Burundi

Factsheet 2017

Context

• Since its independence in 1962, Burundi has experienced repeated political crises involving serious outbreaks of violence between the two main ethnic groups: the Hutu and the Tutsi.
• In 2016, the number of people fleeing violence, threats, extrajudicial killings, abduction, torture and persecution in Burundi reached over 300,000.
• The sociopolitical crisis and the climate pattern of El Niño have left 1.46 million people with a scarce source of food, of which nearly 350,000 are in emergency phase.

Source: UNHCR, FAO 2016

Key Data

• Population 11.18 million
• % of population living with less than US $2 / day 64.9%
• Human Development Index Rank (out of 155 countries) 184th
• Population using improved sanitation facilities 48%


Our Mission
Provide people living in extreme poverty with the tools and support they need to become self-sufficient and give their children a future.

Those in Need
FXB provides assistance to vulnerable populations, including people living with HIV/AIDS, refugees and internally displaced people, at-risk youth, orphans and vulnerable children.

In 2016, over 23,000 people have benefited from FXB’s presence in Burundi.

Our Integrated Approach
FXB is helping families in extreme poverty situations find their way towards economic and social autonomy, by simultaneously improving different aspects of their lives.

Our Community Development Program, called FXBVillage, is an integrated development approach providing support in nutrition, health, education and housing to meet participants’ immediate needs while building their income capacity to become economically self-sufficient.

In order to create lasting impacts, FXB organizes life skill sessions for direct participants as well as for people in surrounding communities.

Many trainings are provided, including on family planning, environmental protection, hygiene, health, HIV/AIDS and other diseases prevention, violence, women and children’s rights, among others.

FXB also promotes women’s empowerment and gender equality as key factors to fight poverty.

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FXB in Action

FXB started working in Burundi in November 2006. Two Community Development Programs are ongoing in Buterere, which is located near the capital of Bujumbura.

Each program lasts 3 years and serves over 700 adults and children, directly lifting them out of extreme poverty. Through the delivery of essential services, FXB ensures that families are thriving and children reach their full potential.

Buterere is an area of waste disposal for the surrounding municipalities. The population lives there in unbearable conditions. A project is also ongoing to strengthen income generating activities with the provision of a rice husking machine in the community. Further projects are being developed throughout the country.

External evaluations took place between 2012 and 2014 in Burundi to analyze the sustainability of the FXBVillage’s impacts, one, two and three years after the program ended, with the following results:

- 98.2% of children still went regularly to school
- 93.7% of households ate two or more times a day
- 88.9% of children under 5 years old had normal mid-upper arm circumference measurement
- Families were able to save 207,000 Burundian francs per year (roughly 132 USD)
- Access to healthcare services was secured, with all child births attended by medical staff.

Our Expertise and Experience

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