on	We want to be a role model through removing barriers, and we promote
training for PWDs	inclusiveness for PWDs as equal rights of human being.
	Turashaka kuba intangarugero mu kuvanaho inzitizi, kandi duteza imbere
	iyinjizwa ry'Abantu bafite ubumuga muri gahunda z'iterambere
	nk'uburenganzira bw'ikiremwamuntu.

Name of center & direct	or VTC Rubengera, Karongi District / Mr. Kagoyera Jean d'Amour
Courses provided	Tailoring, Cooking, Construction / Ubudozi, Ubutetsi, Kubaka
Year & number of JICA	trainees accommodated 2011, 2012, 2013 / 118 graduated
Strong points of the	We are able to make good communication with people with all types of
center on disability	impairments. / Twiteguye guteze imbere itumanaho ryiza ribereye buri cyiciro
	cyabafite ubumuga.
Most memorable story	I was happy when I saw people with impairments helping others. It showed me
on disabled trainees	that they are able. / Nashimishwaga no kubona abantu bafite ubumuga bafasha
	abandi. Byatumye mbona ko bashoboye.
Major learning from	Helping PWDs being integrated.
ECOPD Project	Gufasha abantu bafite ubumuga mu kwigirira icyizere muri byose.
Future plan on	To make our center more inclusive training provision center.
training for PWDs	Turashaka ko ikigo cyacu kirushaho gutanga amahugurwa adaheza.

Name of center & direct	or VTC Rwabuye, Huye District / Mr. Crescent Karerangabo	
Courses provided	Tailoring, Electronic, Construction, Carpentry, Cooking, Hair dress	
	Ubudozi, Elegitoroniki, Ubwubatsi, Ububaji, Guteka, Gutunganya imisatsi	
Year & number of JICA trainees accommodated 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013 / 383 graduated		
Strong points of the	Location of the center: easy and accessible transportation for people with all types	
center on disability	of impairments. / Aho ikigo giherereye: byoroheye abantu bafite ubumuga	
	butandukanye kuhagera.	
Most memorable story	Before the training, people with impairment felt very lonely. But in a short while	
on disabled trainees	after the training starts, you can find them enjoying equal rights like others.	
	Mbere y'amahugurwa, abantu bafite ubumuga bumvaga baratereranywe. Ariko	
	nyuma y'igihe gito batangiye amahugurwa, usanga bishimiye ko bafite	
	uburenganzira bungana n'ubw'abandi.	
Major learning from	Screening process, provision of training for people with all types of impairments.	
ECOPD Project	Gahunda yo kujonjora abantu bafite ubumuga, guha amahugurwa abantu	
	bafite ubumuga bw'amoko yose.	
Future plan on	We continue to work as stakeholder. If we get same opportunity with some funds,	
training for PWDs	we will provide the training for people with impairment. We want to be a role	
J	model as inclusive training center for PWDs among VTCs.	
	Tuzakomeza gukora nk'abafatanyabikorwa. Nitubona indi nkunga	
	y'amafaranga, tuzaha amahugurwa abantu bafite ubumuga. Turashaka kuba	
	ikigo cy'intangarugero mu bindi bigo gitanga amahugurwa adaheza Abantu	
	bafite ubumuga.	

These STCs understood well that ECOPDs have equal rights like others to participate in skills training. These STCs are ready for receiving ECOPD anytime. The ECOPD Project will be completed in March 2014, but skills training opportunities for ECOPD sustain because these STCs are still in Rwanda!!

Ibi bigo bitanga amahugurwa y'imyuga byumvise neza ko Abasezerewe mu ngabo n'abandi bantu bafite ubumuga bafite uburenganzira bungana n'ubw'abandi bwo guhugurwa mu myuga. Ibi bigo byiteguye igihe cyose kwakira Abasezerewe mu ngabo n'abandi bantu bafite ubumuga. Umushinga ECOPD uzarangira muri Werurwe 2014, Abasezerewe mu ngabo n'abandi bantu bafite ubumuga bazakomeza kubona amahirwe yo guhugurwa mu myuga kuko ibi bigo bitanga amahugurwa y'imyuga bikiri mu Rwanda!!