



CREATION AND EVOLUTION OF ICIRORE C'AMAHORO

ICIRORE C'AMAHORO a.s.b.l. is Burundian Community Based Organization which has its headquarters in Ngozi. It also has satellite offices in Buhumuza, Bujumbura, Burunga meaning in four out of five provinces that are in Burundi. However, it has interventions in former province of Mwaro and Gitega which is the fifth province of Burundi considered also as the political capital of Burundi. In fact, Burundi is made of five provinces namely Gitega, Buhumuza, Burunga, Bujumbura and Butanyerera.

When ICCA asbl saw the day, it was during the civil war which was ravaging communities and tearing the social fabric. It was by that period that women and men from all communes of the former province of Ngozi (currently part of Butanyerera province now) came together in order to set up a community-based organization that enlightened community members from all the nine communes on aspect of legal aid, social cohesion and peacebuilding. *ICIRORE C'AMAHORO asbl was created by the technical guidance and financial support of <https://www.care.org/our-work/where-we-work/burundi/> in 2004 (but was registered by Home Affairs Ministry on 17th January 2005). In fact, ICIRORE C'AMAHORO asbl is a Kirundi term meaning Mirror of Peace which became ICCA asbl in 2017*

These three aspects retained the attention if ICIRORE C'AMAHORO from 2004 to 2009 and elected as well as local leaders were trained on legal matters to make them able resolve conflicts without referring them to tribunals and courts. *Nearly 2500 of them were trained and this reduced considerably cases referred to tribunals and courts in province of Ngozi.*

Intergenerational Dialogue groups were also created, trained and supervised by volunteers in all communes to debate the dreadful history and past of Burundi and find solutions on the community level. These activities saw the participation of all categories of people dwelling communes of Ngozi of that time and they contributed to reconcile them regardless evils and crimes they committed to one another during the civil war period.



This series of activities strengthened their social fabric, social relationship while promoting social cohesion among all targeted community members.

As time evolved, community members became more united than before and grasped opportunity to express other needs to be met. That is why from 2009 ICIRORE C'AMAHORO asbl integrate new domains starting from SGBV and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR). This new domain was mainly conducted at various schools of Ngozi province. ICIRORE C'AMAHORO asbl was the first local and International Organization to introduce SHRH as well as SGBV school clubs in schools of Burundi. 71 schools with 42753 pupils supervised by 213 trained teachers were targeted by this activity in Ngozi Province. This activity was financially backed by <https://burundi.unfpa.org/en> and <https://www.psi.org/> as well as <https://manupcampaign.org/landing/>

This program led to tangible and outstanding results as unwanted pregnancies were kicked out of schools and girls' school dropout drastically reduced. ICIRORE C'AMAHORO asbl was able to establish the first Youth Friendly Health Centers in Burundi precisely in Ngozi (by transforming Kigarama, Musenyi, Buye and Gashikanwa health centers in YFHC) pushing other International NGOs to do the same in other provinces of Burundi.

MISSION AND VISION OF ICCA asbl

Vision of ICIRORE C'AMAHORO a.s.b.l.

ICIRORE C'AMAHORO a.s.b.l. envisions an active generation, participative and engaged for gender promotion and women empowerment, peace building, health promotion, and sustainable development. ICIRORE 'AMAHORO a.s.b.l carries its everyday programs making reference to the needs of its beneficiaries, Human Rights Based Approach, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Burundi National Development Plan (NDP) . Though it does not cover all the 17 SDGs, most of its activities have interdependence and are interrelated. In all its programs ICIRORE C'AMAHORO a.s.b.l.



makes use of five strategies to attain its goals. These are Advocacy, Education, Training, awareness Campaigns, and Empowerment.

Mission of ICIRORE C'AMAHORO a.s.b.l.

ICIRORE C'AMAHORO a.s.b.l. seeks to set up a fair, peaceful, and just society by promoting the human rights of vulnerable people especially indigenous, youth, and women; their participation in the political and socioeconomic life of the country; and their economic independence. ICIRORE C'AMAHORO a.s.b.l. also promotes women's health through prevention of STIs including HIV, promotion of sexual and reproductive health and rights, and the fight against gender-based violence and discrimination of all forms.

DOMAINS OF INTERVENTION

After carefully implemented projects of peacebuilding, social cohesion and SRHR, community members did not stop expressing needs to be met throughout the leadership of ICIRORE C'AMAHORO asbl. This pushed ICIRORE C'AMAHORO asbl to align to the nexus approach that combines economic development objectives, such as women economic empowerments, with peacebuilding objectives around social cohesion and peace in the Burundi. That the reason why since 2013 with the support of DDC Swiss in Burundi (Office of Swiss Cooperation) and Action Aid International, agriculture for food security as well as nutrition was introduced in its interventions. By that time, good governance and decentralization was put among its key domains. That is why from 2014 to 2016, ICIRORE C'AMAHORO asbl in conjunction with other Organizations from Rwanda and Eastern part of DRC conducted a regional project on the mobilizing women to be politically and economically empowered. In Burundi, ICIRORE C'AMAHORO was able to reach more than 27000 women grouped in 60 VSLA and 5 women networks. In nutshell, currently ICIRORE C'AMAHORO asbl intervenes in the following areas:

- Peacebuilding and social cohesion
- Human rights especially women's rights (GBV and Offering legal aid to vulnerable people)
- Health



- Education
- Community development and economic recovery for the members' wellbeing
- Good governance and decentralization

PARTNERS

As time evolved, ICCA asbl continued to attract various categories of partners. Within its first decade (2004-2013) ICCA asbl was solely depending upon volunteers and some activities funded mainly by CARE International, UNFPA, PSI, Man Up Campaign. Due to success of those activities, new partners accepted to back proposed projects after having contacted beneficiaries and our historical partners. From 2013 DDC Swiss came in the game in collaboration with Action Aid. Then, the name of ICCA asbl and its leadership, devotion and impacts on communities kept on attracting partners. In 2016, ICCA asbl got its first grant from EU throughout the consortium whose members were CARE International, OXFAM and Action Aid International. ICCA asbl was able to be endowed with three remunerated staff (coordinator, accountant and an M&E). ICCA asbl up to 2025 has the following partners who offer it grants to implement its projects:

- CARE International - Action Aid International - DDC Swiss
- Man Up Campaign - European Union Delegation in Burundi - International Rescue Committee
- UNHCR - UNWOMEN - African Women Development Fund - CIVICUS Alliance
- Irish Aid - French Embassy to Burundi - Help Channel Burundi
- UNAIDS - UNFPA - African Union - Engender Health – PROMUNDO
- International Service for Human Rights - White Ribbon Alliance - UNWOMEN
- African Center for Human Rights and Democracy Studies - Netherland Embassy to Burundi
- Government of Burundi - Pharos Foundation - Center for Conflict Resolution (CCR based in Cape Town)
- The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria - Service YezuMwiza
- NIMD - Women Deliver - Stony Brook University - ACCORD - Research and Capacity Building using its expertise.



In the past five years, ICCA asbl implemented several projects ranging from Promoting Female Entrepreneurship as a means of fighting SGBV and allow girls and women become economically independent. The project was funded by the European Union 2017-2019 (i), Implementation Partner of BRAVI Project to improve sexual and gender-based violence prevention and response efforts in collaboration with Engender Health (ii), Promotion of Positive Masculinity Approach under financial support of French Embassy to Burundi (iii), Legal Aid for Vulnerable Returnees (women ,children and people living with disabilities) for better protection and reintegration and allow them get access to justice (2021-up to now: Ongoing until 2027) co-funded by UNHCR and European Union (iv), TUBAKARORERO Project 'LET'S BE THE MODELS' (ongoing) funded by the Netherlands Embassy to Burundi (v). The project seeks to incite beneficiaries of the project to use SRH information and services in a socio-economic environment that is supportive of SRH and gender equality, free of contradictions and supported by key influencers. ICCA asbl was also an implementing partner of TWITEHAMAGARA Program (vii) (funded by the European Union) in collaboration with Health Net TPO. ICIRORE C'AMAHORO a.s.b.l has a skillful staff that has demonstrated its capacity of helping communities.

Furthermore, ICCA asbl is involved in violence case identification and first-line support for survivors of violence, child protection policy implementation and Post-GBV follow-up activities. ICIRORE C'AMAHORO a.s.b.l. is part of Global Partners in Action which saw the day during NGO Forum which took place in 2009 in Berlin in order to advance the Agenda of the MDGs; member of Prevent GBV in Africa network, member of the National Child Protection Network (Government and stakeholders); and one of the leading National Organizations of the Protection platform for social protection and fight against SGBV in Burundi (Government of Burundi and CSOs).

ICIRORE C'AMAHORO makes use of participatory approach but also human Rights Based Approach (HRBA) which allow community members identify challenges existing in



their communities and decide to set up sustainable solutions to them. Furthermore, ICIRORE 'AMAHORO a.s.b.l carries its everyday programs making reference to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Burundi National Strategic Plan for Poverty Eradication namely known as CSLP II . Though it does not cover all the 17 SDGs, most of its activities have interdependence and are interrelated. In all its programs ,ICIRORE C'AMAHORO a.s.b.l. makes use of a range of strategies to attain its goals. These are Advocacy,lobbying, alerting , Education, Training, awareness Campaigns, and Empowerment in addition those used while following programs are implementing programs ranging from Human Rights Based Approach (HRBA), Participatory Approach (AP), and Actions Based on the Proximity Influence (ABPI).That is why ICIRORE C'AMAHORO has been able to run the following projects:

The idea of setting up ICCA asbl started in late 2003 and became true in 2004. When it was created in 2004 , its first project was funded in 2004-2007 by CARE International , aiming to promote Peacebuilding activities was carried out. Women and orphans saw their assets respected while community members were reconciled. 2)2009-Up to now: Supported by Man Up Campaign, UNFPA Country office, Action Aid and Swiss Cooperation ICCA has been carrying out activities aiming at promoting human rights for women (Small projects training, organizing them in networks, teaching them agricultural techniques and how to set up kitchen gardens, as well as mobilizing them attend well attended health services especially Reproductive and Sexual Reproduction). As Results, communities where these activities have taken place women are empowered and they constitute in the development of their economy while promoting at the same time health and lives for theirs. 3)2009-Up to now: With technical and financial support of Man Up Campaign, ICIRORE C'AMAHORO(ICCA)has been able to set up and supervise school clubs to stop SGBV.As results, boys and girls are partners/allies rather than discriminating girls or behaving as their protectors and the Ministry of Burundian Education had asked ICIRORE C'AMAHORORO to expand these kinds of activities on other Burundian schools if financial means allows it. 4)2014-2015: Funded by Action Aid and Swiss Cooperation,



ICCA allowed women to elect and be elected and reaffirm themselves. In April 2015 after organizing trainings on Accountable masculinity and fatherhood, ICIRORE C'AMAHORO a.s.b.l. Was invited by SUNY Stonybrook Center to attend an international conference on Masculinity in New York City. It is in this same light that experts from ICIRORE C'AMAHORO a.s.b.l. Are supporting Engender Health to implement its project called BRAVI (Burundians Responding Against Violence and Inequality) as the Organization ICIRORE C'AMAHORO a.s.b.l. Has a good reputation in that domain. Finally, though it was not partner of IRC in terms of implemented projects, the International Rescue Committee has invited members of the organization to attend a 12 day training in Uganda on Engaging Man to be practically Accountable in fighting GBV using the EMAP approach.

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

Since 2004 to 2013, ICIRORE C'AMAHORO asbl focused only on one province out of 18 that made Burundi before the new administrative reorganization. It is in Ngozi where ICCA asbl intervened since 2004 to 2013. Progress observed at ICCA asbl from 2014 is amazing as until 2021 ICCA asbl was still working in Ngozi and Kanyanza Provinces. From 2021, ICCA asbl moved from two provinces to sixteen out of 18 that were existing in Burundi. With the new administrative reorganization, ICCA asb is working in all five provinces that make Burundi.

The choice of being located in countryside did not happen at random as most of other Burundian Organizations are based in Bujumbura capital city with temporary staff members on ground when they have activities or programs. Our location allows us to identify problems and challenges prevailing in rural areas and like that we find ways of helping members of communities to deal with them efficiently. ICIRORE C'AMAHORO a.s.b.l provides outstanding services to communities according to the needs of the time and requests from communities benefiting from its interventions. Created in 2004 and registered in 2005, it has benefited numerous supports and collaboration. It has over the



years worked with National Organizations as well as International Organizations that intervene in SGBV, Economic empowerment, Health and nutrition support by promoting kitchen garden and other small projects initiated by Women networks that ICCA has created. Implementation partnership that has been provided to them by ICIRORE C'AMAHORO .a.s.b.l. has enabled them attain their goals or those of funded projects submitted.

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STAFF



ICCA asbl staff has never ceased to grow in number since 2016. Before that year, ICCA asbl relied on volunteers. From 2016 to 2020, only three staff members were recruited. From 2021, ICCA asbl got a big project by UNHCR and recruited nearly 20 staff members. From 2021 up to now, ICCA asbl employs more than 31 staff members who are paid on monthly basis and who work on 7 different projects.

AUDITORS

Since 2017, ICCA asbl was audited by local as well as international firms. For audits proposed by donors, ICCA asbl has seen the work done by Deloitte and Fen Raj Conseil s.a.