

FEED THE FUTURE RWANDA HANGA AKAZI

Prior to March 2020, Rwanda's economy sustained impressive annual growth rates. Despite this success, the economy struggled to create sufficient jobs for the country's growing young labor force. Feed the Future Rwanda Hanga Akazi activity addresses the challenge of limited employment opportunities and diminished entrepreneurial success. It builds the capacity of Rwandans, in particular women, youth, and persons with disabilities, in key technical and soft skills required to participate in a modern workforce, focusing on opportunities in the agricultural economy, and addresses barriers to entrepreneurship.

Project Objectives

- Develop economic opportunities at scale by using facilitative, demand-driven, private-sector-led approaches, and
- Increase employment and entrepreneurship opportunities by supporting agriculture and complementary market segments, such as agri-businesses as well as finance, business development services, restaurant industry, training institutes, etc.

Expected Results

- Support a minimum of 23,000 job seekers to access new or improved employment, and
- Support to agribusinesses will result in the creation of at least 19,000 jobs at partner firms.

Key Information

- Implementation period: August 2022 to July 2027
- USAID funding: \$17,413,870
- Implementing partner: RTI International
- Geographic focus: Bugesera, Burera, Gakenke, Gatsibo, Karongi, Kayonza, Kigali, Ngoma, Nyabihu, Nyamagabe, Nyamasheke, Ngororero, Rubavu, and Rutsiro districts
- Key counterparts: Rwanda Development Board (RDB), Ministry of trade and commerce, Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources (MINAGRI), Business Development Fund (BDF), Rwanda TVET Board.



Josiane working at Masaka Creamery.

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