



A community health worker chatting with a community member. Photo by Sarah Day for USAID Rwanda.

USAID IGIRE GIMBUKA

BE SELF-RELIANT AND MATURE

Children and adolescents in Rwanda face significant risks and vulnerabilities because of HIV/AIDS and its socio-economic effects. USAID Igire Gimbuca (meaning 'be self-resilient and mature' in Kinyarwanda) works to reduce vulnerability, incidence of HIV and gender-based violence among orphans and vulnerable children and their families.

The activity focuses on facilitating inclusive access to health, offers HIV and economic strengthening services, including gender-based violence services both at community and health facility levels.

The package of services includes HIV prevention, linkage to HIV testing, support for HIV treatment adherence, violence prevention and response, educational subsidies and support, and economic strengthening.

OBJECTIVES

- Sustain the adoption of essential safe practices by families and communities for the most vulnerable children and youth,
- Improve health and prospects for adolescents and youth at-risk of HIV or violence,
- Strengthen prevention and response to violence against children and youth, and
- Improve community/facility level coordination and delivery of quality health and social services for orphans and vulnerable children.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Improved health and wellbeing of 42,827 orphans and vulnerable children and their families who are living with, affected by, and vulnerable to HIV and violence,
- Reach 7,935 vulnerable families with economic strengthening services in four districts,
- Reach 1,587 participants completing an evidence-based violence prevention curriculum,
- Reach 15,160 vulnerable children with education subsidies and/or vocational training,
- Provide 1,795 youth with training in soft skills and life skills, and
- Implement gender-based violence case identification activities for clients in four districts.

RESULTS ACHIEVED

- 42,857 Orphans and Vulnerable Children and their families from 17,254 households were served with appropriate services to ensure they are healthy, safe, stable, and schooled,
- 1,256 most vulnerable households (314 households per district), accommodating 3,394 program participants were provided with conditional household grants, which contributed to raising their income from small businesses initiated,
- 13,475 individuals received economic strengthening services,
- 1,644 program participants aged 10-14 years completed an evidence-based, HIV and violence prevention curriculum,
- 15,892 participants received cash for school fees,
- 292 participants (183 females and 109 males) who faced barriers to completing their formal education due to their vulnerability to HIV and/or gender-based violence received support with enrollment in technical and vocational training programs in a trade of their choice, and
- 24,948 youth received soft and life skills through preventive or comprehensive programs.

BUDGET: US \$11 million

DURATION

August 2022 – August 2027

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

Nyarugenge (Kigali City)

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