



**FAITH IN ACTION**



# 2020 ANNUAL REPORT





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## ACRONYMS

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**CDFC**

Centre de Développement Familial et Communautaire /  
Family and Community Development Centre

**CPE**

Comités de protection de l'Enfant / Child Protection  
Committees

**FA**

Foi en action/ Faith in Action

**FAV**

Famille d'accueil volontaire / Voluntary Host Family

**GS**

Groupe de solidarité / Solidarity Group

**HIV**

Human Immunodeficiency Virus

**SHG**

Self Help Group

**WHO**

World Health Organisation



## FAITH IN ACTION COORDINATOR'S MESSAGE

A very warm greeting from Faith in Action. We are extremely happy that we have reached the end of 2020 with visible impacts in the community. It has been a very difficult year for the whole world in general and in Burundi in particular. But despite the uncertainty caused by the global pandemic COVID-19, Faith in Action has managed to get through it thanks to the support and backing of the various partners including you. Faith in Action is pleased to have actively contributed to the improvement of the living conditions of more than 67,921;13,272 women, 2,119 men and 52,521 children.

Our deepest thanks to the Government of Burundi, which spares no effort to support our actions. A big thank you to Segal Family Foundation, UNICEF, ONUFEMMES, Kindernothilfe, Concern Worldwide, OIM, UNFPA for their financial and technical support. We also like to thank all the other NGOs, both international and national, with whom we collaborate for the smooth running of our activities. And to the team that makes our field interventions possible; our staff and volunteers for their unfailing support.

We are delighted to share some of the great achievements of 2020 and our plans to achieve our 2021-2025 strategic plan.

Virginie NIYIZIGAMA,  
National Coordinator and Co-Founder,  
Faith in Action.

## 2020 ACHIEVEMENTS

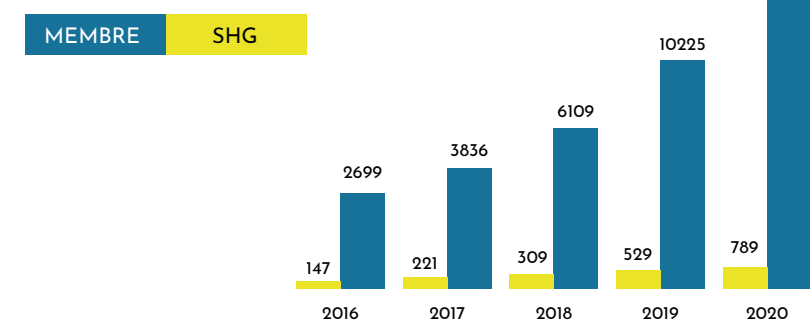


## SOCIO-ECONOMIC STRENGTHENING OF VULNERABLE/ AT-RISK HOUSEHOLDS



All of the Faith in Action's activities in the socio-economic strengthening area of vulnerable or at-risk households are carried out through the self-help group (SHG) approach reinforced with the "Street Business School" and "Germe" modules at the first and second levels. Out of a target of **150** new SHGs, our organisation surpassed it to reach **260** new SHGs with **5,166** members, i.e. a **173%** achievement rate. By the end of **2020**, we reached a cumulative number of **789** SHGs with **15,391** members. The graphs here shows the systematic evolution:

EVOLUTION DES SHG ET DES MEMBRES



PROVINCES	BUBANZA	MAIRIE	BUJUMBURA	RUYIGI	RUTANA
SGH	222	173	306	52	36
Members	4947	3161	5341	1151	792

2020 was a year of strong mobilisation and strengthening of the agro-pastoral cooperatives. We witnessed an abundant production in the cooperatives, which allowed us to distribute 114 goats to the members of these cooperatives.

One of our cooperatives has built a large storage shed for food products. Faith in Action is pleased to have supplied the iron sheets for this shed. Here is a picture of the built storage.







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After various training of our beneficiaries on different themes such as early warning, prevention, management and resolution of community conflicts, mediation systems, women's leadership, savings and credit management, income-generating activities, etc., the following impacts we realised :



**14,036**

Income Generating Activities (IGAs) set up by members of SHGs and monitored by Faith in Action's Personnel.



**5,038**

Cases of conflicts were resolved peacefully by members of SHGs.



**186**

Cases of marriage regularisation have been facilitated.



**95%**

Members can access Qualified Health Care services.



**86%**

Members now eat two meals a day.



**114**

Cooperative members followed by Faith in Action have received goats from the production.



**4**

Outlets have been initiated to facilitate the socio-economic development of the community in our intervention areas.



**816**

Members of SHGs have been connected in microfinance to access consistent capital.



## REINTEGRATION AND PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE OR AT RISK CHILDREN



In the child protection domain, we have two objectives; prevention of child rights violations and strengthening the protective environment for children. At the end of 2020, a total of **52,530** children were protected in the community.

## CHILD RIGHTS VIOLATIONS PREVENTION

**2,460**

people sensitized on the importance of registering children.

**46**

cases of child rights violations were reported and monitored.

**1,027**

children removed from dangerous situations (street situations, living in filth, and sexual exploitation networks, etc.) and received adequate protection services.

**26,555**

children received various services such as food support, temporary accommodation (by SHG members), medical follow-up, school reintegration cases, children supported with materials.

**1,217**

children registered at the civil registry office and received birth certificates.

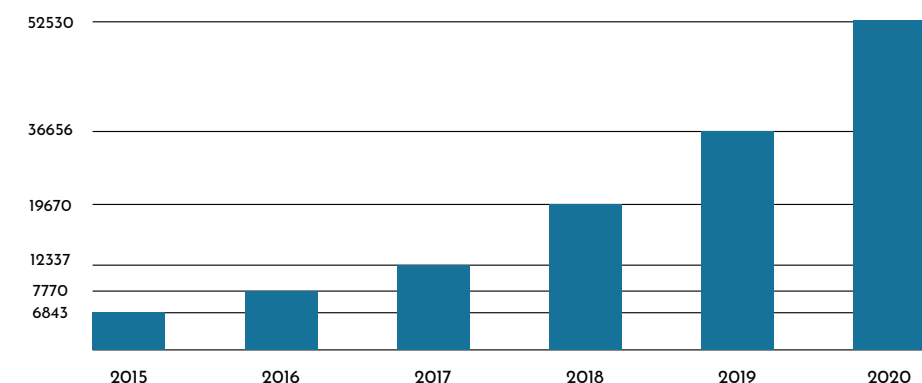
**33,976**

children exposed to situations of abuse and/or exploitation have benefited from adequate protection, psychosocial and professional support services.

**6,394**

vulnerable children benefited from specialised services (psychosocial follow-up and/or legal assistance) by Faith in Action social workers or its partners.

EVOLUTION OF CHILDREN SUPPORTED  
EVOLUTIO DU NOMBRE D'ENFANTS PRIS EN CHARGE





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## STRENGTHENING THE CHILD PROTECTION ENVIRONMENT



As our philosophy states, we cannot develop without protecting children and cleaning up their environment. Since 2016, Faith in Action started a programme to reinforce the socio-economic capacities of the guardians of children living on streets or at risk. This was in partnership with government offices in charge of child protection such as the Family and Community Development Centre (CPE) and Child Protection Committees (CDFC).

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CDFC and CPE on peaceful conflict resolution and family mediation.

2,064

couples were trained in good parenting practices.

53

voluntary foster families (FAV) have been set up and approved by government administration.

3,213

heads of households sensitised on children's rights.

10,636

people sensitized on COVID-19 and have practised the preventive measures subscribed by WHO and the Ministry of Public Health and the fight against AIDS.





## SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH: A PILLAR OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Birth planning and control interventions are minimal in the communities we serve. Practices of polygamy, early marriage and unwanted births are common. Due to the lack of care for pregnant or breastfeeding mothers, children are at constant risk of malnutrition.

In 2020, we conducted sensitization drives with community members and strengthened the capacity of peer educators;

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peer educators capacity strengthened. Peer educators sensitize, support and refer community members in need of contraceptive methods.

**3,218**

people reached through sensitization, resulting in 721 people using modern contraceptive methods.

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partner health centres in the intervention zone strengthened to ensure easy referral of beneficiaries.

Since the start of our programme in 2014, **4,363** people have signed up for modern contraceptive methods.





Details of the numbers per method are shown in the table below:

Année/ Year	Type de méthodes / Type of Method						Total
	Injection ou / Injection DMPA	Stérilet (IUD)	Pilules /Pill	Jadelle	Ligature	Préservatif	
2015	200	9	24	28	0	12	273
2016	318	20	31	133	1	3	506
2017	641	13	65	164	0	15	898
2018	823	17	91	194	1	23	1149
2019	523	22	101	89	0	54	816
2020	564	19	97	0	0	41	721
Total	2546	78	308	519	2	148	4363



FINANCIALS

FINANCIALS	OPENING BALANCE		INCOME
	BIF		BIF
Description	BANK	CASH	
SRHR and Institutional Development	476.108	243.300	229.588.841
SANGW'IBIBONDO GATUMBA Refugees Recovery BAHO KIBONDO	74.259.382		469.847.922
BIRATURABA	29.755		17.038.137
SHG -APPROACH	210.805	4.100	17.351.236
Contributions + Donations	32.599		63.379.410
	75.008.649	247.400	797.205.546





## 2021 PLANS

Create **180** SHGs  
and reinforce the  
existing **789** SHGs.

**2** community  
crèches set up.

**800** people  
trained in modern  
contraceptive  
methods.

Connect **5,000**  
people to  
microfinance  
to access  
consistent.







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