





Tackling maternal mortality to reduce orphanhood in Burundi

Overview

Main partner	<p>The <u>Microprojects Foundation</u> is a Burundian diaspora organisation based in the Netherlands focused on local development in Burundi. It seeks to achieve its vision through financial support, advice, networking, lobbying, education and exchanges in order to help the most vulnerable by providing them with the support they need to meet their basic needs.</p>	
Associate partner	<p><u>IBAZA-Imfura</u> aims to guarantee the right to health and protect the rights of women and children. The organisation targets poorly equipped rural areas and helps reduce health inequalities. IBAZA's vision is of a Burundi where every woman and child has access to modern and equitable healthcare.</p>	
Budget	€ 36,000	
Duration	12 months (August 2025 - July 2026)	
Sustainable Development Goals	 	

Project design

Context & needs	<p>Improving maternal and neonatal health care is a priority for Burundi, as stipulated in the National Health Policy 2016-2025. While advances have been made in access to primary healthcare, obstacles, such as long distances or lack of access to specialised equipment, still persist, specially in rural areas. To overcome them, this project focuses on three rural hospitals (Bururi, Condi and Nyagihotora) and takes a holistic approach by not only providing the equipment and training but also raising awareness, building trust in partnership with community leaders and encouraging lasting behavioural change.</p>
General objective	<p>Reduce maternal mortality and the number of orphans in Burundi by ensuring that pregnant women have access to quality prenatal care through structural and sustainable improvements to health services.</p>
Specific objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the diagnostic capacity of three rural hospitals, CONDI, Bururi and Nyagihotora, by providing them with modern, operational ultrasound machines. • Train three doctors and six midwives in the use and maintenance of ultrasound machines. • Raise awareness among at least 900 girls and young women about the importance of prenatal care, in collaboration with community leaders, in order to increase the rate of prenatal consultations and ultrasound scans and reduce the rate of unwanted early pregnancies.
Target groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three doctors and six midwives. • 900 girls and young women, including 250 pregnant women. • The public hospitals in Condi, Nyagihotora and Bururi.

Programme of activities

