



Global Action Week report
'Rights from the Start: ECD now!'
Rwanda, 22-28 April 2012

Context

In 2012 the Global Campaign for Education is calling upon all governments to invest and commit to Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) and ensure that the most vulnerable children are not left behind. Save the Children calls on all governments to implement national and global Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) policies that can guarantee all children a successful early start in life. Early childhood care and education and development programmes provide a strong foundation for good health, growth and success in education and later life and are instrumental to the realisation of the rights of young children, especially the most vulnerable. Moreover, they should go hand-in-hand with any attempt to implement broader MDG and EFA agendas, as well as with efforts to increase access to primary education and improving children's learning outcomes.

Save the children Rwanda is chairing the ECD working group within the Rwanda Education NGO Coordination Platform (RENCP) and has been leading the organization of the ECD Action Week from 22 to 28 April 2012 in partnership with the Government of Rwanda, UNICEF, CHF, CARE, Imbuto Foundation, Strive, Umuhuza and Kunda Umwana, among others.

In Rwanda the ECD Action week main objectives were:

- ✓ To raise Early Childhood Development awareness
- ✓ To support government of Rwanda in the dissemination and mobilization around the ECD policy and its strategic plan
- ✓ To engage high level stakeholders around ECD budgeting
- ✓ To seek public commitment to include ECD in Sector and District level performance plan.

Activities planned as part of the Action Week (by the Government of Rwanda and Development Partners (DP) included:

1. Media mobilization – through an orientation with journalists conducted on 18th April
2. ECD National Stakeholders meeting launched by Her Excellency the First Lady of Rwanda on 19th April

For more information, please visit the MINEDUC website:

<http://mineduc.gov.rw/ECDRwanda/>

3. Development and Distribution of ECD communication materials (Posters, booklets and brochures)
4. Community mobilization through public discussions, scale-up of projects, sms messages and radio spots
5. Partnership with Mobile Company TIGO accepting to send out 250,000 free sms messages on ECD at a frequency of 50,000 messages each day for 5 days.

Save the Children Contribution to the ECD Action Week:

Save the Children organized four public discussions in four Districts: Rubavu, Ruhango, Burera and Gicumbi where existing Save the Children ECD programmes are running.

The events served to raise awareness of the government’s policy and strategic plan on Early Childhood development (ECD) which aims to *“ensure all Rwandan children achieve their potential, are healthy, well-nourished and safe, and their mothers, fathers and communities become nurturing caregivers through receiving integrated early childhood development services”*.

The four public discussions have been a success with a total attendance of approx 9693 participants with a good gender balance between men/women and boys/girls of different age groups.

High-level authorities attended the events. In Gicumbi and Rubavu Districts the Mayors were the guests of honor, in Ruhango and Burera Districts they were represented by their respective Vice Mayors. Representatives from the Police and the Army also attended the events.

All Executive Sectors, Sector Education officers, Cell authorities and Imudugudu (Village) Presidents were present and contributed to the mobilization of communities. Children from nearby ECD centres attended and performed dances, songs and games. Also, children from primary schools nearby the venues of the public discussions attended the events. Children and community members enjoyed the performances by the Gisenyi Acrobats and the traditional dance troupes.

The following media documented the events through radio discussions and articles: Orinfor Radio, Imvaho Newspaper, Nouvelle Releve, Radio Communautaire Rubavu, Radio Communautaire Musanzo, Radio Communautaire Huguka



In all meetings, Save the Children informed community members about the commitments made by all Ministries and stakeholders at the ECD Stakeholders meeting which took place in Kigali on 19 April 2012.

Moreover, Save the Children speakers addressed three main messages to key ECD stakeholders:

- a) **For children**, to discuss the messages in the ECD posters/brochures with their parents;
- b) **For parents**, to care for their children and to find the time to play with them;
- c) **For authorities**, to include ECD in the Sectors and District performance contracts.



Save the Children was represented by Mathilde Kayitesi, Advocacy consultant, Ellin Martinez Education Advocacy Advisor, Elisa Radisone Program Manager ECD and Child Rights Governance, Amy Rogers Transition and Communication officer, Peter Nzeyimana ECD Program Coordinator and ECD Project Officers Lilirose Mukantagwera, Charles Ngendahimana, Alfred Twahirwa, Esther Uwera, Ange Rukundo and Benjamin Setaha.

ECD Sensitization Materials Distribution

As part of the ECD Action Week, UNICEF provided NGOs implementing activities with sensitization and communication materials for distribution.

As part of the events organized by Save the Children, 800 posters, 2000 booklets and 150 ECD policy brochures were distributed. Parents and community members appreciated the sensitization materials. Posters will continue to be distributed to ECD centres, schools, health posts and health centres.



Child distributing ECD sensitization materials to parents

What were the outcomes of the community discussion?

Public Discussion in Rubavu District, Rubavu Sector (Total attendance 2946)

- The ECCD Parents' Committees representative gave a speech to thank Save the Children for the support provided to communities in establishing 5 ECCD centres in Rubavu Sector.
- Save the Children's Programme Manager ECCD and Child Rights Governance, informed community members about the commitments made by all Ministries and stakeholders at the ECD Stakeholders meeting which took place in Kigali on 19 April 2012 and addressed three main messages to key ECD stakeholders: **for children**, to discuss the messages in the ECD posters/brochures with their parents; **for parents**, to care for their children and to find the time to play with them; **for authorities**, to include ECD in the Sectors and District performance contracts.
- The Mayor of Rubavu District gave a comprehensive speech about the development opportunities ECD provides and committed to include ECD into the performance contracts at both district and sector levels.



Rubavu Executive Secretary, Rubavu Mayor and Vice-Mayor, Police Representative, SC ECCD Coordinator, SC Programme Manager, SC Advocacy Consultant

Children from ECD centre demonstrating that they know how to count – using play-based pre-math equipment



Public Discussion in Ruhango District, Mwendo Sector (total attendance 1504)

- The ECCD Parents' Committees representative gave a speech to thank Save the Children for the support provided to communities in establishing 5 ECCD centres in Mwendo sector. Each centre has its own new building; and children have appropriate toys and learning materials thanks to the collaboration between the community and Save the Children. She suggested that further trainings should be organized, including a study visits to other communities that are implementing the programme. She also expressed the need for these ECCD centres to establish twinning exchanges with other ECCD centres in developed countries and requested the support of Save the Children.

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- The Vice-Mayor gave a detailed talk about how ECD can solve many of the community's problems and about the specific importance of prenatal care. He committed to include ECD in their performance contracts and to support study visits for Parent committees.



Children and parents singing and dancing

Ruhango District. Mwendo Sector



Vice-Mayor Speech

Ruhango District, Mwendo Sector

Public Discussion in Gicumbi District, Rubaya Sector (total attendance 2644)

- The Sector executive recognized the activities realized by Rubaya community with Save the Children's support. "For sure there is a change in the children of Rubaya Sector, before Save the Children interventions there was no adequate care for children under 6, whilst now everybody is aware of importance of ECCD" he said.
- The ECCD Parents' Committees representative shared the achievements of Rubaya community in ECCD with the support of Save the Children, specifically the construction/rehabilitation of 6 centers of Kagugu, Gishari, Rubaya, Nyagatojo, Mariba and Gishambashayo, the support in trainings to caregivers and the supply of learning materials.
- Save the Children's Programme Manager ECCD and Child Rights Governance, informed community members about the commitments made by all Ministries and stakeholders at the ECD Stakeholders meeting which took place in Kigali on 19 April 2012 and addressed three main messages to key ECD stakeholders: **for children**, to discuss the messages in the ECD posters/brochures with their parents; **for parents**, to care for their children and to find the time to play with them; **for authorities**, to include ECD in the Sectors and District performance contracts.
- The Mayor of Gicumbi District, thanked Save the Children for the strong partnership with his District and especially in safeguarding children rights and promoting ECCD. The Mayor gave a detailed talk about the importance of positive parenting and the need for parents to look carefully through the ECD booklet and posters and fulfill their children's rights. He particularly called on parents to not expose their children to violence in the household and to provide their children with nutritious meals. He committed to include ECD in their performance contract, beginning from July this year to ensure it is part of their 2012-2013 plan.



Children from Gishari ECCD centre attending the event (Rubaya – Gicumbi District)

Celebrating with songs and dances (Rubaya – Gicumbi District)



Public Discussion in Burera District, Gitovu Sector (total attendance 2599)

-The Executive Secretary of the Sector welcomed the population and guests present in the event and gave an overview of the integrated ECCD programme in GITOVU Sector. Gitovu has 8 ECCD centres attended by 662 children; among those centres 5 are advanced thanks to the support of Save the Children. 3 centres in Gitovu are without buildings and parents' sensitization has not been conducted. Efforts are to be made to ensure these meet the standards of the 5 ECCD centres supported by Save the Children.

-The parent who spoke on behalf of all Parents' Committees expressed thanks to Save the Children for the great support in upgrading 5 centres that now have their own school buildings and are well equipped. Some existing challenges include: the overcrowding in existing centres, and not enough space to accommodate all children. He called upon different partners to join efforts in addressing those issues.

- Save the Children's ECCD Programme Coordinator, informed community members about the commitments made by all Ministries and stakeholders at the ECD Stakeholders meeting which took place in Kigali on 19 April 2012 and addressed three main messages to key ECD stakeholders: **for children**, to discuss the messages in the ECD posters/brochures with their parents; **for parents**, to care for their children and to find the time to play with them; **for authorities**, to include ECD in the Sectors and District performance contracts.

- The Vice-Mayor in charge of Social Affairs who spoke on behalf of the District Mayor emphasized that ECCD is the worthiest and best investment to make as it only represents gains. She urged the parents to be good models for their children developing positive behaviors in the family and avoiding conflicts that affect their children and undermine their development. She promised that all challenges expressed by parents will be addressed through joint efforts. She confirmed that ECCD will be ranked among the district priorities and performance contracts.



Children in Burera District, Gitovu Sector, getting porridge during the event

The Vice-Mayor of Burera district distributing porridge to ECCD children.



Strive-Foundation Rwanda, Kunda Umwana, Umuhuza na CHF) yateguye ibikorwa byo kwamamaza icyumweru cyaburezi

Ibikorwa biteganijwe

Inama yo ku rwego rw'igihugu ihuza minisiteri zose zirebwa nacyo kibazo, abahagarariye uturere, imiryango itegamiye kuri leta, abaterankunga mu burezi, imiryango yabihaye Imana, ihuriro ry'imiryango puzamahanga ikorana nibijyanye nabana. Iyo nama izabera muri Serana Hotel i Kigali kuwa **19 Mata 2012**.

Hazaba kandi ibiganiro mu midugudu utugari nyuma y'umuganda wo ku itariki ya **28/04/2012**. Hazaba ikiganiro nabanyamakuru, Ubutuumwa bugufi kiri telephone, ndetse n'atangazo kuri radio.

Ihuriro ry'imiryango yita kubana izakoresha ibiganiro n'inama mu mirenge ikoreramo.

Igisabwa mu turere

Buri Karere karasabwa gutangiza icyo gikorwa ku mugaragaro cy'ubukangurambaga, abarebwa aburezi bose muri icyo cyumweru bazakora igikorwa cyo gukangurira abantu kumva akamaro kuburezi bwabana kuva bagisamwa

. Uturere tuzagena gahunda y'ubukangurambaga mu mirenge utugari. By'umwihariko, ku muganda uzaba kuya 28/04/2012, abaturage bazaganira kuri iyi nsanganyamatsiko : bareba uko amashuri y'incuke ahagaze mu tugari, n'imiryango, ibibazo birimo, uko byakemuka.

Annex 2: Template Invitation letter for District Authorities

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



Rubavu, ku wa 17/04/2012

Ref.No.....

Bwana Muyobozi w'Akarere

Ka Rubavu

Impamvu: Ubutumire

Bwana Muyobozi,

Tunejewe no kubatumira mu kiganiro mbwirwa ruhamye cyateguwe n'Umuryango Save the Children ufatanyije n'Umurenge wa Mwendo mu rwego rw'ubukangurambaga ku cyumweru cyahariwe uburezi kuri bose kizibanda kuri gahunda y'imbenezamikorere y'abana bato

Ikiganiro kizaba ku wa 23 Mata 2012 kuva saa yine (10 :00) kugeza saa sita (12 :00) z' amnywa ku kibuga cya Gafuka/Gikombe.

Tukaba duteganya gukangurira ababyeyi n'abafatanyabikorwa bose kwitabira Politiki nshya y'Igihugu ku "Imbenezamikorere y'abana bato" (ECCD policy).

Twabasabaga kutubera umushyitsi mukuru muri icyo gikorwa mukadufasha gushimangira ubutumwa buzatangwa kuri uwo munsu.

Isobanurampamvu, intego na gahunda y'icyo gikorwa murabisanga ku mugereka w'iyi baruwa.

Tubaye tubashimiye kwemera gushyigikira icyo gikorwa.

Mugire amahoro

Umunyamabanga nshingwabikorwa

w'umurenge wa Rubavu

Umuyobozi wa

Save the Children

Global Action Week: rights from the start

Tuesday 24 April 2012

Today marks the start of Global Action Week on Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) – ‘Rights from the Start’

A child’s first days, months and years – from prenatal until the age of eight – are crucial.



A child from a pre-school in Rubavo, Rwanda participating in the Rwandan Global Action Week. Focusing on those years is vital to guarantee that a child survives beyond the age of five and develops fully. Ultimately, this period will shape the rest of their childhood, adolescence and adult life. Worldwide, more than 200 million children under five don’t reach their full developmental potential due to the absence of early childhood care programmes and a lack of nutritious food. Those who do reach primary school often lack the basic skills to develop or learn in a classroom setting. This leads to high numbers dropping out, never reaching even first or second grade.

Tackling inequality holistically

ECCD combines interventions that respond holistically to children’s needs, rather than compartmentalising children into sectors. It’s one of the best investments governments can make to secure an equal start for all children, and has the biggest effect on the poorest and most marginalised children.

“A child cannot be divided into sectors: working together is the only way,” said Theoneste Niyonzima, the Early Childhood Development expert in Rwanda’s Ministry of Education, who has been instrumental in developing the country’s holistic ECCD policy adopted in 2011.

He addressed this comment to senior officials in Rwanda’s government, as well as the First Lady of the Republic of Rwanda, at a joint UNICEF, Save the Children and Imbuto Foundation seminar last week. Often seen to be strictly an education intervention, there are some myths to dispel here:

- ECCD combines key child survival and education interventions.
- If implemented properly, ECCD brings together Ministries of Health, Food and Agriculture, Education, Gender and Child Welfare and in some cases, Justice.
- It takes an integrated approach, taking into account pregnancy, nutrition, health and developmental milestones.

Why ECCD must be implemented jointly:

- Increasing pre-school enrolment rates to 25% in every low-income and middle-income country could yield an estimated US\$10.6 billion through higher educational achievement. A 50% increase could generate US\$33.7 billion.
- Improvements in educational efficiency alone are calculated to pay back close to 85% of the costs of ECCD interventions.
- Malnourished children will struggle to reach their potential, physically and mentally.

Firmer commitments needed

It may only be a week of action led by civil society, but many governments need to take ECCD seriously and this week should remind them of the importance of guaranteeing children’s rights in the early years.

They have to move from recognition to action, which means policies and budgets need to be in place to provide children with the best foundations.

ECCD is an investment governments cannot miss.

Children are Rwanda’s arms

Thursday 26 April 2012

We’re half-way through the [Global Action Week on Early Childhood Care and Development](#) (ECCD), and I’ve been to a number of campaigning events.

These have been aimed at raising parental awareness of the importance of the early years in shaping children’s futures, and encouraging all parents to send their children to ECCD centres.

They have also been an opportunity for communities to find out Rwanda's plans for the youngest children and a key way to raise people's awareness of local authorities.

In a decentralised structure such as Rwanda's, seeking commitments from the district and sector authorities is crucial to implementing Rwanda's national ECCD policy, adopted in 2011.

Combined with what we heard high-level representatives, including Rwanda's first lady, commit to in the context of the expert workshop in Kigali last week, we've got all stakeholders covered.

Key messages from the Global Action Week

- **From children:** Children are Rwanda's future so they are Rwanda's arms as a local song goes so and they must therefore be given the best start in life.
- **From parent committees:** Families and communities must make sure all children attend ECCD centres, but parents should also be provided with all the key information they need to ensure they support their children by taking them to the local health centre when they need medical care, not punishing them at home, and taking more time to play with them in the early years.
- **From mayors and vice-mayors:** Local authorities will ensure they include ECCD provision in the next review of their performance plans so this is the first step to take to ensure policies are matched with budget and monitoring at the local level.
- **From the Ministry of Education:** The early years will be a key component of Rwanda's forthcoming second Poverty Reduction Strategy so Rwanda is close to achieving universal primary education and is increasing efforts in secondary education (matched with its intention to become a middle-income country by 2020).
- **From other ministries involved:** The ECCD policy is a crucial policy to implement to ensure all children are provided with the best opportunities from the very early years, enabling them to develop fully and ensure they are ready to learn. All relevant ministries will join forces by establishing a high-level task force that will monitor implementation and align priorities in early years .

Investing in Rwanda's future

As outlined in our latest advocacy brief, investing in children will yield positive results for Rwanda, and all Rwandans, in the short-, medium- and long-term.

This is a message that parents, communities and authorities have supported throughout this Global Action Week.

Rwanda has set the foundations to implement its ECCD policy successfully and holistically.

It has so far taken the essential steps, but the government as a whole, and all ministries involved, will need to ensure parents, communities and local authorities are not stopped because of a lack of resources. This is a commitment for all: ministries, local authorities, parents, communities and Rwanda's children (for we have encouraged them to raise their voices too!).

Rubavu : la population appelée à suivre la politique d'ECD

La population est appelée à changer de mentalité pour répondre à la politique nationale qui met en avant l'éducation de la petite enfance de 0 à 6 ans connue sous le sigle d'ECD (*Early Childhood Development*). C'était à l'occasion de la campagne menée par le MINEDUC en collaboration avec l'organisation qui œuvre pour la promotion du bien-être de l'enfant « *Save the children* » le lundi 23 avril 2012.



Les connaissances s'acquièrent depuis le bas âge (Photo C. Karangwayire)

La semaine du 18 au 28 avril est consacrée à la campagne de sensibilisation de la population sur l'importance et les avantages tirés de l'éducation de la petite enfance. L'action est menée par le Ministère de l'éducation en collaboration avec les différents partenaires dont les ONGs œuvrant pour la promotion de l'éducation des enfants.

C'est dans ce cadre que le personnel de « *Save the children* » s'est rendu ce lundi à Rubavu pour sensibiliser la population à prendre conscience de leur responsabilité dans l'éducation de leurs enfants. La population de la circonscription du secteur Rubavu est confrontée au problème des conditions de vie qui paraissent chères. Ain-

si, les parents prennent de la peine en travaillant jour et nuit et ne parviennent pas à assurer l'éducation de leurs enfants. D'où, ils sont exhortés à orienter ces tous petits dans les écoles maternelles pour bénéficier d'un encadrement pouvant leur garantir le succès dans leur scolarité.

Le district de Rubavu

compte 56 écoles maternelles dont 5 du secteur Rubavu qui bénéficie de l'appui de l'Organisation « *Save the children* » depuis deux ans. Tel que l'a indiqué le Maire du district de Rubavu, Cheikh Hasani Bahame, ces écoles maternelles restent encore insuffisantes si l'on considère le nombre d'enfants qui traînent encore sur les collines et dont l'éducation de base se révèle critique. Il a insisté sur le bien fondé de la mise en exécution de la politique nationale d'éducation des enfants depuis la conception jusqu'à 6 ans compte tenu de son impact sur la transformation du pays vers son développement socio-économique.

Le Maire a exhorté les parents à se mettre ensemble pour créer des coopératives en vue de se procurer leurs propres écoles maternelles. « *Tous les enfants doivent avoir accès à tous les soins dont il faut pour mieux grandir en toute sécurité* », a soulevé le Maire de Rubavu qui a insisté sur le changement de

mentalités de la population en vue de mettre en action l'éducation de la petite enfance.

Cette politique d'éducation de la petite enfance (ECD) n'est pas nouvelle pour « *Save the children* » tel que l'a souligné la représentante de cette organisation au Rwanda, Mme Elisa Radisone. Celle-ci est revenue sur les efforts réalisés par l'organisation dont elle représente en matière d'éducation des tous petits à travers des districts comme Rubavu, Ruhango, Gicumbi, Burera.

Revenant sur l'importance de l'éducation des enfants depuis la période prénatale, Mme Radisone confirme que le succès de cette politique d'ECD interpelle l'implication des autorités locales qui devraient l'introduire dans les contrats de performance.

« *Save the children* » assure la prise en charge des enseignants des écoles maternelles dans les dits districts mais aussi il se charge du matériel indispensable. Toutefois, Mme Radisone a éveillé la conscience des parents sur leur part de responsabilité dans l'éducation de leurs enfants sans toutefois attendre les aides des bien-

faiteurs parfois limitées.

Et les parents sont conscients que le renforcement de cette politique d'ECD projette un avenir promettant mais, ils déplorent que l'accès aux écoles maternelles semble encore difficile pour les plus démunis. Les femmes avouent que les hommes ont tendance à laisser la responsabilité d'éduquer les enfants aux femmes.

Et de Marie Louise Nyiramaseshesho, dont l'enfant se trouve à l'école maternelle à Rubavu, de pointer du doigt certains hommes sinon beaucoup, qui ne prennent pas soins de leurs femmes à l'état enceinte ignorant que l'éducation de l'enfant commence déjà quand il est au sein de sa mère.

Les autorités du district ont l'espoir que grâce aux rencontres organisées au niveau de l'« *umudugudu* » dans les heures de la soirée dénommées « *Akagoroba k'ababyeyi* », les comportements pourraient changer d'ici peu de temps comme l'a souligné Mme Rachel Nyirasafari Rusine, la Vice-maire chargée des affaires sociales du district de Rubavu.

Charlotte Karangwayire

Ibigo mbonezamikurire y'abana birashimirwa

Kapiteni Alexis

Mu kwizihiza icyumweru cyahariwe uburezi ku isi cyatangiyeye kuva tariki ya 22-28 Mata, mu Rwanda harazirikanwa by'umwihariko insanganyamatsiko igira iti "imbonezamikurire y'abana bato ni none witegereza ejo". Ni muri urwo rwego mu Karere ka Rubavu, habereye igikorwa cyo gusobanurira ababyeyi akamaro k'imbonezamikurire y'abana (Early Childhood Development), hanasururwa amashuri y'inshuke 5 yo mu Murenge wa Rubavu yubatswe muri iyi gahunda ku bufatanye n'Umuryango w'abaterankunga witwa Save the Children.

Umuyobozi w'Akarere ka Rubavu, Sheikh Bahame Hassan yavuze ko gahunda y'imbonezamikurire mu bana yaje, isanga muri ako karere bafite amashuri y'inshuke 56 arimo abanyeshuri 4386 bigishwa n'abarezi 278 gusa bakaba badahagije, kuko hakiri abana benshi b'inshuke batiga. Kuri iyi ngingo, yagarutse ku babyeyi basiga bafungiranye abana babo aho kubashyira mu mashuri mbonezamikurire, anamagana by'umwihariko ababyeyi gito basiga abana ku mupaka w'u Rwanda na Kongo bagiyeye gushaka imbereho, bagatanga amafaranga 100 kugira ngo hagire usigara abarera uwo mwana. Iyi ngeso mbi, nk'uko n'Umuyobozi Wungirije ushinze imbereho myiza madamu Nyirarafari Rusine Rachelle yabibonye, irimo kugenda icya, kuko ababyeyi bagenda basobanukirwa akamaro ko kujyana umwana mu



Ibigo mbonezamikurire y'abana bato birashimirwa n'ababyeyi ndetse bikanigaragaza ku bana babyigamo, kuko bafite isuku, bajijutse. Aha ni mu ishuri ry'inshuke mu Murenge wa Rubavu (Foto: Imvaho Nshya)

ishuri ry'inshuke. Iya-murenge Bonaventure yabwiye Imvaho Nshya ko nk'umubonyi yamenye ko kujyana umwana mu ishuri ry'inshuke bituma avumbura utuntu twinshi akiri muto uko agenda akina n'abandi anahabwa ubumenyi bunyuranye bwo ku rwego rwe; bityo agatangira amashuri abanza ajijutse, umuco wo kugira isuku akawutozwa akiri muto, bikamworohera atangiyeye amashuri abanza ndetse bikanorohera mwarimu umwigisha. Ikindi bifasha umubonyi ni ukumworohera kugira uturimo yikorera, mu gihe umwana aba ari ku ishuri.

Ababyeyi baributswa inshingano z'imbonezamikurire y'abana babo

1) Habana ijamba ryavuzwe n'Umuyobozi w'Akarere ndetse n'uwari ahagarariye Umuryango Save the Children

dren bavuze ko uruhare runini ari urw'ababyeyi bagomba kwishyira hamwe bagashyira amashuri y'inshuke, bakanayicungira neza. Kuri iyi ngingo, madamu Elisa Radisome wo muri Save the Children yabwiye abaturage ba Rubavu ko badakwiye kumva ko byose bazabikorera n'abaterankunga, avuga ko bagomba nabo ubwabo kwishyira hamwe, bityo ntibizere ko bazahora bahabwa inkunga. Nk'uko byasobanuye ikigamijwe muri gahunda y'imbonezamikurire y'abana ni ugutangirira hasi umwana agisamwa, agafashwa gukura neza afite ubwenge, atekanyeye, afite ubuzima bwiza kandi bukomeye.

Mu yandi magambo imbonezamikurire bisobanuye imikurire ihamye ku mwana, gutekana ntahoterwe, kugira ababyeyi bamurera bafatanyije

n'abarezi, babijukirwe bakamuha uburezi bwiza buboneye u Rwanda mu gihe kizaza. Umuyobozi w'Akarere ka Rubavu Bahame Hassan yavuze ko iyi gahunda igiye gushyirwa mu mihigo, kugira ngo bizakurikiranwe neza. Yavuze ko nta kabuza ibyo abafatanyabikorwa bafashije, bagatangiza amwe mu mashuri y'inshuke mu karere ayoboye, ari inzira nziza baberetse, bakaba bagiyeye kubishyiramo ingufu ku buryo nibura muri buri Kagali hazagezwa ishuri ry'inshuke, rizafasha abana bose, bakenera kwiga bene ayo mashuri ariko ntibabone ayo mahirwe. Yanavuze ko imyumvire y'abaturage yazamutse, kuko mu gihe gito nko mu Murenge wa Rubavu hashinzwe amashuri 5 y'inshuke abana barenga 500 akaba ari bo bayigamo. Ikindi cyagarutseweho ni uko isuku no kugana amashuri mu karere byon-

gereye

Habimana Martin, Umunyamabanga Nshingwabikorwa w'Umurenge wa Rubavu yavuze ko ibirori ku babyeyi n'abana bibereye igihe cyiza kuko byahuriranye. n'itangira ry'amashuri. Yagarutse ku bikorwa by'uburezi kuri bose, icyumweru kizihizwa ku isi yose, by'umwihariko mu Rwanda ndetse no n'uw'abana mpuzamahanga bakaba barahisemo kwita ku burezi bw'abana b'inshuke. Yashimangiye ko bizafasha kurwanya imirire mibi, kuko hari ababyeyi bajyaga bata abana bakajya gushaka imbereho abandi bakabajyana Kongo. Ikindi bifasha abana kwiga neza amashuri abanza.

Uharariye komite y'ababyeyi bafite abana biga mu mbonezamikurire yagarutse mu Murenge wa Rubavu, ababyeyi batabyumva neza. Ariko,

uko byagiye byiyongera muri uwo murenge bikaba bigeze kuri 5 ari byo Bushaha, Burinda, Bukoko, Byahi na Murara, byose umubare w'abana ugenda wiyongera buri mwaka. Ikindi cyagarutseweho ni amahugurwa, inyubako n'ibikoresho bikenerwa kugira ngo amashuri ako-meze gutera imbere. Bwana Nzeyimana Pierre, umuhuzabikorwa wa gahunda y'imbonezamikurire muri Save the Children avuga ko gahunda y'imbonezamikurire biyemeje kuyimenyekanisha ari nako bayikorera ubuvugizi. Ikindi ni uko ibigo by'imbonezamikurire ibanza agisamwa kugeza ku myaka 6. Yongeraho ko ari gahunda ireba ubuzima bw'umwana muri rusange: imirire, isuku, imyigire no kubungabunga uburen-ganzira bwe. Kuba abana bari muri iki kigero baba bakanyeye byinshi, nk'uko Nzeyimana Pierre yabib-

wiye Imvaho Nshya ni byo byatumye, Umuryango Save the Children, ureba imirenge ikennye kurusha iyindi utangizamo ibigo mbonezamikurire kugira ngo wunganire ababyeyi, kuko byagaragajwe ko mu cyaro abana benshi batabona amahirwe yo kwiga mu mashuri y'imbonezamikurire (amashuri y'inshuke).

Uruhare rwa Save the Children, akaba ari ukwita ku bana umunsi ku wundi no kubarengera. Muri Rubavu, hakaba harakozwe imishinga mito ku mashuri 5 ku bufatanye n'ababyeyi. Nyuma yo kubatangiza komite z'ababyeyi zikaba zarahawe inshingano zo gukomeza ibikorwa ariko bitabujije ko Save the Children izakomeza kubaba hafi no gukomeza kubashyigikira, kugira ngo uburere bwiza bw'umwana butangire akiri muto bityo akure neza.



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