

PREVENTING ORPHANHOOD THROUGH MATERNAL HEALTH: BETTER SUPPORT FOR FOSTER FAMILIES IN BURUNDI 2025-2026



In Burundi's Bururi province, accessing ultrasounds used to require long journeys, often leading to tragic complications. Today, thanks to the Burundian diaspora in Europe, ultrasound machines and trained professionals are now available at three public rural hospitals - Condi Hospital (Rutovu), Nyagihotora Hospital (Matana), and Nyagatovu Hospital (Bururi) - and at IBAZA-Imfura's training centre. The project led by the **Microprojects Foundation**, in partnership with local authorities and IBAZA-Imfura, has improved maternal health services, increasing antenatal consultations, reducing unnecessary referrals and empowering women and girls with knowledge about pregnancy risks.

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Results snapshot



4
ultrasound machines
installed in rural
hospitals



10
professionals trained;
three doctors & seven
midwives



7,000+
reached through
awareness-raising
initiatives

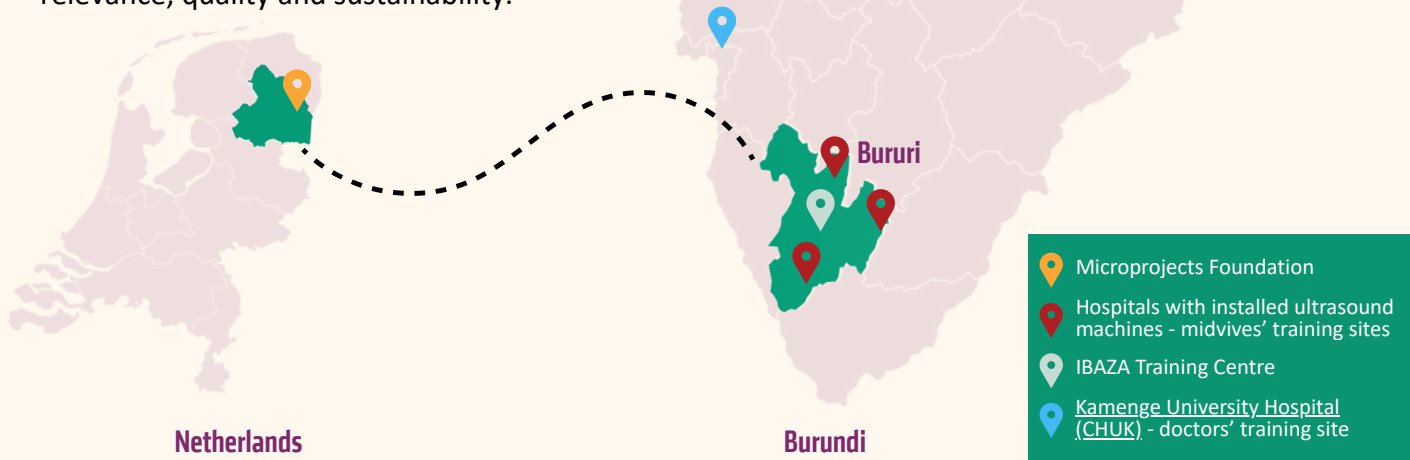


150%
increase in prenatal
consultations & 60%
in ultrasound use



Diaspora contribution

Members of the Burundian diaspora played a central role in designing and implementing the project. They helped assess needs in the target hospitals, mobilised resources, selected the ultrasound supplier and supported coordination with local partners and health authorities. The diaspora also facilitated engagement with public institutions, including the Ministry of Health, ABREMA and provincial health authorities, helping secure authorisations and align the project with national health priorities. During a joint mission to Burundi in October 2025, diaspora experts worked directly with medical staff and contributed eight practical recommendations that strengthened training modules and monitoring tools. By linking international expertise with strong local partnerships, the diaspora helped ensure the project’s relevance, quality and sustainability.



“ We used to be afraid of surprises during childbirth. Now, we know the baby’s position and can better prepare ourselves. ”

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Patient, Bururi hospital

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