

Annual Report 2023





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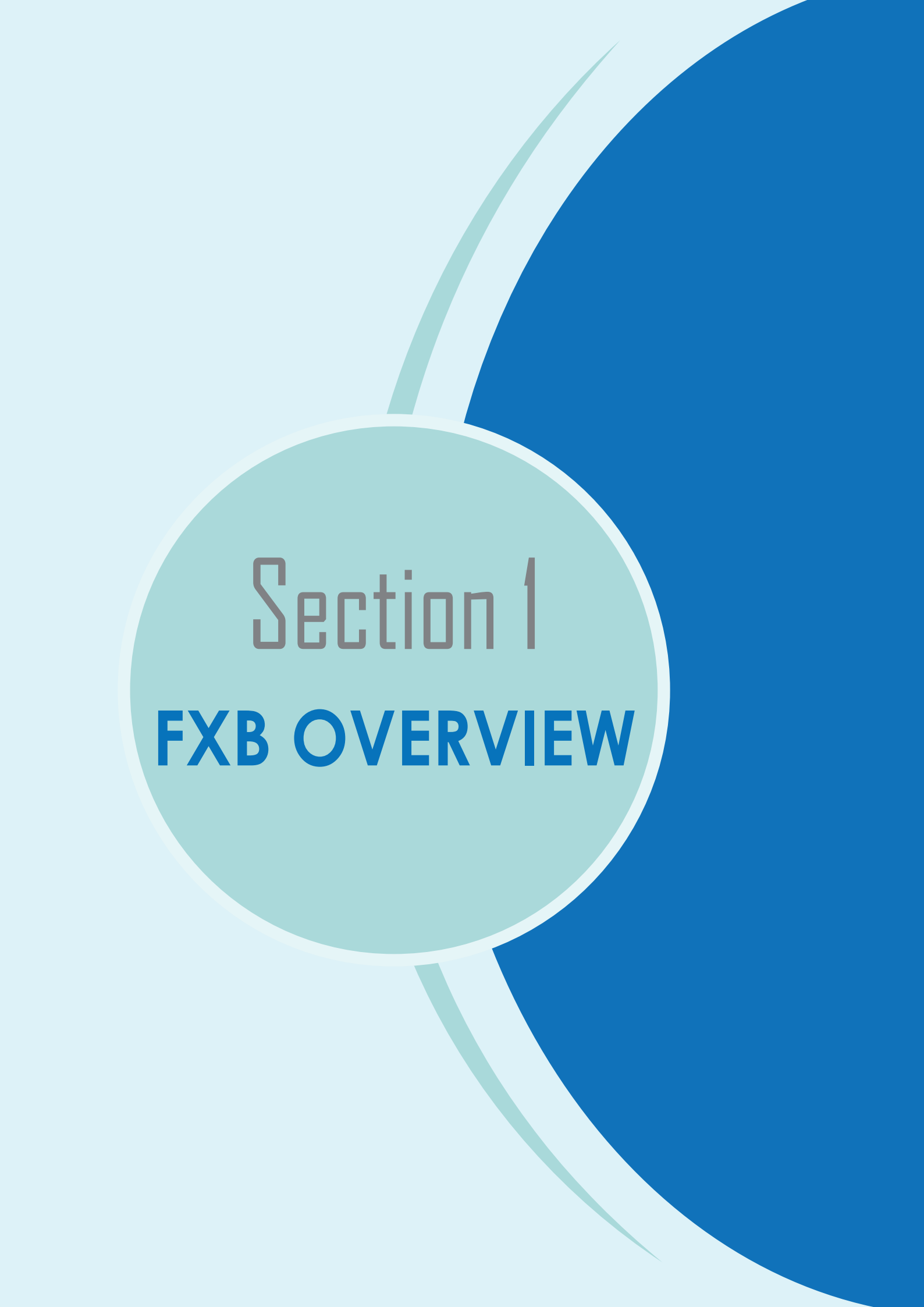
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Abbreviation & Accronyms

AGYW	Adolescent Girls and Young Women
AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
CBIM	Coaching Boys Into Men
ECD	Early Childhood Development
FFS	Farmer Field School
FSI	Family Strengthening Interventions
FSWs	Female Sex Workers
FXB	François-Xavier Bagnoud
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
IEC	Information, Education and Communication
IGA	Income Generating Activities
ISLGs	Internal Saving and Lending Groups
KPs	Key Populations
MIGEPROF	Ministry of Gender and Family Promotion
MSM	Men who have Sex with other Men
OVC	Orphans and Vulnerable Children
PLAY	Promoting Lasting Anthropometric Change and Young Children's Development
PWIDs	People who inject drugs
SASA	Start Awareness, Support Action
TG	Transgender
TVET	Technical and Vocational Education Training
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VSLAs	Village Saving and Lending Groups
WASH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene



Section 1

FXB OVERVIEW

FXB MILESTONE



1989

FXB INTERNATIONAL Created

FXB Rwanda is affiliated to FXB International created in 1989 by Albina du Boisrouvray, Mother of François-Xavier Bagnoud. Albina found FXB International and FXB foundation in honor of her son, François-Xavier, who was killed in tragic helicopter accident at his 24 age back in 1986.

FXB REACHES RWANDA

With its reach to Rwanda in 1995, the organization started implementing the projects which were to back economically the families whose economic capabilities were mainly lessened by 1994 Genocide against Tutsi. FXB Rwanda joined hands with other stakeholders and government of Rwanda in the process of helping the community and the country to recover from these effects.

1995



2000

FXB VILLAGE MODEL IN RWANDA

FXBVillage model is a unique holistic model of FXB to eradicate the poverty and it was introduced in Rwanda to avail the support to beneficiaries in the domains of economic strengthening, nutrition and WASH, education, social and health. This was in line with continuous contribution to economic empowerment need to Rwandans of that time. FXBVillage model was a crucial milestone to FXB Rwanda as it was a basis of further programs in the mentioned domains.

FXB RWANDA Registers as lpcal NGO

FXB Rwanda registered as local non-governmental organization and continued to work against its vision of creating a world fit for children. The Organization is from then striving to reach its envisioned goal through economic strengthening, education support, HIV/AIDS interventions (prevention, care and treatments), violence prevention, early childhood development, and health interventions. Throughout this journey, numerous projects were implemented across different districts of Rwanda.

2012



OUR ORGANIZATION



Board of Directors



Mabete Niyonsaba Dieudonné
Deputy Chairperson, FXB Rwanda

Dear Partner,

Though we still look forward to continued impacts making, we are pleased of tremendous achievements and milestones made since FXB Rwanda's presence in Rwanda. We consider the stakeholders and partners' collaboration as an invaluable asset that helps us achieve this all.

The fiscal year of 2023 is saddening to FXB Rwanda family because of pass away of its Legal Representative who was also the chairperson of the board of directors. His Legacy will stay with us!

Mabete Niyonsaba Dieudonné

Deputy Chairperson

Board of Directors FXB Rwanda



Executive Director



Emmanuel KAYITANA

Executive Director, FXB Rwanda

Dear Partner,

The fiscal year of 2023 was a difficult one for FXB Rwanda as we sorrowfully faced the pass away of Mr. Jean Damascene Ndayisaba, our Legal Representative. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Regardless of such disconsolate lost, FXB Rwanda maintained its effort, delivering its services to the participants through 9 programs run in this FY across 12 districts of Rwanda. Among these programs, there is an agricultural one funded by European Union which the organization was blessed to start in this year.

We are thankful for the donors and partners' support which resulted in the achievements we are presenting under this report. I hope you enjoy the report's readership and looks forward to continuous collaboration in fiscal year 2024!

Emmanuel Kayitana

Executive Director

FXB Rwanda

Intervention Areas



HIV/AIDS PREVENTION

FXB Rwanda intervenes in prevention, care and treatment of HIV as well as in impact mitigation for those who were affected and infected with HIV/AIDS



EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (ECD)

FXB Rwanda reaches the children and their caregivers and other key concerned ECD stakeholders for improved ECD.



VIOLENCE PREVENTION

The intervention is further made in prevention and response to gender based violence as well as violence against children prevention.



EDUCATION SUPPORT

Through different programs, FXB Rwanda provides scholastic and hygienic materials as well as school fees to vulnerable education level program participants and the engagement with educationalists for improved education and support to the infrastructure needed for schooling is additionally done.



ECONOMIC STRENGTHENING

The levelling up of the poor vulnerable population through economic strengthening interventions like Income Generating Activities (IGA) and Internal Savings and Lending Groups (ISLGs) is done.



HEALTH, NUTRITION AND WASH

The health interventions as well as those of nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene are provided.



CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATION

We recognize the impacts of climate change and environment degradation to the vulnerable population. We, therefore, contribute in initiatives aiming at conserving environment as well as its degradation impacts' mitigation.

Districts of Operation



FXB Rwanda
Offices



District of
operation



Total Reach

Directly reached

84,146

Indirectly reached

216,590

FXB Rwanda reached the total of 84,146 direct participants including 50,675 children and 33,471 adults with its services. Furthermore, the organisation reached the total of 216,590 indirect participants including 38,630 children and 177,960 adults. The direct participants are the enrolled participants that are subject to comprehensive package of the program while indirect beneficiaries remain the participants who were reached through community outreach events as well as those impacts from programs' spillover effects.

Districts of Operation

FXBVillage Gasharu II

The program which implements FXBVillage Model in Gasharu cell of Nyarugenge Sector. FXB Village model is an FXB unique model to eradicate poverty among poverty and HIV vulnerable population.

Phyto-Social Enterprise (POSE)

In collaboration with NIRDA, POSE is implemented aiming at increasing the production of plant based products for local and regional consumption. The later is implemented in Huye district

FXBVillage Musambira I&II/REPES

Another FXBVillage model program in Musambira (Kamonyi district) that reaches its participants with interventions to eradicate poverty

FOSTERING

EU funded project, launched in aims at promoting sustainable food production for local markets in Rwanda. FXB Rwanda implements this in collaboration with E4 Impact, in districts of Nyabihu and Gakenke

AIME Project

An initiative to prevent new HIV infection among AGYW of 10 to 24. The initiative is implemented in Kamonyi district

Sugira Muryango

"Family Strengthening Intervention"

An evidence- based, homevisiting intervention to reduce family violence and to promote father engagement, playful parenting, and ECD. It is implemented in Nyanza, Ngoma and Rubavu.

NSP-HIV/TB Program

Implemented in close collaboration with RBC, NSP-HIV/TB is implemented in Kamonyi, Gakenke and Musanze for exclusive HIV prevention among key population

FXBVillage Nyaruguru & Gisagara

A newly launched program in Nyaruguru and Gisagara, reaching families with FXBVillage model interventions to eradicate poverty.

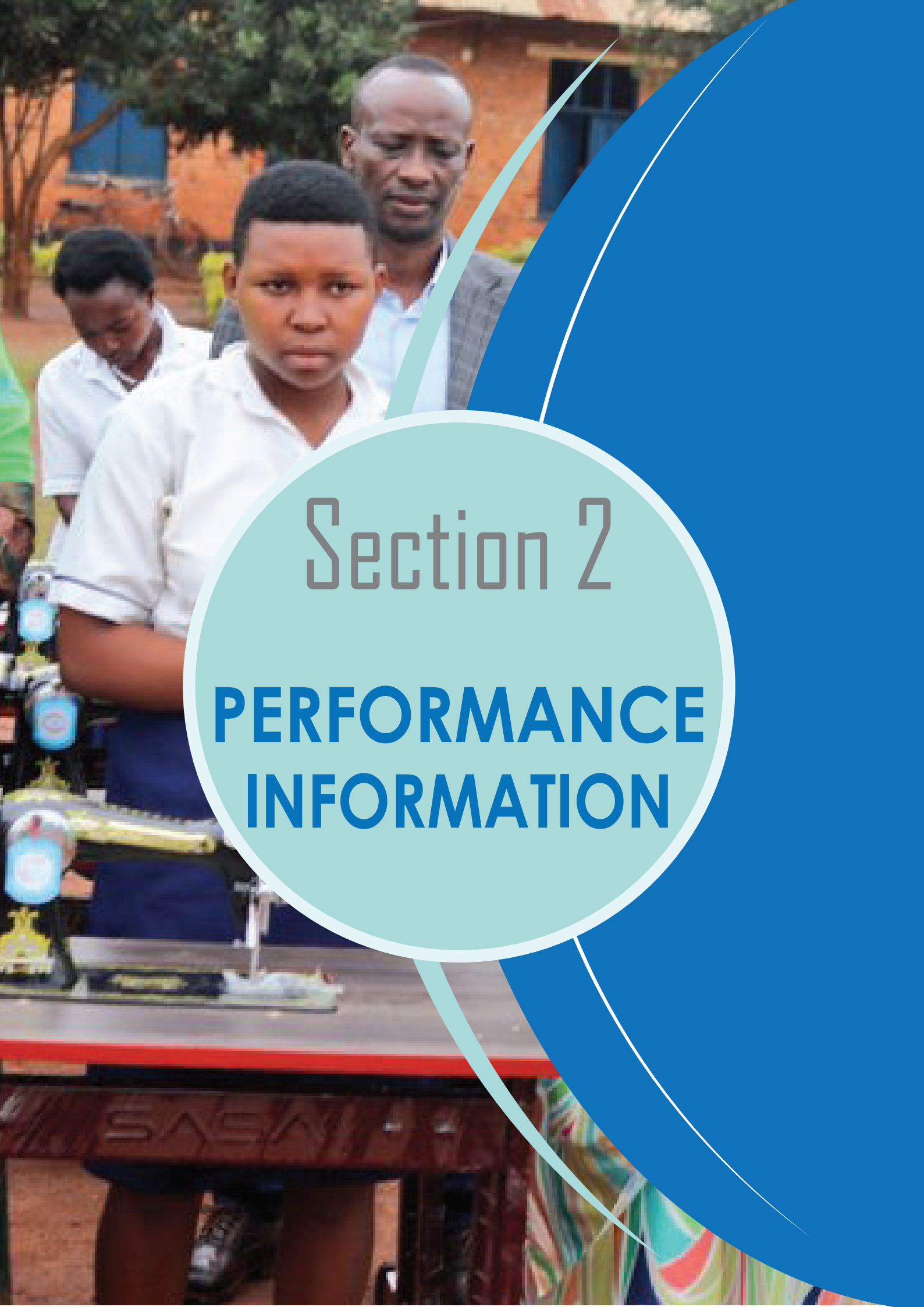
WASH & Nutrition

An anti-moderate and severe malnutrition program implementedi In Kamonyi district reaching children and women with nutrition and WASH interventions

Igire-Turengere Abana

"Be Resilient-Let Us Protect the children"

An HIV incidence and vulnerability reduction program targeting AGYW, OVC and their families in Rwamagana, Huye and Nyanza.



Section 2

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION



HIV/AIDS RESPONSE AND PREVENTION

Through Igire-Turengere Abana, FXB Rwanda provided HIV/AIDS prevention education through its 264 community-based Adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) Safe Spaces, “physical or metaphorical places/spaces for AGYW ” to freely share and discuss SRHR, GBV and HIV prevention issues. In weekly sessions, trained community mentors (AGYW peers) facilitated those sessions.

HIV prevention education was also provided by case management volunteers (CMVs) and Linkage Facilitators to Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) and their adult relatives via home visits. Furthermore, under NSP-HIV/TB, Peer educators delivered the HIV prevention package for FSWs, TG, PWIDs, and MSM in Gakenke, Kamonyi, and Musanze . These educators shared the package through the meetings with fellow KPs in hotspots.

In total of **53,107 direct participants** including AGYW, FSW, MSM, TG, OVC and OVC caregivers were reached with HIV Prevention education package. This package included the modules like SRHR, Life skills and HIV prevention.

Community Outreach for HIV Prevention

In addition to program participants, FXB Rwanda collaborated with local officials and stakeholders to promote HIV/AIDS prevention through organized community events, such as entertainment, sports, arts, and radio talks and TV show, attracting a large audience.

Through in-person HIV/AIDS prevention campaigns in the districts of Musanze, Kamonyi and Nyanza; **135,00 community members** were reached. Additionally, through NSP-HIV/TB, the FXB Rwanda Rwanda engaged on-air campaign using mass media (radio, television) and social media. Through this means, the organisation reached about **9,1700 community members** with HIV/AIDS and GBV prevention messages.





HIV/AIDS Prevention Materials Distribution

To curb HIV transmission, the organisations also fostered the distribution of HIV prevention materials. The condoms, lubricants, and self-test kits were mainly distributed during this year for the prevention purpose. The Information Education and Communication (IEC) kits were further distributed in the lane of enabling the concerned population with understandings and knowledge on HIV and prevention tips. The prevention kits including condoms and lubricants were mainly distributed to MSM, FSW and other exposed population while educative prevention materials (IEC) got distributed to all concerned participants.

The following table depicts the distributed preventive materials:

LUBRICANTS	SELF TEST KITS	CONDOMS	IEC MATERIALS
25,338	25,338	5,337	25,338

Referral for HIV/AIDS Clinical Support

The clinical services are so essential in HIV prevention as the concerned participants need to know their status and can only receive the related assistance from the clinical service providers. During the reporting period, FXB Rwanda has referred AGYW, OVC, FSW, MSM, TG, OVC, and OVC caregivers to Health Facilities for clinical services including HIV Testing Service (HTS), Family Planning (FP), Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT), Gender Based Violence (GBV), Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), Antiretroviral therapy (ART), Sexual Transmission Infections (STIs).

Referrals Made During the reporting period:

HTS	PreP	STIs	FP	PMTCT	ART
28,721	1,225	727	963	58	729



ECONOMIC STRENGTHENING



Under slogan of Ending Poverty, Restoring Dignity; FXB Rwanda invests in supporting the vulnerable poor families in achieving the economic resilience through fostering their income sources as well as their management. This support intends to help families to become resilient enough for solving the problems they face in their homes and abilities to feed the members and develop the family.

Financial literacy training



The total of 9,365 program participants were trained and refreshed on business planning, creation of new income generating activity and management during this fiscal year in districts of Gisagara, Nyaruguru, and Kamonyi. As a result, all the trainees with existing IGAs have effectively showcased their improved management while the total of 734 IGAs were newly created.

In same reporting period, through FXB Villages and Igire Turengere Abana, the total of 554 volunteers and 1,700 VSLAs/ISLGs Committees' members were trained on VSLA/ISLG model to effectively manage the saving groups. This was an occasion to develop the ISLG/VSLA leadership capabilities and enable leaders with knowledge needed. This activity resulted in having our 340 ISLGs and VSLAs run correctly with improved management.

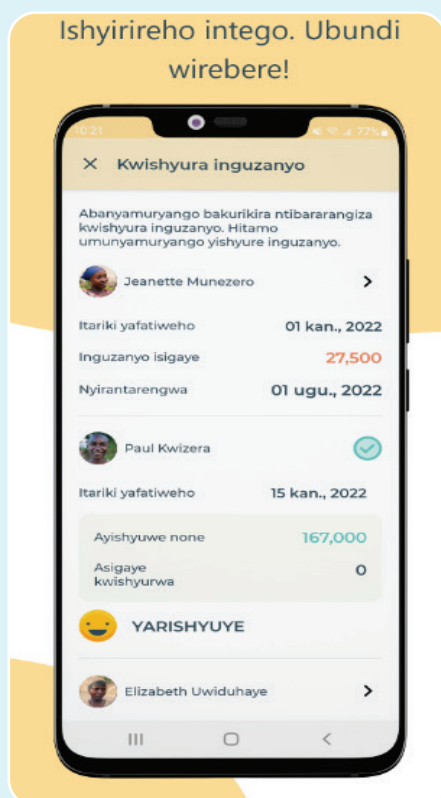
Saving and Lending Groups (ISLGs/VSLAs)

FXB Rwanda's Igire-Turengere Abana and FXB Villages programs established 340 saving groups with 9,365 members in Rwamagana, Huye, Nyanza, Kamonyi, Nyarugenge, Gisagara, and Nyaruguru districts. Participants in these saving groups have been able to develop a regular saving practice, improve their ability to solve various financial problems at home, and start income-generating activities through access to loans in these groups (ISLGs/VSLAs).



Digitization of Saving and Lending Activities

Going digital is helpful for improving efficiency of the work we do, increasing the speed, hence manage well the time. It again remains of good use in keeping records to get accessible from wherever and enabling the abilities to monitor easily the progress whenever needed. Backed by these benefits, FFB Rwanda has tapped into enshrining the digitization of Saving and Lending Groups activities as a means of improving their management and monitoring. The organisation has partnered with Dream Start Labs to implement Dreamsave app, a FinTech solution that is in place to digitize ISLG/VSLAs activities.



Dreamsave App Piloting

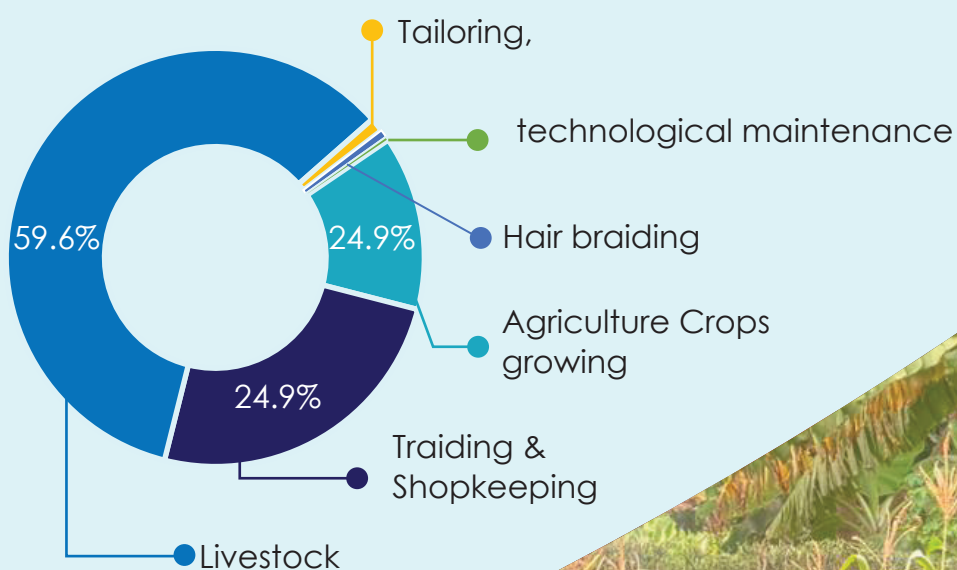
Piloted in Igire-Turengere Abana, FFB Rwanda kicked off enabling a total of 15 trainers of trainers (ToT) with a comprehensive master training on the usage of the app and its monitoring version of DreamSave Insights. Following the ToT training, the replication was done to the total of 50 ISLG committee members and volunteers to support their groups in using the DreamSave app.

As the result, the total of 10 groups with over 300 members have used this app during this reporting period. All of the groups that piloted the app reported positive changes in the management of their activities. Among others, the groups report reduced time spent during their regular meetings, improved efficiency of calculations, increased trust of members to groups, and accountability among members.

Enforcement of Income Generating Activities

The eligible individuals that are part of FXB Rwanda programs were targeted to reinforce their income generating activities. The intervention remained of great importance, enabling the programs' participants with the abilities to initiate new income generating activities, improving the ones they have, and diversifying the income streams. This support was offered both on individual level as well as in collective manner.

Through its Igire-Turengere Abana and FXB Villages; total of 1,234 income generating activities in Nyarugenge, Kamonyi, Nyaruguru, and Gisagara were supported dominated by those of livestock, Trading & Shop keeping and Crops growing. Furthermore, 1% were supported in tailoring, 0.6% in hair braiding, and 0.3% in technological maintenance IGAs.





Technical and Vocational Education Trainings (TVET) Support

To ensure that the eligible program participants, especially youth, are supported in improving their income sources, FXB Rwanda invested in facilitating them to acquire skills that ready them for jobs. School fees, uniforms, linkage for internships and other related support were provided for the youth and willing adults to attend TVETs. In the same optic, the organization invested in supporting the ones in need to acquire job skills through on-job learning apprenticeship approach.

The total of 891 programs participants including youth and adults were facilitated in attending TVET and Apprenticeship Programs in the districts of Kamonyi, Rwamagana, Huye and Nyanza. The mentioned programs have further provided start-Up kits and bridged TVET/Apprenticeship graduates to the employment. The total of 692 graduates were reached with this.





EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT



Envisioning to Create a World that Is Fit for Children; FXB Rwanda approaches ECD both as cross-cutting aspect of its programming as well as a specific intervention targeting deserved individuals and families. During the reporting period, FXB Rwanda generally helped its programs' participants through capacity building and material support to foster early childhood development.

Positive Parenting

Positive parenting was promoted by enrolling and training caregivers on child-parent communication, creating a suitable the environment for their children, and participating in early stimulation activities.

- ***Igire-Turengere Abana and AMIE engaged 3,090 caregivers in semi-formal family matter program (FMP) education for seven positive parenting and ECD modules.***
- ***Through home visits, Sugira Muryango and WASH& Nutrition Programs taught 3,303 caregivers ECD skills at home.***

PLAY Collaborative for ECD

Promoting Lasting Anthropometric Change and Young Children's Development (PLAY) Collaborative, is an approach to transition Sugira Muryango to Child Protection Workforce (IZU) by strongly engaging with government agencies, civil society groups, community government workforces, as well as sector officials and village leaders. PLAY Collaborative meetings are part of the PLAY collaborative approach and are held regularly as community of practices among mentioned ECD stakeholders to reinforce knowledge-sharing, problem solving, and strengthen intervention oversight.

During the reporting period, the total of 50 PLAY collaborative meetings were conducted from national level to village level of its three control sectors in Nyanza, Ngoma and Rubavu districts, gathering regularly a total of 976 ECD stakeholders to problem solve the ECD issues. Furthermore, FXB Rwanda worked with local authorities in Nyarugenge and Kamonyi districts to help 90 couples in legally marrying and 300 children in getting registered by intensively sensitizing the caregivers of their importance.



EDUCATION SUPPORT



FXB Rwanda's programming put education at the center of mankind resilience. In this regards, it reached the total number of 45,656 children and adolescents with school fees, school materials, school uniforms, and school monitoring activities with the intent of improving their academic performance for program participants. This support was provided through our Igire-Turengere Abana, FXBVillages, AMIE projects.

45,176

The total of 1,456 pre-school children from the families supported by FXB Rwanda, got a continuous material support to steward their attendance to home based as well as community based ECD centers

The primary and secondary level students helped are from the families that are current participants who met requirements to get the support. They include ones in boarding and others in non-boarding schools. The support was provided considering all of these parameters

1,456

45,656

pre-school, primary and secondary level learners were monitored at their schools to assure their continued attendance and performance. This was done conjointly with government and other CSOs stakeholders.



HEALTH, NUTRITION AND WASH



Health Costs Assistance

Through our FXBVillage, Igire- Turengere Abana, and AMIE programs, the total of 6,650 families were helped with health insurance payments during the reporting period.

The support resulted in assured wellbeing of the beneficiaries as they were able to go to health facility whenever it was needed.



Diseases Prevention Education

FXB Rwanda also invested in having program participants educated on advisable practices to prevent different diseases like Malaria, hygienic related diseases, NCDs, STIs etc. The skills were further acquired on other health recommended practices like family planning.

The total of 53,025 program participants were engaged on health related sessions in our different programs during the reporting period.



Cooking Demonstrations and Nutrition Skilling

In the course of fighting against malnutrition, cooking demonstrations were conducted in WASH & Nutrition project equipping the total of 2,280 program participants of Kamonyi district with know-how for preparing the diets correctly.

Their 12 days consecutive demonstration version was a lasting solution for treating 301 severe malnutrition cases.



Farmer Field School (FFS)

Agriculture is a drive for good nutrition. With availability of skills and knowledge, the food availability is the next requirement for good nutrition. During this reporting period, a total of 2,280 program families and 10,725 students boosted their skills on how to effectively conduct agriculture in a way that results in good nutrition. This activity occurred through Farmer Field Schools of our FXBVillages, AMIE and WASH & Nutrition.



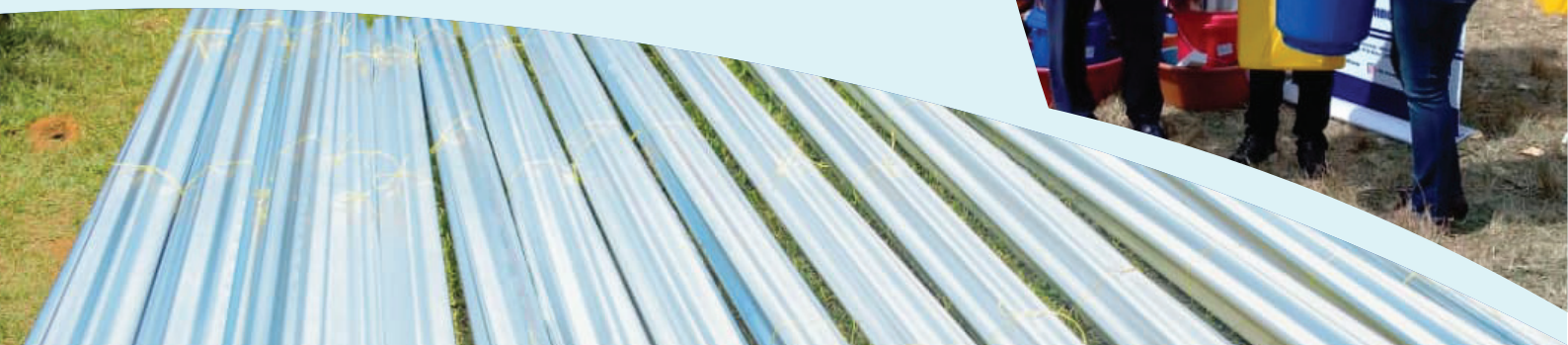
WASH in Schools

To contribute both on improved WASH practices in schools but also to academic performance, FXB Rwanda intensively worked with four schools of Kamonyi district by enabling them with 4 water large tanks of 10,000 liters each linked with purifiers, rehabilitating a total of 16 toilets of these schools, and capacity building the total of 10,725 students and teachers/school leaders on WASH improvement.



WASH Among Families Participants

In a course of enabling safe and clean homes, FXB Rwanda worked to enable the total of 1,000 families with adequate water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) materials. The same number of families received education on improving their WASH practices.





VIOLANCE PREVENTION

141,162

Individuals were reached through planned anti-violence campaigns and community outreach through international days celebrations conducted in Rwamagana, and Nyanza districts



Coaching Boys Into Men (CBIM)

In the course of raising boys who are free of violence, especially gender based violence, the organization reached out 786 through Coaching Boys into Men (CBIM) activity of Igire Turengere Abana that uses football as a channel to disseminating anti-gender based violence messages. This model is implemented in Huye, Nyanza and Rwamagana.



Start Awareness Support Action (SASA)

SASA is a Kiswahili word that means "Now" and is an intervening activity where the trained activists reach the community members through usual social activities and meetings with messages to change their wrong gender norms.

During the reporting period, FXB Rwanda implemented this approach in across Rwamagana and Nyanza districts. A total of 85,000 community members were sensitized through this approach.



CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATION

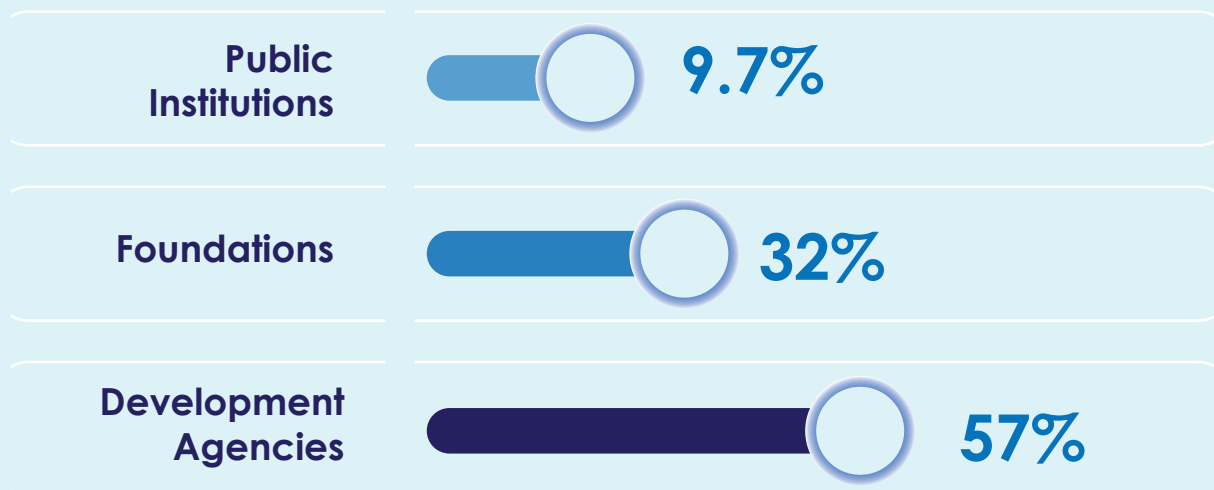


To contribute to the environment conservation which ultimately affect climate change, through WASH & Nutrition, we had worked with the 2 beneficiary schools of Kamunyi to plant the total of 550 fruit, shady and ornamental trees in the school surrounding environment.

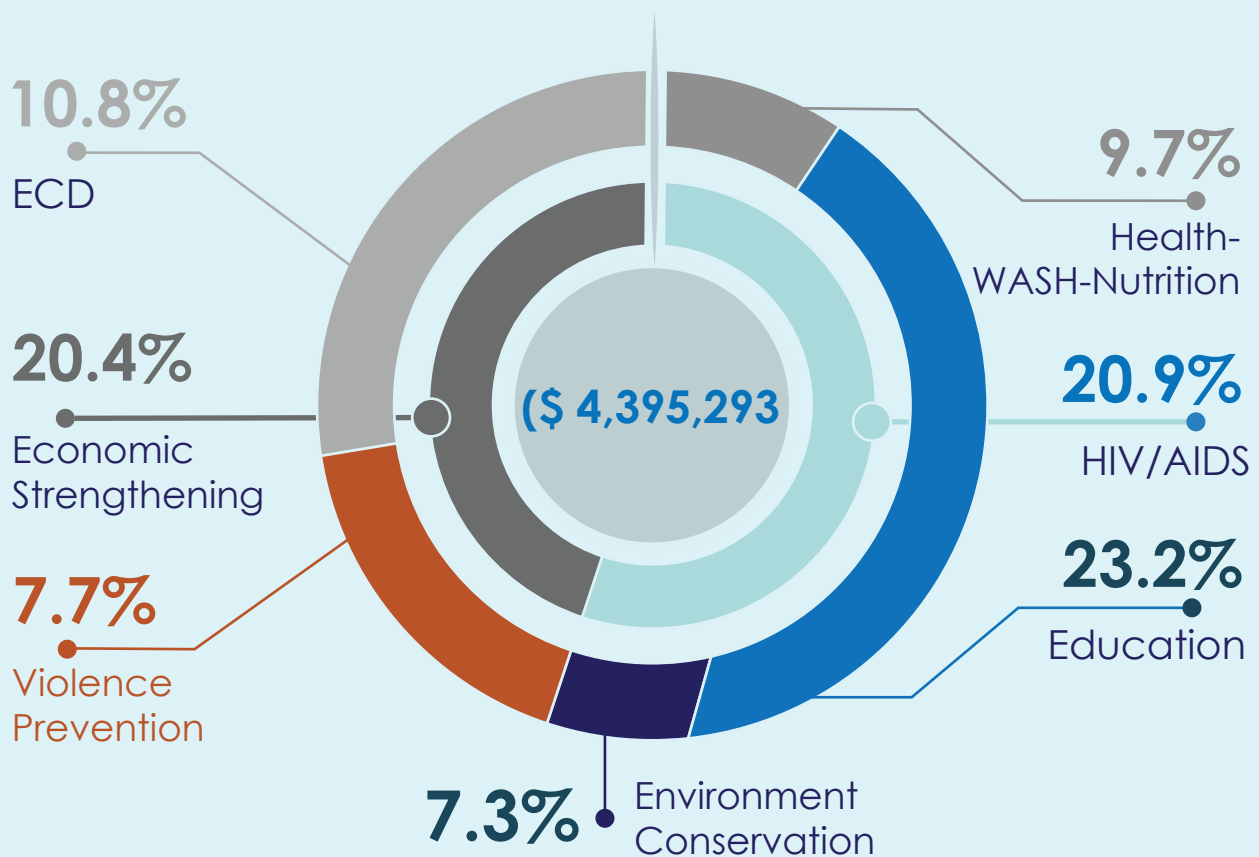
The program also delivered climate change and environment conservation messages to the total of **10,572 students**, school leaders and teachers

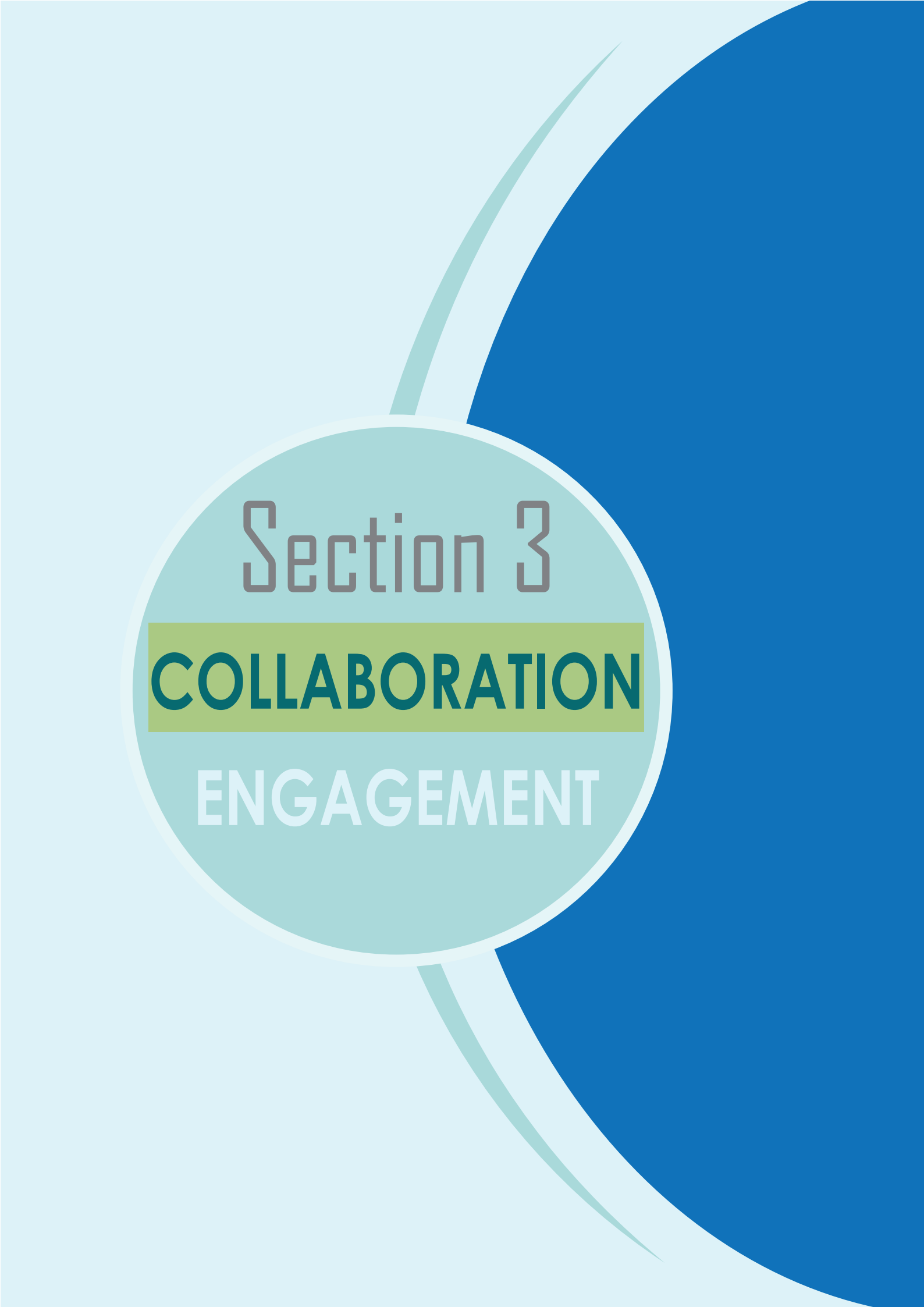
Financial Performance

Total Incomes Jan-Dec 2023 (\$ 4,557,181)



Total Expenses Jan-Dec 2023



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Section 3

COLLABORATION

ENGAGEMENT

Stakeholders Engagememnt and Collaboration



An important event in the year held on April 18, 2023, disseminating the immediate post-intervention results of Sugira Muryango expansion phase. This event brought together various and important government, national and international stakeholders to get insights on achievements of the program.



In the same program, the successful Regional Research Symposium was conducted on September 20-23, 2023, bringing together the interventionists, academicians and other researchers from across Africa on the theme of "Advancing evidencebased interventions for mental health, child development, and parenting"



From June 27 to 29, 2023, FXB Rwanda joined other ECD partners in Saving the Brains Workshop to share the experience and discuss on what to further and how to do it as it was to scale the ECD interventions.



Under Igire-Turengere Abana, FXB Rwanda joined other USAID partners in CHES Learning Event of 6th to 7th December to reflect on factors that are impacting programming and problem solve together.



FXB Rwanda joined Rwanda Biomedical Center, Ministry of Health and other partners in commemoration of World AIDS Day (WAD) held on November 30, 2023.



The organization also joined the international and national actors in the celebration of International Girl Child Day on October 10, 2023, and International Day of Rural Women on October 15, 2023.



On January 27, 2023, Colette Peck, Senior OVC Advisor at USAID/Washington, accompanied by the USAID Rwanda team led by Deputy Health Mission Director Libby, visited FXB Rwanda ongoing activities in Rwamagana district to learn of its implementation approach and advising on needed improvements.



On 13th November 2023, the group of staff from Belgium Embassy in Rwanda, Directorate General for Development Cooperation (DGD) and Auto Développement d'Afrique (ADA) visited the activities of the REduire la pauvreté et l'Exclusion Sociale (REPES) project to witness its progress.



On December 13, 2023, FXB Rwanda board of directors visited FXB Village program implemented in Gisagara and Nyaruguru districts and POSE project activities in Huye district to follow up the progress and impacts of the projects to participants



On 15th July 2023, Sugira Muryango program hosted USAID visitors and had productive discussions on scaling program interventions and witnessed the program's impact to its served beneficiaries.



On January 18, Delphine from Mairie de Paris conducted a field learning visit to AMIE, FXB Village Gasharu II, and WASH & Nutrition projects



From June 3 to 6, 2023; we hosted the president of Augusta Foundation into our POSE and FXB Village Musambira programs to gain insights into progress and offer guidance where necessary.

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