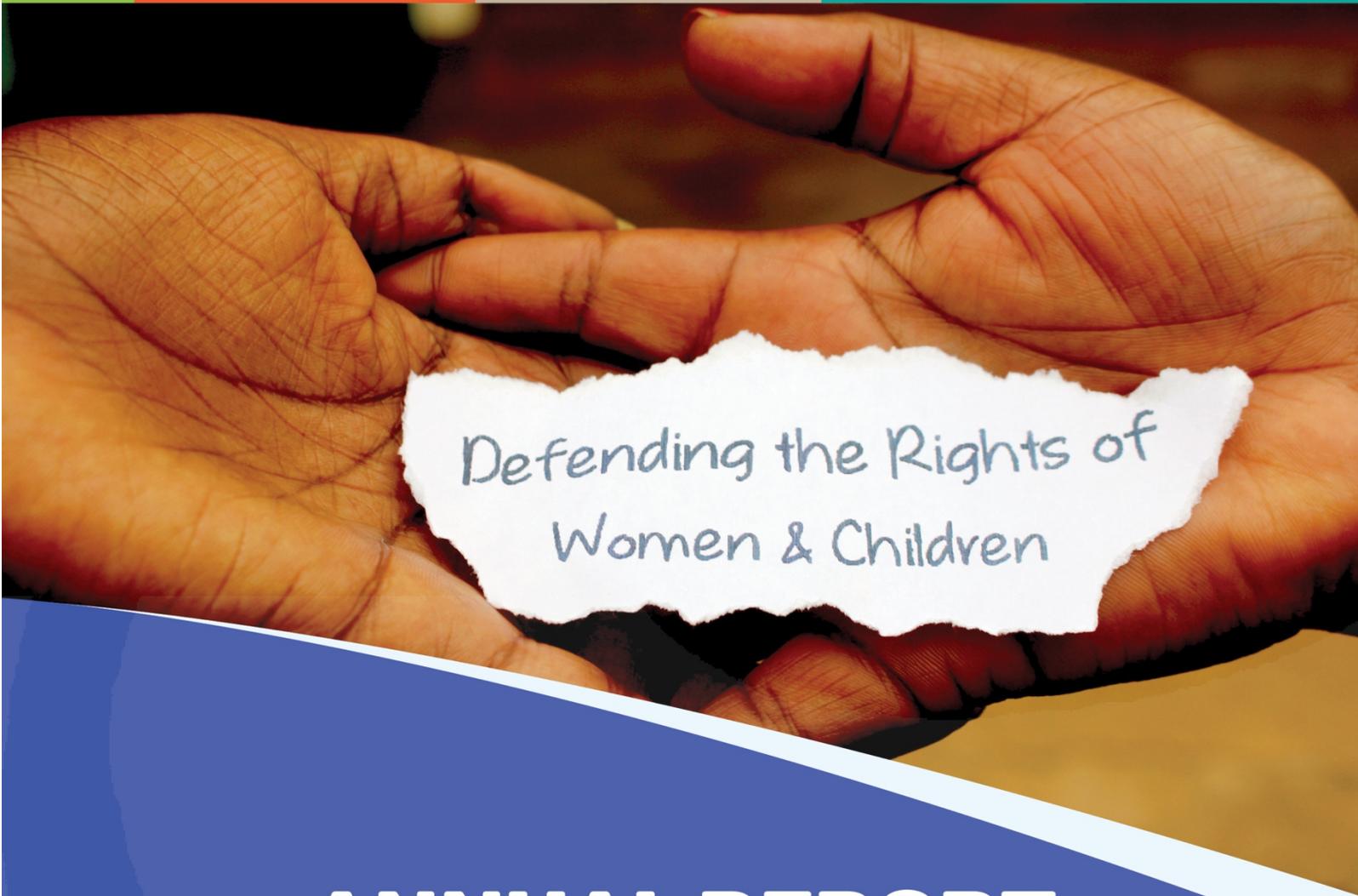




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ANNUAL REPORT 2019

A message from the National Executive Secretary.



It is with great pleasure and joy that I have this opportunity to present to you Haguruka's 2019 Annual Report. Haguruka continued to play a major role in promoting gender equality while putting women and children's rights issues at the core of our services by providing quality legal aid and psychological counseling in order to increase the level of access to justice for the most vulnerable in the community.

During this reporting period, Haguruka made efforts to address issues about women and children's rights and women's participation and their involvement in political leadership and decision-making spaces. In 2019, Haguruka conducted insightful research on "Understanding factors

leading to low women participation in decision making positions from the informal to the formal sectors". The main purpose of the research was to explore the hindering factors leading to the low representation of women in decision making as stated above. The targeted positions at local levels were executive committees of the districts, Executive Secretary of the district, of the sectors, and of the cells as well as the coordinators of the village.

Together with our partners and stakeholders, tremendous work has been done to deepen advocacy for women's rights, and this has been done through strategic partnerships, mentorships, dialogues, public awareness campaigns, training, and monitoring and evaluation. Haguruka will continue to advocate for gender equality and inclusive participation so that our influence can create an enabling environment for women and girls to enjoy your rights free from violence and discrimination at all levels.

Haguruka recognizes and appreciates the Government of Rwanda's commitment and political will to ensure gender equality is observed and respected. As part of Haguruka's mandate to protect and defend women and children's rights, we'll continue to expand our outreach and increase awareness on the importance of women's and children's rights.

Haguruka has been able to achieve tremendous successes due to the commitment of our dedicated staff who have been instrumental in the organization's growth and success. Special thanks go to the Board of Directors who have provided oversight and policy guidance of the organization to the desired direction while keeping the focus of our mission and vision. I would also like to thank our development partners who provide the necessary resources that enable us to implement our plan. We are proud and thankful to have every one of you on our side, as stakeholders, supporters, partners, and allies. Let us all stand out to be counted in promoting gender equality for a fair and just society.

In summary, I believe it has been a great year. We are satisfied with the continuing growth of our organization and are looking forward enthusiastically to the year 2020.

On Behalf of Haguruka team,

Ninette Umurerwa

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National Executive Secretary

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List of Acronyms

CSOs: Civil Society Organizations

GBV: Gender-Based Violence

GIZ: Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (German International Cooperation)

M&E: Monitoring and Evaluation

MEAL: Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability & Learning

NGO: Non-Governmental Organization

NWC: National Women Council

RCN & JD: Justice & Démocratie

SGBV: Sexual Gender-Based Violence

SIDA: Swedish International Development Agency

WfW: Women for Women International.

A. WHO WE ARE

Haguruka is a Rwandan non-governmental organization founded in 1991. In Kinyarwanda, Haguruka means “stand up” and we aim to stand up for the rights of women and children. Our vision is to create a society where women and children can enjoy rights and reach their full potential. We are working to end violence towards both women and children by providing a safe, confidential space where citizens will be listened to and can access legal support by our lawyers and counsellors.

Our Mission

Haguruka’s mission is to promote and defend the rights of women and children.

Our Vision

Haguruka’s vision is to create a society where the rights of women and children are respected; where women and children live free from violence and discrimination so that they can reach their full potential.

Key Areas

Haguruka attributes its success on five key areas of intervention namely;

-  Legal aid and psychological counseling
-  Awareness-raising activities and social mobilization
-  Capacity development of partners and stakeholders
-  Research
-  Advocacy

Values

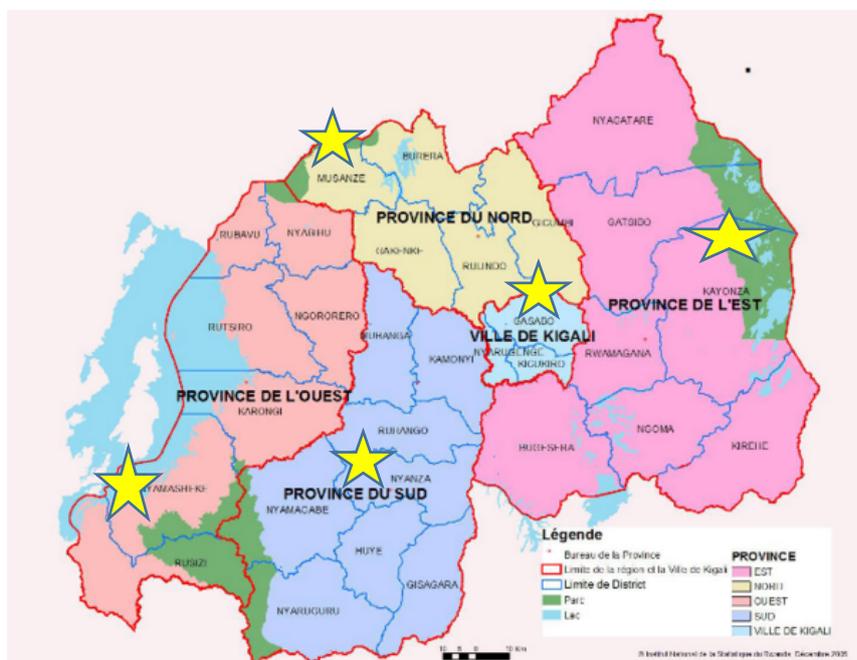
Haguruka’s strong reputation is also built on seven strong values:

-  Equality
-  Advocacy
-  Accountability
-  Confidentiality
-  Support
-  Respect
-  Partnership

A.2. Geographic Coverage

Haguruka’s headquarters are in Kigali, with Provincial Centers in Musanze in Northern Province, Kayonza in Eastern Province, and Nyanza in Southern Province. This provides the base from which Haguruka coordinates a network of over 416 paralegals in located in every sector of the country, with each office comprised of a conference room, office space, a small library, a jurist,

a psychosocial counselor and a safe house for women and children, particularly victims of gender-based violence.



B. Strategic Approach

B.1. Operational Strategy

Haguruka works in partnership with the Government at the central and local levels, and with national and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to promote and protect women and children's rights.

To perform its services, Haguruka works with 416 paralegals equating to one paralegal in each sector of Rwanda. All the paralegals work on a voluntary basis and have been trained on different laws. The paralegals help to resolve problems often concerning gender-based violence and land conflict in collaboration with Haguruka's lawyers from each regional center.

Haguruka is a non-governmental organization with experienced lawyers who provide regular legal aid to women right-holders especially those who are survivors of GBV.

Haguruka has been working and continues to work in the areas of legal aid and psychological counseling; awareness-raising activities and social mobilization; capacity development of partners and stakeholders; Research; Advocacy.

The potentiality of the organization encompasses the quality of delivering services to its right-holders in a confidential manner. The roadmap to accessing the services offered by Haguruka begins with the individual who is received by a counselor in a closed office which guarantees the confidential nature in which the case of a right-holder is received and recorded.



The right-holder is then received by a lawyer in a similar environment. The two staff members then decide on the way forward for the treatment of the received case. In case there is a need for shelter or safe-house services, the staff members make the decision and inform the Executive Secretary. Such a decision remains confidential between the three officials. The right-holder received in the shelters is not allowed to communicate to the outside the entire period they are occupying the safe house.

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B.2. Management Structures

Haguruka has a strong organizational structure¹ with an independent board, staff, and management team. New and updated policies are already in place such as personal statute, accounting manual, procurements and finance manual, and Strategic Plan for five years (2017-2022) that will guide the organization's activities.

Haguruka has three main organs: The General Assembly, the Board of Directors, and the National Executive Secretariat. Haguruka has three categories of members: effective members, honorary members, and supportive members. The National Executive Secretariat is composed of the National Executive Secretary for coordination, Director of Finance and Administration, Project officers and managers, Lawyers and counselors, and a Monitoring and Evaluation Officer for its projects.

¹ www.haguruka.org.rw

Key Achievements in 2019

Haguruka achieved a lot in 2019. These achievements are categorized by Haguruka's key areas of intervention:

Legal aid and psychological counseling:

- Haguruka provided legal aid and support to 2,166 right-holders (women: 1,178, men: 329 Children: 659 (girls: 357 & boys: 302) in 2019. Haguruka's lawyers stationed at our provincial centers are in charge of drafting legal briefs and other court documents, providing legal advice, providing legal mediation, advocacy and orientation, legal reference, and providing legal representation to women and children.
- Haguruka conducted 207 mobile legal clinics where Haguruka's lawyers provided legal aid to our right-holders' localities, specifically GBV victims, including women and girls' with disabilities, in Musanze, Nyaruguru, Gasabo, Bugesera, Nyamasheke, Karongi, Rusizi, Nyarugenge, Rulindo, Kicukiro, Rwamagana, Nyanza, and Huye Districts. 2,771 GBV victims, including women and girls with disabilities, were provided with legal assistance during the mobile legal clinics in the above mentioned districts.
- Out of the 2,771 GBV victims, including women and girls with disabilities, reached during the above mentioned mobile legal clinics, Haguruka screened and selected 198 cases that were represented before the courts of law.
- Haguruka provided DNA testing fees to 15 GBV victims.
- Haguruka provided legal aid and support to approximately 132 teenage mothers through mobile legal clinics in Kayonza and Nyanza Districts during the mobile legal clinics. We also supported teenage mothers to register their children at the sector office.
- Out of the 132 teenage mothers reached during the above mentioned mobile legal clinics, Haguruka screened and selected 20 cases that were represented before the courts of law.
- Haguruka conducted 16 mobile legal clinics in horticulture farms in Rwamagana, Gatsibo, Nyagatare, Ngoma, Kirehe and Kicukiro Districts. As such, 67 women in horticulture farms were provided with legal assistance.
- Out of the 67 women in horticulture farms reached during the above mentioned mobile legal clinics, Haguruka provided legal representation to 18 women in Rwamagana Gatsibo, Nyagatare, Ngoma, Kirehe, and Kicukiro Districts.
- Haguruka's lawyers have gone a step further to conduct 39 follow-up activities for the on-going cases that have been represented before the courts of law. The activities were conducted in Musanze, Nyaruguru, Gasabo, Bugesera and Nyamasheke, and Kayonza Districts to submit case pleadings and summons as stipulated by the civil, social, commercial, and administrative procedures.

Awareness-raising activities and social mobilization

- Haguruka conducted 86 community dialogues on the role of Abunzi committees, Abunzi law, GBV laws, and laws regulating human rights. The community dialogues were held at sector level during the Citizen's Forum (Inteko y'abaturage) in Gasabo, Bugesera, Musanze, Nyaruguru, and Nyamasheke Districts. The community dialogues reached 28,431 (W: 15,544, M: 12,861; PWDs: 26) citizens in all the five districts.

- Haguruka conducted 27 community dialogues aimed at raising awareness (among both men and women) of the legal frameworks governing land laws and women's land rights in Rubavu and Musanze Districts in Western and Northern Province, respectively. The community dialogues were held at the sector level during the Citizen's Forum (Inteko y'abaturage). The community dialogues reached 9,189 citizens in Rubavu and Musanze Districts.
- Haguruka conducted 11 dialogues in Rusizi & Nyarugenge Districts in Mururu & Gashonga and Nyamirambo & Rwezamenyo sectors, respectively, on the on-going trials of 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi perpetrators, Rukeratabaro Theodore and Neretse Fabien, taking place in Sweden and Belgium, respectively. The dialogues aimed to enable the local population and victims' associations in both sectors to understand and participate in the trials of the perpetrators for the crimes committed during the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda. The dialogues targeted affected populations and victims' associations.
- Haguruka conducted 122 community dialogue in Gasabo Musanze, Bugesera, and Kayonza Districts on women's rights and the GBV legal framework. The dialogues aimed to enable the local population in Gasabo Musanze, Bugesera, and Kayonza Districts to understand women's rights and laws regarding GBV matters. The dialogues targeted 160 couples and 160 youths both residing in Remera & Bumbogo Sectors in Gasabo District, Cyuve & Musanze Sectors in Musanze District, Juru Sector in Kayonza District, and Mukarage Ntarama, Gashora, Musenyi & Mayange Sectors in Bugesera District.
- 80 women and girl-friendly community dialogue sessions in Musanze & Gasabo Districts were conducted. The dialogues aimed at providing a free and safe space for women and girls to discuss relatively private topics, ranging from VAWG, Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights, and personal experiences and challenges. The dialogues targeted 40 women and 80 girls residing in Remera and Bumbogo Sectors in Gasabo District and Cyuve and Musanze Sectors in Musanze District.
- Haguruka conducted 8 Inter-school debates in four schools in Gasabo and Musanze Districts with the aim of creating space for critical thinking and discussions on issues of gender, SRHR, and VAWG. Debates targeted 80 students in four schools.
- Haguruka, in collaboration with Rwanda Women Network, conducted a study tour with Trócaire partners to women's safe spaces in Musanze and Rubavu District.
- Haguruka conducted 15 community dialogues on the rights of persons with disabilities, human rights, and the role of the community to protect girls and women with disabilities from human rights violations at the community level in Musanze District. The dialogues reached 750 women and girls with disabilities in the Musanze District.
- Haguruka developed Information, Education and Communication (IEC) toolkit with key messages on women's rights, ASRH&R, and GBV prevention. The IEC materials were disseminated to the local population during the community dialogues with youths and girls. The IEC materials were designed in the context of raising gender equality and awareness in legal frameworks governing women's rights.
- Development and Dissemination of a cross-cutting module on gender and GBV referral pathways. The module clearly defines the roles and responsibilities of the GBV service providers in Rwanda.
- A module on leadership and participation in decision making for girls was produced and disseminated during the dialogue sessions with youth and girls in Gasabo and Musanze Districts.
- Haguruka developed Information, Education and Communication (IEC) toolkit with key messages on National Law N° 01/2007 Of 20/01/2007 relating to Protection of Persons with Disabilities and UN Convention on the Rights of Persons

with Disabilities (CRPD). The IEC materials were disseminated to the local population during the community dialogues on the rights of PWDs in the Musanze District. The IEC materials were designed in the context of raising gender equality and awareness in legal frameworks governing PWDs' rights.

- Development and Dissemination of the National Labor law in easy-to-read booklets.
- Translation of the research conducted by Haguruka Reinforcement of the Labor law and related policies in the horticulture sector in Rwanda.
- Haguruka developed and disseminated Information, Education and Communication (IEC) toolkit with key messages on community mobilization tools to be used in women's only spaces. The IEC materials were disseminated to Trócaire partners. The IEC materials were designed in the context of supporting women-only safe spaces that will be operated by Trócaire partners.

Capacity development of partners and stakeholders

- Haguruka has offered capacity building training to 32 JRLOS M&E Officers on Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning (MEL) in Kigali.
- Haguruka strengthened the capacity training of 128 judges and registrars of Kigali jurisdiction on the use of IECMS.
- Haguruka offered capacity building training to district authorities and local representatives on GBV legal framework, GBV services, referral structures/mechanisms, and procedures to follow in Kayonza and Bugesera Districts.
- Haguruka's paralegals, National Women's Council representatives at the cell level, and anti-GBV Committees and Youth council were trained on the GBV administration and Women's rights in Kayonza and Bugesera Districts. The objective of the training was to increase the knowledge and skills of the participants on gender equality, GBV prevention and response, laws, and service to the victims. The training aimed at enhancing the capacity of the participants and become champions of GBV prevention in their respective areas.
- Haguruka provided capacity building training to 296 local authorities: 148 Executive Secretaries and 148 Chairpersons of the land committees both at the cell level in Rubavu and Musanze Districts on land governance and laws regarding land matters.
- All of Haguruka's paralegals across the country (416) were trained on GBV legal aid standards, procedures and laws. Out of the 416 paralegals, 74 were trained on community dialogue facilitation skills in Gasabo, Bugesera, Musanze, Nyaruguru, and Nyamasheke Districts, 27 paralegals were trained on land governance and laws regarding land matters in Rubavu and Musanze Districts, and 15 paralegals in Musanze were trained on the National Law N° 01/2007 Of 20/01/2007 relating to Protection of Persons with Disabilities.
- Haguruka provided a Training of Trainers (ToT) to 100 women representatives on Law and Self-advocacy skills needed for Abunzi cases in Gasabo, Bugesera, Musanze, Nyaruguru, and Nyamasheke Districts.
- Haguruka held a refresher workshop for 32 champions/ dialogue sessions' facilitators for both couples and youths in both Musanze and Gasabo Districts.
- 90 Women workers in horticulture farms were trained on gender-based violence, national labor law, and related policies. The farms included Bella Flower, Akanyenyeri, Garden Fresh, Green Best, Global Farmers, Gatsibo Famers, Ruhimbi

Farmers, and KAZIHORT. The main objective was to enable women workers in the horticulture sector to understand their rights as workers as well as women.

- 20 farm managers and 20 human resources managers of horticulture farms in Kicukiro, Rwamagana, Gatsibo, Ngoma Kirehe, Nyagatare, Rutsiro, Ruhango, Muhanga Districts were trained training on gender equality, women's right, and leadership skills.
- Haguruka provided capacity building training to 123 district officials in the Western Province and Gakenke District (Directors of One-Stop Centers and Executive Secretaries at the sector level) on gender sensitivity in land governance and laws regarding land matters as well as land use and planning.
- Haguruka offered capacity building training sessions to 61 district officials (Executive Secretaries at the sector level, Executive Secretaries at the cell level, civil registrars at the sector level, and data managers at hospitals and health centers) in Kayonza and Nyanza Districts on the complementarity between child registration and other laws (family law, successions law, and GBV laws).
- Haguruka provided capacity building training to 125 women safe spaces activists and facilitators supported by Trócaire partners from 5 districts: Nyamagabe, Nyanza, Gakenke, Rulindo and Huye on how to conduct and lead women-only safe spaces.
- 40 in-school girls and & four (4) teachers were trained on women's rights, leadership, Sexual Reproductive Health, self-confidence, and GBV referral pathways in Gasabo and Musanze Districts.
- 30 community mobilizers currently supporting the community self-advocacy groups for Persons with Disabilities in Muhanga, Musanze, Rwamagana, and Nyabihu Districts were trained on the functionality of the justice system and key tips and connections they might need to easily and successfully navigate the system.
- Haguruka provided capacity building training to duty bearers (Executive Secretaries at the cell level and women representatives for women with disabilities at the cell level) on the international convention on the rights of the people with disabilities and the National Law N° 01/2007 Of 20/01/2007 relating to Protection of Persons with Disabilities in Musanze District.
- Haguruka's entire staff was trained on how to provide friendly and comprehensive services to PWDs. The training was facilitated by an experienced facilitator from GIZ One Mainstreaming Team.

Research

- Haguruka carried out a study on "Understanding factors leading to under-representation of women in decision making at district, sectors, and cell levels, in private local informal financial Institutions-Sacco, Cooperatives and Saving groups". The objective of the study is to analyze the factors hindering women to access decision-making positions at local administrative entities. The study targeted 5 districts: Nyamagabe, Rulindo, Rubavu, Nyagatare, and Gasabo.
- A preliminary assessment of justice chains and attention routes dealing with GBV, their roles, as well as mapping exercise to define and strengthen service referral systems for GBV victims was conducted in Gasabo, Bugesera, Musanze, Nyaruguru, and Nyamasheke Districts as an integral process of improving the systematic provision of quality legal aid at district and sector levels.

Advocacy

- *Haguruka organized the Fight against Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) working group meetings with girls' network reps, paralegals, local authorities/ leaders, health practitioners, police, and judiciary in Musanze and Gasabo Districts. The two meetings aimed at discussing the issues around VAWG, existing policies, and the effective collaboration between service providers to ensure a shared understanding of VAWG laws and policies and the referral pathway as well as improve coordination.*
- *Haguruka organized a consultative workshop with other CSOs, INGOs, and other key stakeholders to collect and gather inputs on the changes that should be amended on the GBV policy that is currently under revision.*
- *Two learning workshops were conducted to track the progress of enforcing the labor law towards women's rights at the workplace was conducted. The main objective of the meeting was to tackle the progress of women's labor rights progress as well as to identify the challenges and propose solutions to overcome these challenges.*

B. Programs and Activities Achievements in 2019

Haguruka uses five key areas to promote and defend the rights of women and children: (1) Legal aid and psycho-social counseling, (2) Awareness-raising activities and social mobilization, (3) Capacity development of partners and stakeholders, (4) Research and (5) Advocacy. Haguruka believes that in order to achieve its mission and hold itself accountable to our right-holders the above-mentioned programs should go hand in hand.

B.1. Legal aid and psycho-social counseling:

As part of Haguruka's mandate, it provides legal assistance to women and children. In 2019



alone, Haguruka has provided legal aid services to 2,166 right-holders² (Adults: 1,507 (Women: 1,178 & Men: 329) Children: 659 (Girls: 357, Boys: 302)) across the regional centers in Gasabo, Musanze, Nyanza, and Kayanza Districts. Haguruka continues to provide legal aid and support to gender-based violence victims by drafting legal briefs and other court documents, conducting mediation sessions, and referring right-holders to appropriate alternative institutions.

In the legal aid domain, Haguruka has made significant achievements this year and provided legal advice, orientation, and legal mediation to its right-holders.

Table 1: Number of right-holders (Adults & Children Under 18) received in 2019

Demographics	Men	Women	Total number of right-holders (Adults + Children under 18) provided with legal aid
Adults	329	1178	2,166
Children Under 18	302	357	
Total	631	1.535	

² Refer to Annex 1 & 2 for the legal aid data statistics (January– December 2019)

Fig 1: Bar-chart showing number of right-holders (Adults & Children Under 18) received by Gender in 2019

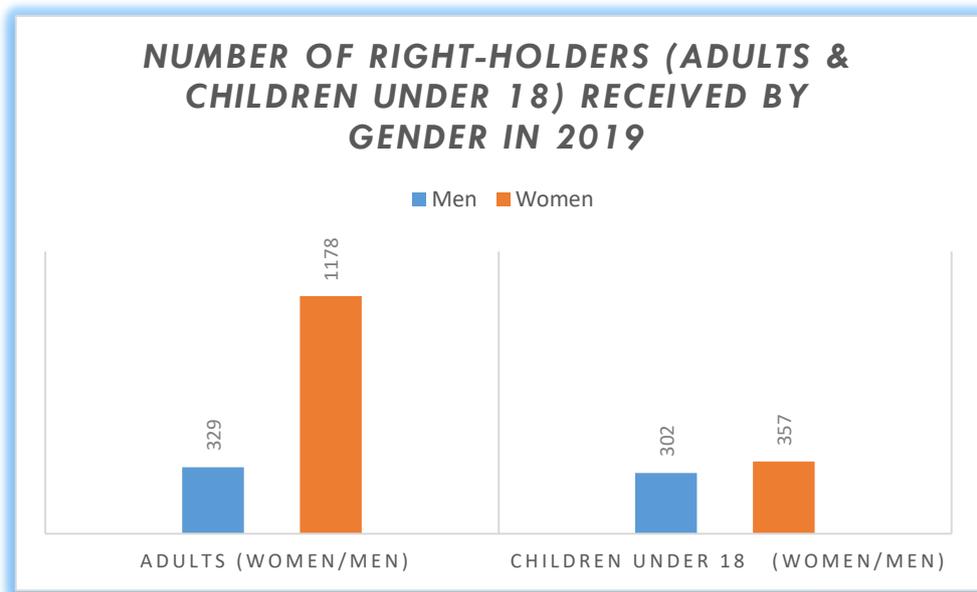
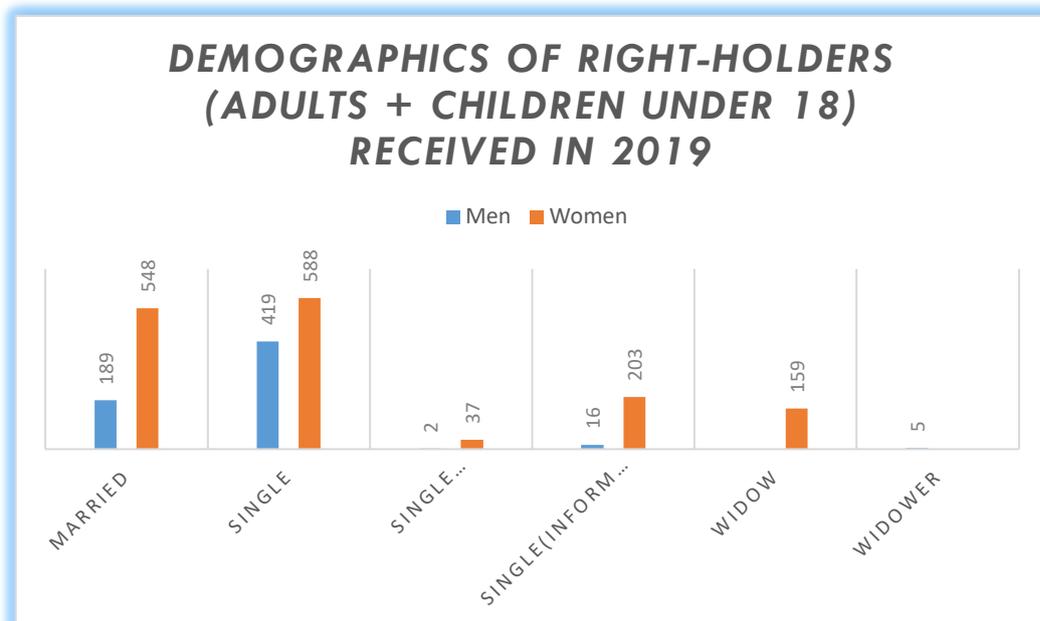


Table 2: Demographics of right-holders (Adults & Children Under 18) received in 2019

Demographics/Civil Status	Men	Women	Total number of right-holders (Adults + Children under 18) provided with legal aid
Married	189	548	2,166
Single	419	588	
Single (Divorced)	2	37	
Single (Informal Union)	16	203	
Widow	0	159	
Widower	5	0	
Grand Total	686	1,480	

Fig 2: Bar-chart showing demographics of right-holders (Adults + Children Under 18) received in 2019

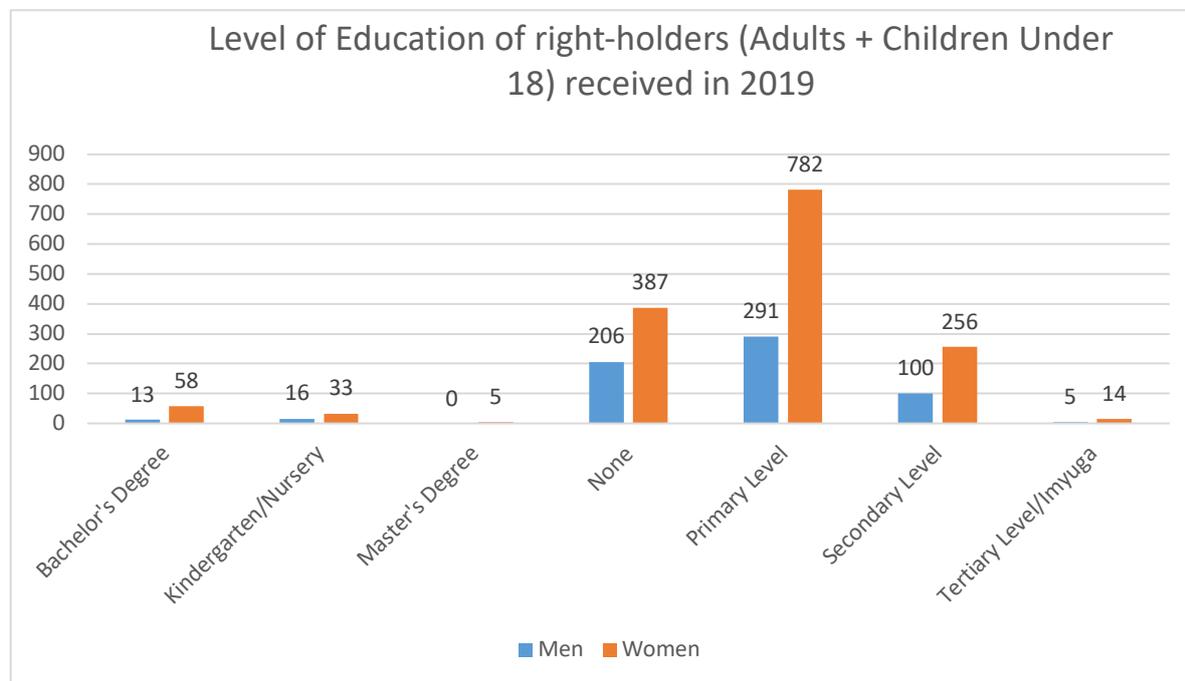


The bar chart presents the demographics of right holders (adults + children under 18) that approached Haguruka for legal services, legal assistance and support, and legal mediation in 2019.

Table 3: Level of Education of right-holders (Adults & Children Under 18) received in 2019

Education level	M	F	Total number of right-holders (Adults + Children under 18) provided with legal aid
Bachelor's Degree	13	58	2,166
Kindergarten/Nursery	16	33	
Master's Degree		5	
None	206	387	
Primary Level	291	782	
Secondary Level	100	256	
Tertiary Level/lmyuga	5	14	
Grand Total	686	1,480	

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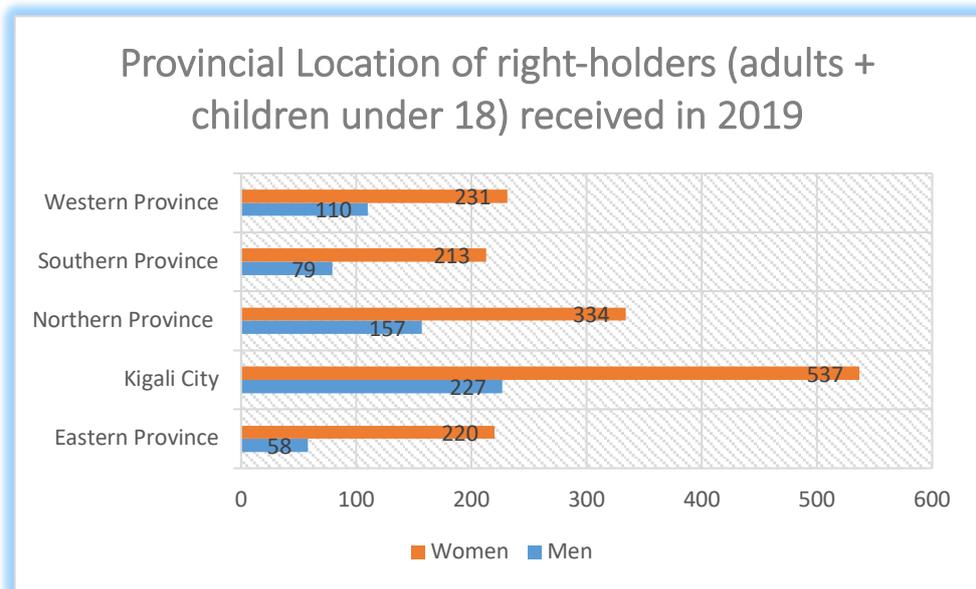


The bar chart presents the level of education of right holders (adults + children under 18) received in 2019.

Table 4: Provincial location of right-holders (Adults & Children Under 18) received in 2019

Provincial Location	M	F	Total number of right-holders (Adults + Children under 18) provided with legal aid
Eastern Province	58	220	2,166
Kigali City	227	537	
Northern Province	157	334	
Southern Province	79	213	
Western Province	110	231	
Grand Total	631	1,535	

Fig 4: Bar-chart showing Provincial Location of right-holders (Adults + Children Under 18) received in 2019

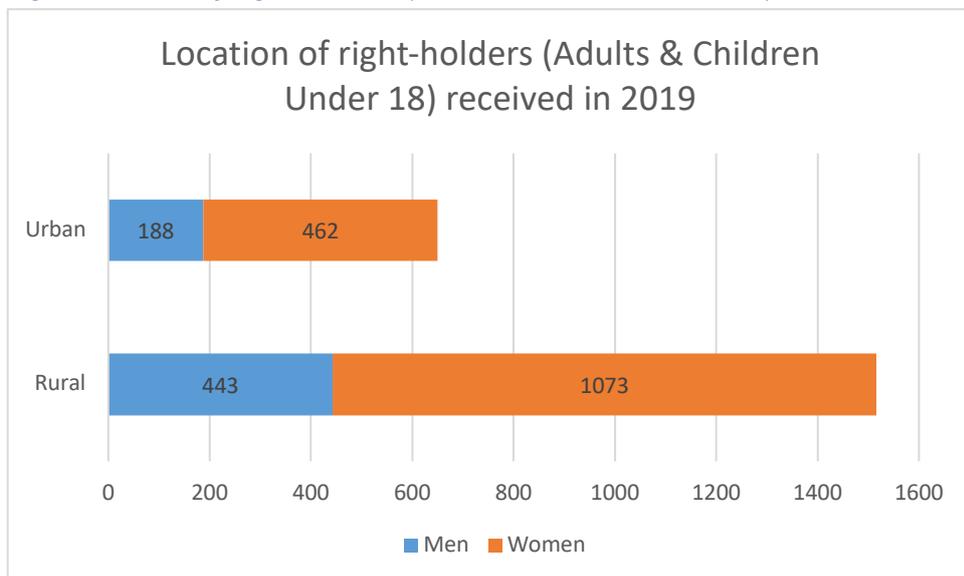


The bar chart presents the provincial location of right holders (adults + children under 18) received in 2019

Table 5: Location of right-holders (Adults & Children Under 18) received in 2019

Location	Men	Women	Total number of right-holders (Adults + Children under 18) provided with legal aid
Rural	443	1,073	2,166
Urban	188	462	
Grand Total	631	1,535	

Fig 5: Location of right-holders (Adults & Children Under 18) received in 2019

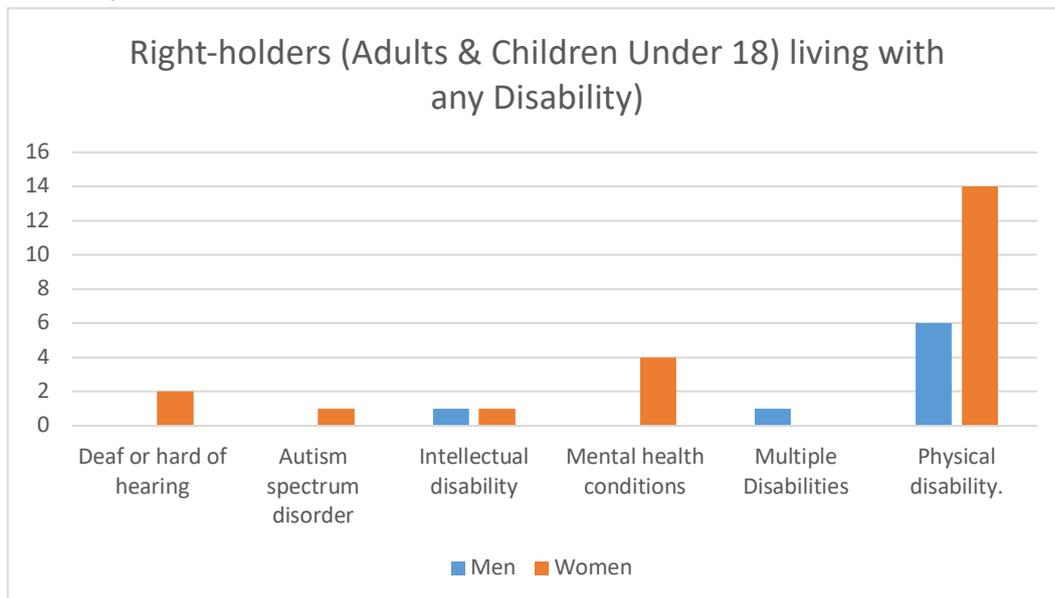


The bar chart above shows the number of right holders (adults + children under 18) received based on their respective locations in all our regional centers.

Table 6: Right-holders (Adults & Children Under 18) received in 2019 living with any Disability.

Living with any Disability	Men	Women	Total number of right-holders (Adults + Children under 18) provided with legal aid
Deaf or hard of hearing	0	2	2,166
Autism spectrum disorder	0	1	
Intellectual disability	1	1	
Mental health conditions	0	4	
Multiple Disabilities	1	0	
None	623	1,513	
Physical disability.	6	14	
Grand Total	631	1,535	

Fig 6: Bar-chart of Right-holders (Adults & Children Under 18) received in 2019 living with any Disability.

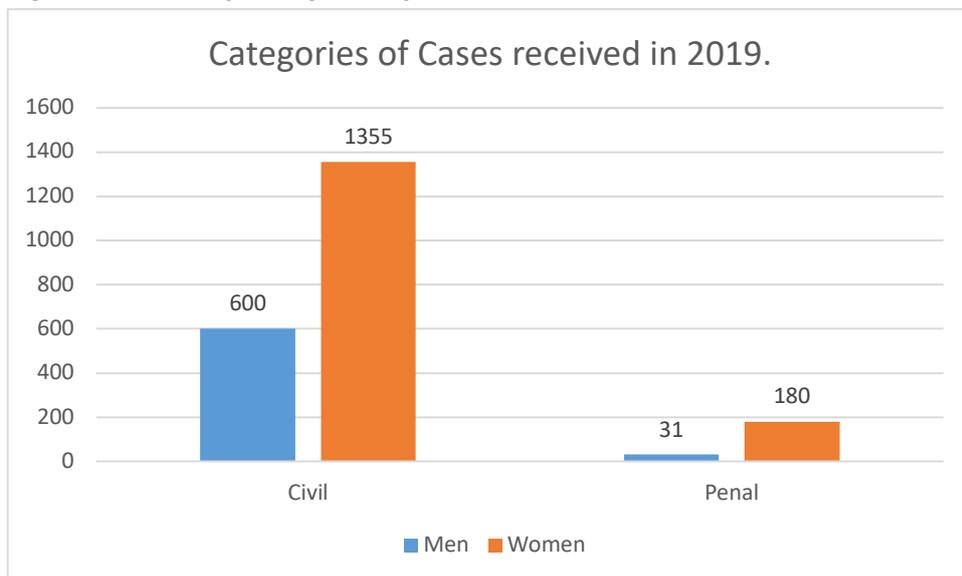


The bar chart above shows the number of right holders (adults + children under 18) received living with any disability

Table 7: Categories of Cases received in 2019

Categories of Cases	Men	Women	Total number of right-holders (Adults + Children under 18) provided with legal aid
Civil	600	1,355	2,166
Penal	31	180	
Grand Total	631	1,535	

Fig 7: Bar-chart of Categories of Cases received in 2019.

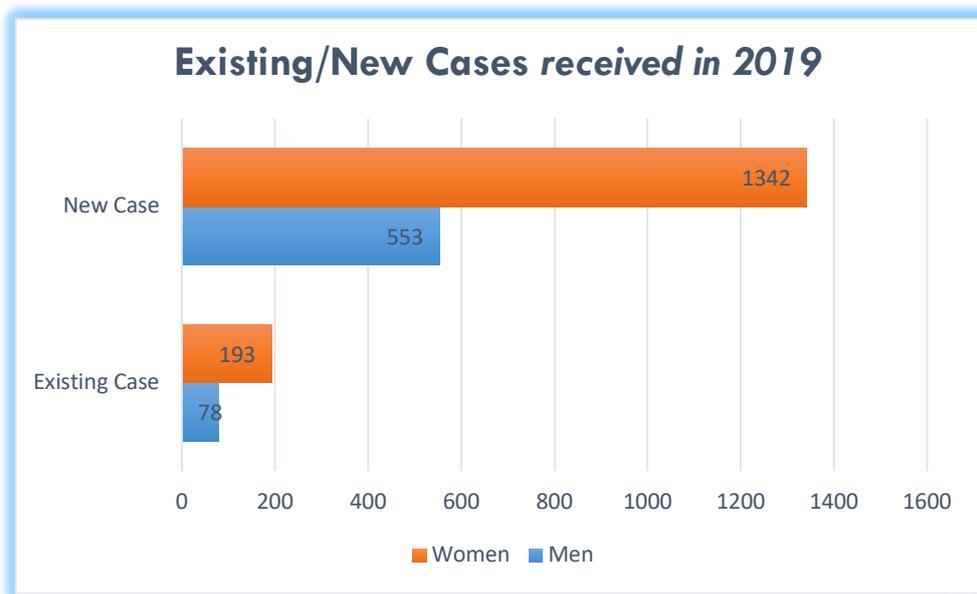


Haguruka categorizes types of cases into two: civil and penal cases. The bar chart above shows the number of cases reported by category in 2019.

Table 8: Existing/New Cases received in 2019

Existing/New Case	Men	Women	Total number of right-holders (Adults + Children under 18) provided with legal aid
Existing Case	78	193	2,166
New Case	553	1,342	
Grand Total	631	1,535	

Fig 8: Bar-chart of Existing/New Cases received in 2019.



The bar chart above shows the number of existing or new cases received in 2019.

B.1.2. Provision of legal aid through mobile legal clinics

As part of Haguruka's mandate, it provides legal assistance to women and children. Haguruka has gone far to extend legal services through mobile legal clinics by finding people in their localities. In 2019 Haguruka has provided legal aid through mobile legal clinics to 3,060 right holders in Musanze, Nyaruguru, Gasabo, Bugesera, Nyamasheke, Karongi, Rusizi, Nyarugenge, Rulindo, Kicukiro, Rwamagana, Gatsibo, Nyagatare, Ngoma, Kirehe Nyanza, and Huye Districts.

B.1.2.1 Provision of legal aid to GBV through mobile legal clinics in Musanze, Nyaruguru, Gasabo, Bugesera, Nyamasheke, Kayonza, Nyanza and Gakenke Districts.

Haguruka provided legal aid to GBV victims (through mobile legal clinics in Musanze, Nyaruguru, Gasabo, Bugesera, Nyamasheke, Karongi, Rusizi, Nyarugenge, Rulindo, Kicukiro, Rwamagana, Gatsibo, Nyagatare, Ngoma, Kirehe Nyanza, and Huye Districts to ensure that GBV victims including women and girls with disabilities have access to quality legal aid. An approximate number of 2,771 GBV victims (1,673 women, 898 men and 133 children (83 girls and 50 boys), and 67 PWDs (59 women & 5 men)) benefited from the legal clinics. During the mobile legal clinics, Haguruka's lawyers explained different laws related to the GBV and child rights to the rights holders.



April 2019 – Citizen from Musanze District– A GBV victim was receiving legal support from Haguruka's lawyer through mobile legal clinics

Right holders whose cases were related to GBV were informed to present their cases to Haguruka's lawyers for legal advice, orientation, mediation, and advocacy. This particular activity was conducted during the sector assemblies "Inteko z'abatungae" at the sector level.

The mobile legal clinics also acted as a medium to raise awareness on the prevention and reduction of gender-based violence. The mobile legal clinics were carried out in close collaboration with the executive secretaries at the sector level. In 2019, Haguruka conducted 207 mobile legal clinics in all the above-mentioned districts.

B.1.2.2. Provision of legal aid/support to teenage mothers through mobile legal clinics in all sectors in Kayonza & Nyanza Districts

Haguruka provided legal aid to teenage mothers through mobile legal clinics in Kayonza & Nyanza Districts intending to ensure that teenage mothers have access to quality legal aid. An approximate number of 132 teenage mothers benefited from legal clinics. Haguruka also supported the teenage mothers to register their children at the sector office in their respective localities.



Haguruka's lawyer receiving providing legal to teenage mothers in Kabarondo Sector

The mobile legal clinics also acted as a medium to raise awareness on the prevention and reduction of teenage pregnancies as well as gender-based violence. The mobile legal clinics were carried out in close collaboration with civil registration officers at sector level who were tasked with registering children of the teenage mothers and sensitizing about childbirth registration in Kayonza & Nyanza Districts. In 2019, 14 mobile legal clinics were conducted in all 12 sectors of Kayonza district & two (2) sectors in Nyanza District.

Teenage mothers from different sectors of the districts are still benefiting from the following:

- Legal advice provisions and orientation
- Accompaniment for pieces of evidence collection
- Legal briefs drafting and submission before courts

B.1.2.3. Provision of legal aid/support to women workers in Horticulture farms through mobile legal clinics in all sectors in Rwamagana and Kicukiro Districts.

Haguruka provided legal aid to women workers in horticulture farms (Kazihort Ltd farm, Akanyenyeri Genuine Ltd farm, Green Best Ltd, and Bella Flower Ltd) through mobile legal clinics in Rwamagana and Kicukiro Districts. Sixty-seven (67) women workers benefited from

legal clinics. Haguruka also supported the women workers to claim their labor rights. Sixteen (16) mobile legal clinics were conducted in Rwamagana and Kicukiro Districts.



Haguruka's lawyer receiving & providing legal to women workers in the horticulture farms in Rwamagana Districts

The mobile legal clinics also acted as a medium to raise awareness on the prevention and reduction of gender-based violence in horticulture farms as well as raise awareness on women's rights at the workplace. The mobile legal clinics were carried out in close collaboration with farm managers in the targeted farms.

B.1.3. Provision of legal representation to GBV victims.

In 2019, Haguruka provided legal representation before the courts of law to 198 GBV victims in Musanze, Nyaruguru, Gasabo, Bugesera, Nyamasheke, Karongi, Rusizi, Nyarugenge, Rulindo, Kicukiro, Rwamagana, Gatsibo, Nyagatare, Ngoma, Kirehe Nyanza, and Huye Districts. The 198 cases represented before the courts of law vary from different categories of penal and civil cases—divorce, property (immovable), breach of contract, paternity petition, succession, physical violence, sexual violence. Out of the 198 cases represented before the courts of law, 15 GBV victims from Karongi, Rusizi, Nyarugenge, Rulindo, Kicukiro, Rwamagana, and Huye Districts were provided with DNA fees to claim paternity for their children.

B.1.3.1 Provision of legal representation to Teenage mothers and Women workers in Horticulture farms.

Twenty (20) teenage mothers & 18 women workers in horticulture farms in Kayonza, Rwamagana Gatsibo, Nyagatare, Ngoma, Kirehe, and Kicukiro Districts were provided with legal representation before the courts of law. Haguruka's lawyers have gone a step further to conduct follow-up activities for the 39 on-going cases that have been represented before the courts of law. The activities were conducted in order to submit case pleadings and summons as stipulated by the civil, social, commercial, and administrative procedures.

B.2 Awareness-raising activities and social mobilization

Haguruka not only advocates for the promotion of women and children's rights under existing laws, but we also raise awareness on legal frameworks governing land, women's land rights, and prevention and reduction of gender-based violence through community dialogues.

B.2.1. Public awareness on the Role of Abunzi committees, Abunzi law, GBV laws, and other laws regulating human rights.

in 2019, Haguruka conducted 86 community dialogues on the Role of Abunzi committees, Abunzi law, GBV laws as well as other laws regulating human rights in Gasabo, Bugesera, Musanze, Nyaruguru, and Nyamasheke Districts.



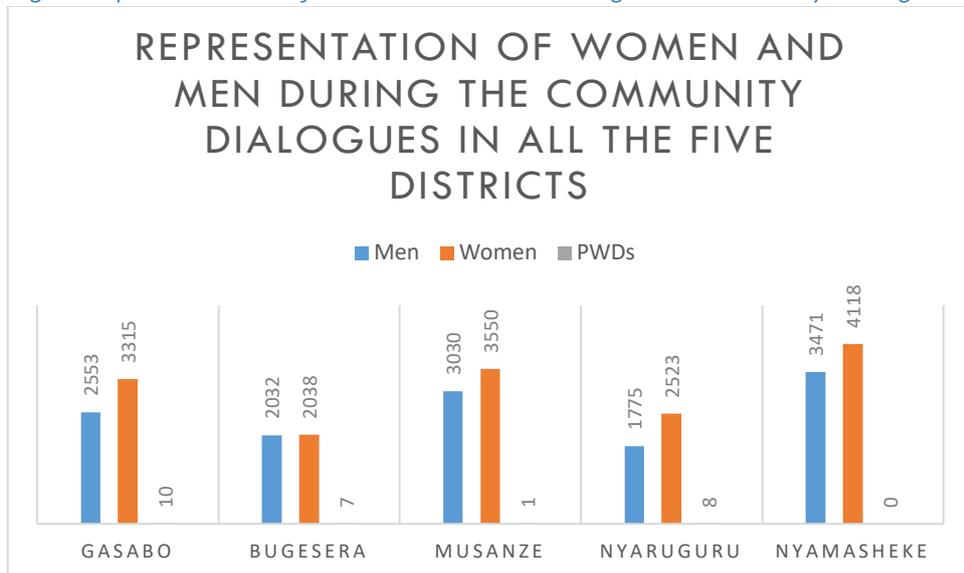
The community dialogues were conducted at the sector level in Gasabo, Bugesera, Musanze, Nyaruguru, and Nyamasheke Districts. The community dialogues were conducted every Tuesday during the sector assemblies "Inteko z'abatwariye".

The objective of these community dialogues was to ensure that all local citizens are equipped with the knowledge on different laws and functioning of the Abunzi Committee as well as its

competence. Space also provided an opportunity for local citizens in the above-mentioned district to ask questions on issues facing them related to the discussion topics and obtain answers in a participatory way.

In terms of women's inclusion, women were highly represented during the community dialogues, and men and women training an equal opportunity to present and participate. The community dialogues reached approximately 28,431 citizens (women: 15,544 and men: 12,861, and PWDs: 26) in Gasabo, Bugesera, Musanze, Nyaruguru, and Nyamasheke Districts in Kigali city, Eastern, Northern, Southern, and Western Provinces, respectively.

Fig 9: Representation of women and men during the community dialogues.



B.2.2. Awareness of legal frameworks governing land and women's land rights.

Haguruka conducted 27 community dialogues in Rubavu and Musanze Districts in the Western and Northern Provinces, respectively, on legal frameworks governing land and women's land rights. The dialogues were held during the citizen's forums (Inteko y'abaturage) at sector level in both districts. The community dialogues reached 9,189 right-holders in both districts.

Success Story:

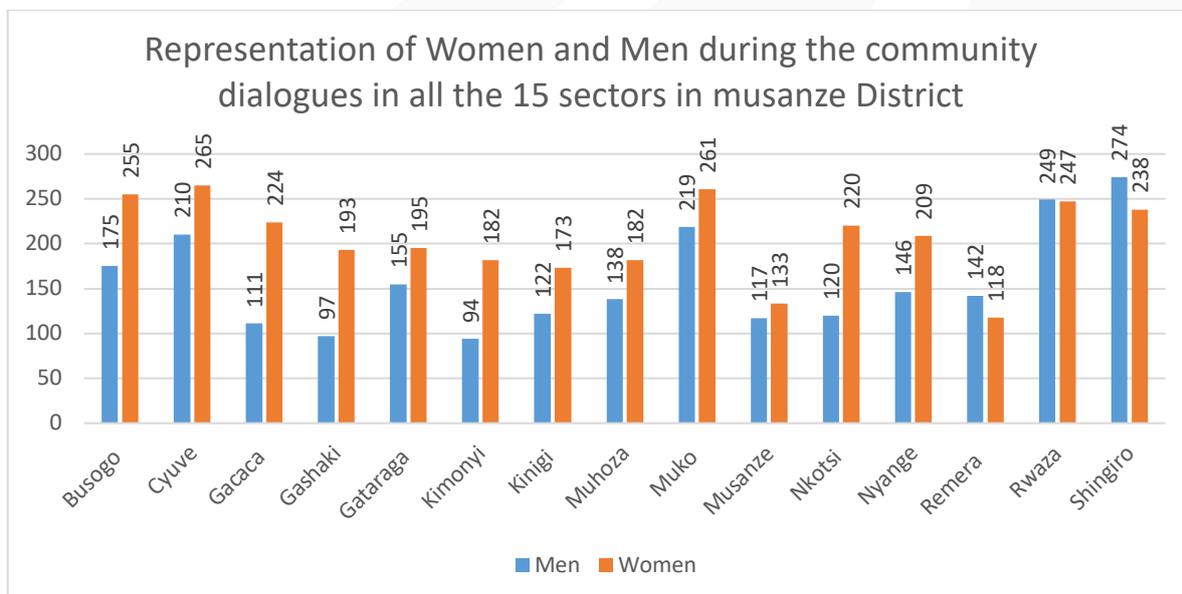
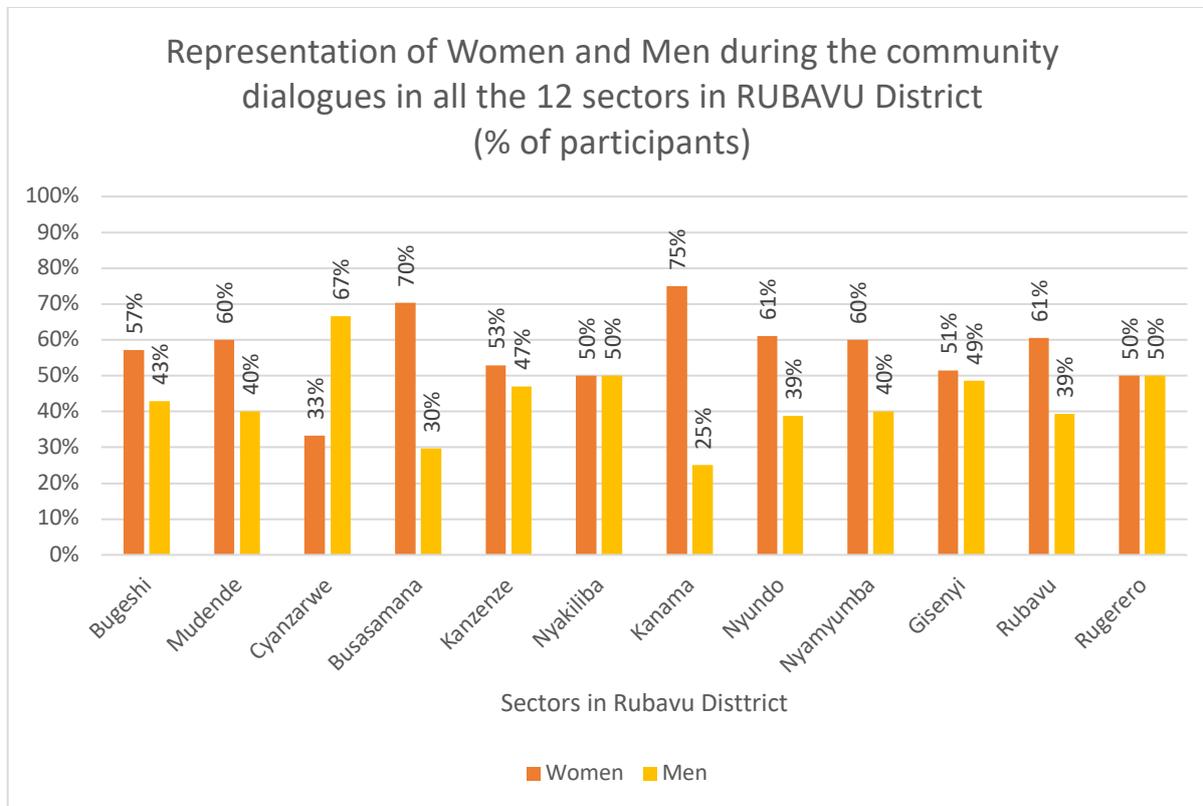
One participant said, "We thought that once we have purchased the land and acquired the legal binding of purchase between the buyer and the seller, that was enough for the land to be legally ours. Other further procedures to be followed to register our land is news to us and we shall make an effort to register our land at the sector office and obtain the legal land title in our names."

The objective of these community dialogues was to ensure that all local citizens, specifically vulnerable women, are better equipped to defend their rights through greater knowledge of the legal framework governing land rights. Space also provided an opportunity for local citizens in Ngoma and Gisagara Districts to ask questions on issues facing them related to the discussion topics and obtain answers in a participatory way.



In terms of women's inclusion, women were highly represented during the community dialogues with 5,300 women and 3,889 men reached during these community dialogues, and men and women were given an equal opportunity to present and participate.

Fig 9: Representation of women and men during the community dialogues in Rubavu and Musanze districts





During the community dialogues, different methods and approaches were used to help the participants easily understand their rights on land—including women’s rights on land/property. A participatory approach was used to engage the local citizens in the discussions and allow them to share their views and experience in a friendly and comfortable environment. To ensure participation of the citizens, Haguruka developed Information Education Communication (IEC) materials with selected

key messages to be addressed to the public. Some of the IEC materials included posters, image boxes, leaflets, pull-ups, and simplified legal guide booklets on the land law.

During this phase, Haguruka also conducted dialogue sessions with 864 Local authorities at the village level (434 Executive Secretaries and 434 women representatives) in Musanze District on the legal framework governing women’s land rights and laws regarding land matters. The main objective for the dialogue sessions with village leaders was to equip them with the knowledge and understanding of the land law in order to become advocates of change in their respective



villages. During the community dialogues conducted in Musanze District, Haguruka, in close collaboration with RLMUA, carried out a unique approach to raise awareness on the legal framework governing land matters more particularly on women’s rights on land among village leaders. This was a unique approach aimed at getting the message further than the targeted sectors/cells where the community dialogues were conducted during the citizens’ forums (Inteko y’abaturage).

The village leaders expressed their appreciation for the program and its overall objective. Most of the village leaders confessed to having learned of some of the legal provisions governing land matters for the very first time during the dialogues. In terms of participation during these dialogue sessions, 432 village leaders & 432 women representatives under the National Women Council (NWC) at the village level participated

B.2.3. Awareness-raising of the on-going trials of genocide perpetrators in Rusizi & Nyarugenge Districts.

Within this year, in Rusizi & Nyarugenge Districts in Mururu & Gashonga and Nyamirambo & Rwezamenyo Sectors respectively on the on-going trials of Rukeratabaro Theodore and Neretse Fabien—1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi perpetrators—taking place in Sweden and Belgium, respectively. The dialogues aimed to enable the local population and victims' associations in both sectors to understand and participate in the trials of the perpetrators for the crimes committed during the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda. The dialogues targeted affected populations and victims' associations.



Dialogues with victim's organizations and victims of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi on-going trials in Mururu and Gashonga Sectors

The dialogues aimed to enable the local population in Mururu & Gashonga and Nyamirambo & Rwezamenyo Sectors to understand and participate in the trials of the two perpetrators for the crimes committed during the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda. The dialogues involved victims' organizations including IBUKA, AVEGA, and AERG. The dialogues reached an estimated 400 participants with women comprising half of the participants.

B.2.4. Awareness-raising on women's rights and the GBV legal framework in Gasabo, Bugesera, Kayonza and Musanze Districts.

In 2019, Haguruka conducted 122 dialogue sessions in Gasabo, Bugesera, Kayonza and Musanze Districts on women's rights, GBV prevention, shifting social norms, GBV referral structures and procedures to follow, gender equality and equity, and positive masculinities. The dialogues were held at cell level in Remera & Bumbogo Sectors in Gasabo District, Cyuve &

Success Story. Woman participant in the community dialogues with Couples

"My husband left me for three years and went to another woman due to the polygamy issue that is still normalized in Musanze District. When Ingo z'Amahoro project started, I was selected to participate in the community dialogues and my husband was also approached by the local leaders who asked him to join the community dialogues. After some sessions he showed some behavior change and decided to come back home, and when he asked me if I will accept to live with him as husband and wife, confidently I told him first that both of us should go for HIV test because I could not trust his status, I value my life. We were found HIV negative and now we live peacefully and equal partners at home. I was also trusted and elected to be among the Abunzi committee and mobilizers of GBV eradication in Umugoroba w'Ababyeyi (Evening Parents' Dialogue)".

Musanze sectors in Musanze District, Juru Sector in Kayonza District, and Mukarage Ntarama, Gashora, Musenyi & Mayange Sectors in Bugesera District. The dialogues targeted 160 couples including 120 couples with women living under GBV circumstances and 40 model couples residing in all the above-mentioned sectors/districts. The overall objective of these dialogues was to aim at raising awareness for men and women on gender equality and equity, women's rights, GBV prevention, referral procedures, and positive masculinity.

During the dialogues, a participatory method was used to help participants to share their understanding of the issues of gender equality, domestic violence, and women's rights issues. The



dialogue sessions provided a platform to raise awareness on GBV prevention and reduction of toxic masculinity and viewing women's rights in a different positive paradigm.

The dialogue sessions with couples and youth tackled on different topics with a sole aim of reducing household conflicts resulting from GBV—namely gender equality & equity, gender-based violence, calling out gender-

based violence, stipulation of laws, use of power and gender, what can be done to promote peaceful homes, and commitment to promote peaceful homes.

B.2.5. Dialogue sessions with youth on women's rights, GBV prevention, and Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights in Gasabo, Bugesera, Kayonza and Musanze Districts.

In 2019, Haguruka conducted 45 dialogue sessions with youth in Gasabo and Musanze districts on women's rights, GBV prevention, and Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights. The dialogue sessions were held at the cell level in Remera and Bumbogo Sectors in Gasabo District and in Cyuve and Musanze sectors in the Musanze District.

The dialogues targeted 120 youths residing in Gasabo, Bugesera, Kayonza and Musanze Districts. The overall objective of these dialogues was to continue empowering young boys and girls with knowledge of their rights and support them to demand change while engaging community members (men & boys) in tackling gender inequality (social norms).



The dialogue sessions with youth (girls and boys) was also a platform to mobilize them as change agents in their respective communities while encouraging them to adopt a peaceful and healthy lifestyle. To ensure participation of the citizens, Haguruka developed Information Education Communication (IEC) materials with selected key

messages to be addressed to the youth. Some of the IEC materials included posters, image boxes, leaflets, and pull-ups.

B.2.6. Safe space dialogues with only girls and women in Musanze & Gasabo Districts.

In 2019, Haguruka introduced women and girls safe space dialogues for women and girls that participate in the dialogue sessions with couples and youth respectively. Forty (40) dialogue sessions were conducted for women and girls respectively in Gasabo and Musanze Districts.



Girls during safe space dialogues in Musanze District

The overall objective of the women's and girls' only dialogue was to create a safe space where women and girls feel physically and emotionally safe. The dialogue sessions with Only Women and Girls provided a space where women and girls, feel comfortable and enjoy the freedom to express themselves without the fear of judgment or harm. The community dialogues sessions with only women and girls also provided a space for women and girls to connect on key issues and support each other for collective change.

Success Story. A girl participating in the girl-friendly safe space dialogue sessions:

“Claudine is a single mother who live in Musanze District, Musanze Sector, Garuka Cell, and after attending community dialogue sessions for girls, she was able to claim her inheritance from her brother who refused to share the inheritance with her after the death of their parents. Claudine learned about her rights even though she is a single mother, and she went to the local leaders with no fear. Claudine said “I am happy because I learned about my rights and I went to the local leaders to claim my inheritance from my brother because our parents passed away. Now I was given my land.”

Success Story. Woman participant in the women safe space dialogue sessions:

“I like this time together as women because, for me, it is considered as a counselling space. I speak with no shame, no fear of those who would judge me and laugh at me. I shared my experience of sexual abuse in my marriage and felt like a heavy burden had been lifted off my back. Today I can speak to my husband and tell him that I am not a property of sex”.”



embarrassed or judged by men.

Women dialogues serve as their safe space where they come together to discuss and reflect on the topics which they learned with their husband during the couples' community dialogues. Topics are based on their personal experience and the challenges they face regarding gender-related issues and sexual and reproductive health and rights in a comfortable environment where they don't feel

These dialogue sessions are run by trained women and girls' safe space facilitators who are trained and equipped with facilitation skills. The dialogues targeted 80 girls and 40 women residing in Remera and Bumbogo Sectors in Gasabo District and in Cyuve and Musanze Sectors in the Musanze District. The dialogues were conducted twice a week at the above-mentioned sectors.

B.2.7. Inter-school debates on VAWG, GBV prevention, women's rights, and SRHR in Gasabo and Musanze Districts.

In 2019, Haguruka introduced inter-school debates on VAWG, GBV prevention, women's rights, and SRHR. Eight (8) inter-school debates were conducted in 4 schools in Musanze and Gasabo



districts (Groupe Scholaire Cyuve & Cyabagarura and Groupe Scholaire Remera & Bumbogo). Debates were a way to provide space to acquire knowledge and critical thinking and discussions on the issues of gender equality, SRHR, and gender norms.

The inter-school debates provided a medium to raise awareness on gender equality which reached 80 students and teachers from the four schools in Gasabo and Musanze Districts. After the debate

sessions, Haguruka staff conducted awareness and sensitization sessions on gender equality and answered related questions from students and teachers.

B.2.8. Study Tour with Trócaire partners to women safe spaces in Musanze and Rubavu Districts.

Haguruka conducted two (2) study tours with Trócaire partners to women safe spaces in Gacaca Sector, Musanze District, Northern Province and Kanama Sector, Rubavu District, Western Province. This activity was conducted in close collaboration with Rwanda Women's Network (RWN) an organization with vast experience in running women-only safe spaces. The objective of the study tour was to provide an opportunity for Trócaire Partners (ARCT Ruhuka, CEJP, CDJP Gikongoro, RCSP, Duterimbere ONG, and Centre Igiti cy'ubugingo) to gain experience in developing and running community spaces to facilitate awareness of their rights and support for women to claim their rights.



Girls and women that participate in the women-only spaces in Rubavu District.

During the two study tours in Rubavu and Musanze Districts, facilitation covered: 1) improved knowledge and skills on the establishment and management of women-only spaces, 2) methodology, strategies, and tools used for empowering women gathering in women's only spaces, and 3) hands-on experience on how to engage women to deal and advocate for issues affecting them.

B.2.9. Public awareness on the rights of persons with disabilities, human rights, and role of the community to protect girls and women with disabilities from human rights violations at the community level in Musanze District.

During 2019 Haguruka conducted 15 community dialogues on the rights of persons with disabilities with a particular focus on women and girls. The community dialogues were conducted at the sector level during the citizens' forums. Fifteen (15) dialogues that were conducted equate to the number of sectors in Musanze District. The community dialogues were not only limited to raising awareness on the rights of persons with disabilities, more particularly on women and girls, but also raising awareness on GBV prevention, women's rights, and children's rights.

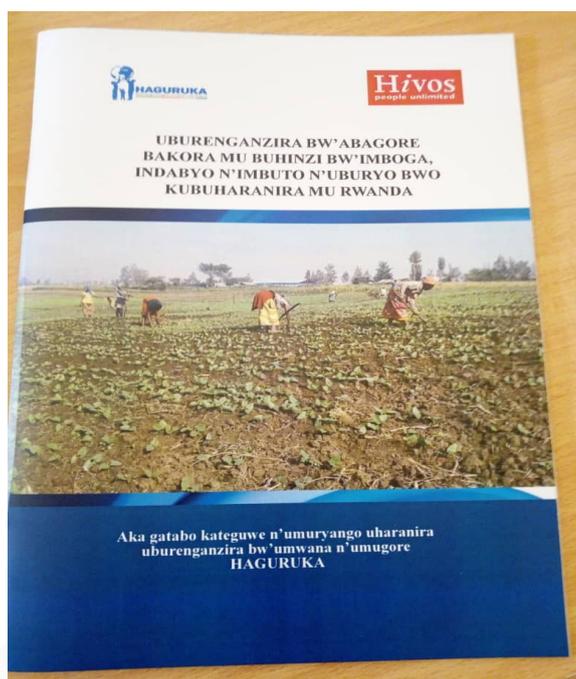


The objective of these community dialogues was to raise awareness of the community about the rights and protection of PWDs—especially women and girls. Space also provided an opportunity for local citizens in the above-mentioned district to ask questions on issues facing them related to the discussion topics and obtain answers in a participatory way. The community dialogues reached 750 women and girls with disabilities.

During the community dialogues, different people declared that it opened their eyes and hearts about the protection of PWDs.

B.2.10. Development and Dissemination of IEC materials/Toolkit on Legal Frameworks governing women and children's rights.

In 2019, Haguruka developed Information, Education and Communication toolkit with key messages on women's rights and GBV prevention. The IEC materials were disseminated to the local population during the above-mentioned community dialogues. The IEC materials were designed in the context of raising gender equality and awareness in legal frameworks governing women's rights.

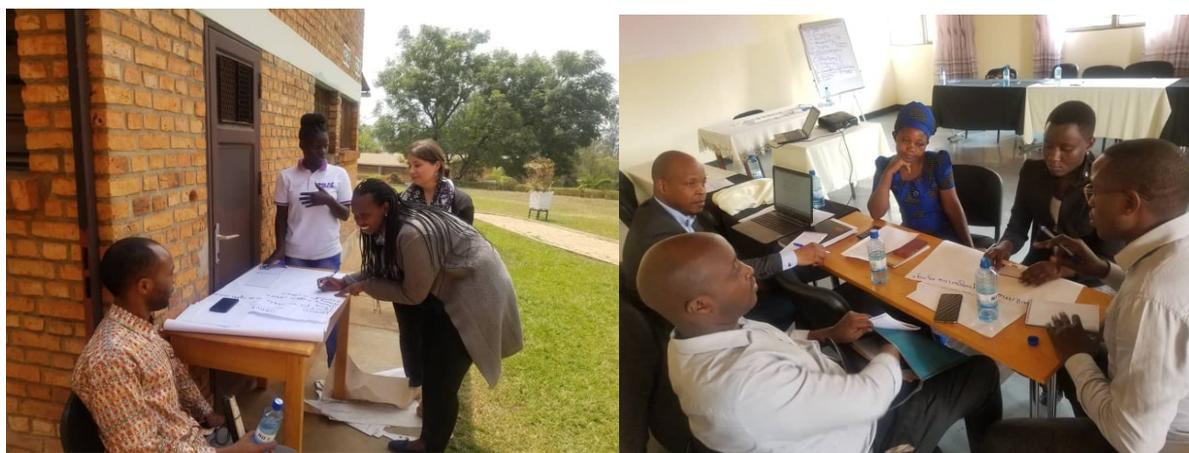


Developed booklet on the National Labor Law

The following IEC materials were developed and disseminated:

- Simplified legal guide booklets on 1. National Law N° 01/2007 Of 20/01/2007 relating to Protection of Persons with Disabilities and UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and 2. National Labor Law. These booklets were disseminated to duty bearers and Haguruka's paralegals as a guiding tool towards providing legal aid to women and children.
- Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) toolkit with key and relevant messages on the rights of persons with disabilities, GBV prevention, and on women and children's rights.
- A GBV legal aid standards module for Haguruka's paralegals and other key stakeholders (i.e., MINIJUST).
- A cross-cutting module on gender and GBV referral pathways. The module clearly defines the roles and responsibilities of the GBV service providers in Rwanda.
- A module on leadership and participation in decision making for girls for the dialogue sessions with Youth and Girls in Gasabo and Musanze Districts.

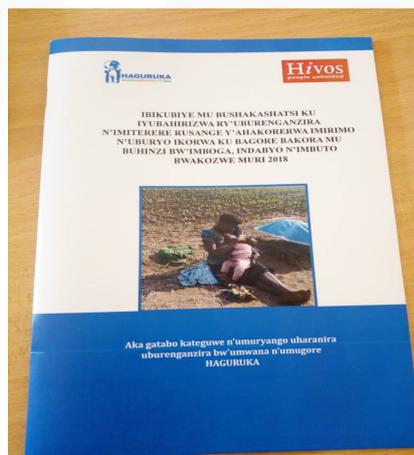
Content gathering sessions were organized to identify and select key messages for the IEC toolkit (posters, flyers, banners, posters, image boxes, and pull-ups). The objective of the content gathering sessions was to identify key messages and illustrations that resonate with our target group. The IEC materials were disseminated during the community dialogues to the local citizens for project visibility purposes.



Content gathering session to select and identify key messages

B.2.11. Translation of the research conducted by Haguruka Reinforcement of the Labor law and related policies in the horticulture sector in Rwanda.

Haguruka simplified and translated the research conducted on enforcement of labor law and related policies in the horticulture sector into an easy-to-read booklet. Five-hundred (500) copies have been produced for dissemination to different farms and partners.



B.3. Capacity development for partners and stakeholders

B.3.1: Training of 32 JRLOS M&E Officers on Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning (MEL) in Kigali.

Thirty-two (32) JRLOS M&E Officers were trained on Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning (MEL) in Kigali. The objective of the training was to ensure participants are equipped with the necessary skills to develop and implement monitoring and evaluation tools aligned with national planning tools in general, and specifically, with the JRLO Sector Strategic plan.



At the end of the training, participants were equipped with skills to 1) develop a theory of change of their interventions, 2) build and use Log Frame to monitor their interventions, 3) select SMART indicators to track the progress of their interventions, and 3) collect, process and report data

The two-day training in each district gathered 32 JRLOS M&E Officers from Kigali.

The two-day training in each district

B.3.2: Training of 128 judges and registrars of Kigali jurisdiction on the use of IECMS.

Haguruka offered capacity building training to 128 judges and registrars of Kigali jurisdiction on the use of IECMS. The objective of the training was to increase the advanced knowledge and usage of IECMS.

The four-days training gathered 128 judges and registrars of Kigali jurisdiction. The Participants were trained in 4 groups of 32 participants for four-days per group.



At the end of the training participants were equipped with skills to 1) create and generate reports (monthly, quarterly and annual), 2) harmonize reports from all courts in the jurisdiction to present a clear picture of the judiciary through IECMS, 3) identify and address different challenges that prevent IECMS from having accurate data due

to usability, 3) create a dashboard for your one's daily auto-evaluation, 4) search a case for non-appeal, 5) search for execution of criminal cases, and 6) search the case for precedence.

B.3.3: Training on Rwanda GBV legal framework and available GBV services, referral structures/mechanisms and procedures to follow

In 2019, Haguruka offered capacity building training to district authorities, CSO members and local representatives on GBV legal framework, GBV services, referral structures/mechanisms, and procedures to follow in Bugesera and Kayonza Districts. The objective of the training was to increase the knowledge and awareness of opinion leaders on gender-based violence and available prevention and management laws and policies in Rwanda.



The two-days training in each district gathered different categories of district authorities working around GBV prevention and response. The participants were representatives of local leaders, service providers to GBV victims (Isange One-Stop Centers), National Women Council, religious leaders, heads of secondary schools, organizations working on GBV prevention, community policing, anti-GBV committees, and hospital and health center staff.

In terms of women inclusion, out of 40 participants expected to attend from each district, 11 were women and 29 were men.

The training provided an opportunity to participants to Understand the concept of GBV, forms, types and definitions of other terms associated with GBV, causes and consequences of GBV, the Rwanda GBV Legal Framework Referral pathways, and services provided to GBV victims.

The training provided a space for participants to share some challenges in relation to the implementation of GBV legal frameworks, the use and access to GBV services, referral structures, and procedures to follow.

B.3.4: Training of national women’s council representatives at the cell level, anti-GBV committees and youth council on GBV administration in Bugesera and Kayonza Districts.

Haguruka trained paralegals, national women’s council representatives at the cell level, anti-GBV committees and youth council on GBV administration in Bugesera and Kayonza Districts. The main objective of the training was to increase the knowledge and skills of the participants on gender equality, GBV prevention and response, laws, and service to the victims. The training



also aimed at increasing the skills of participants on methodology for facilitation of dialogue sessions using the module developed by Haguruka. The trained participants were tasked with becoming champions of GBV prevention in their respective areas

Training session with paralegals and other participants in Kayonza District

B.3.5: Training of local authorities at the cell level in Rubavu and Musanze Districts trained on land governance and laws related to land matters

296 local authorities (148 Executive Secretaries at the cell level and 148 Chairpersons of the land committees at the cell level) in Rubavu and Musanze Districts were trained on land governance and laws related to land matters. The main objective of the training was to enhance the capacity of the local authorities to understand, apply, and harmonize the legal framework governing women’s land rights and laws regarding land matters. The training also aimed at raising awareness among local authorities and service providers regarding women’s land rights and laws regarding land matters.

The training was carried out in 8 intakes of two days each and all participants were based in Rubavu and Musanze Districts in the Western and Northern Province, respectively.



Eight (8) training intakes were attended by 148 Cell Executive Secretaries and 148 Chairpersons of the Cell Land Committees, for a total of 296 participants at all four intakes. Out of the 296 people, 65 were women representing 22% of the total participants. At the end of each training, in-take participants were given simplified legal guide booklets on the land law to provide them with the basic

information on the land to provide legal advice to the community at the grass-root level.



Local authorities at the end of the training session with their legal guide booklets

At the end of each training in-take participants were given simplified legal guide booklets on the land law to provide them with the basic information on the land to provide legal advice to the community at the grass-root level.

B.3.6: Training of 416 paralegals across the country on GBV legal aid standards, procedures and laws.

416 paralegals across the country (equating to the number of sectors in Rwanda) were trained on the GBV legal aid standards, procedures and laws in Gasabo, Bugesera, Musanze, Nyaruguru, and Nyamasheke Districts. The objective of the training provided the participants with the knowledge and skills on the GBV legal aid standards as well as apply the acquired knowledge and skills in their daily work of legal provision and orientation.



Paralegals after the training on GBV legal aid standards.

The GBV Legal aid standards set out responsibilities and procedures to be followed by legal aid providers for the effective and efficient delivery of high-quality legal aid services. The training also highlighted how different service providers should work in close collaboration to ensure that referral systems are in place and accessible for GBV victims.



B.3.6.1: Training of 79 community dialogue facilitators/Paralegals on the role of Abunzi in Gasabo, Bugesera, Musanze, Nyaruguru, and Nyamasheke Districts

Seventy-four (74) community dialogue facilitators and paralegals were trained on the role of Abunzi in Gasabo, Bugesera, Musanze, Nyaruguru, and Nyamasheke Districts. The objective of the training was to increase the capacity of the community dialogue facilitators on the general understanding of the Abunzi system and its functionality. The training was also a means to reactivate the role of community dialogues facilitators to increase public understanding of the judicial rights and processes to empower citizens to engage in the judicial processes.



Community dialogue facilitators during and after the training in Nyaruguru District

The two-days training in each district gathered Haguruka's 74 paralegals representing all sectors in Gasabo, Bugesera, Musanze, Nyaruguru, and Nyamasheke Districts and Haguruka's five (5) lawyers stationed at our regional centers.

B.3.6.2: Training of 27 paralegals in Rubavu and Musanze Districts on land governance and laws related to land matters

Twenty-seven (27) of Haguruka’s paralegals were trained on land governance and laws regarding land matters in Rubavu (12) and Musanze (15) Districts. The main objective was to strengthen their capacity to understand, apply, and harmonize the legal framework governing women’s land rights and laws regarding land matters. The training also aimed at raising



awareness among paralegals regarding women’s land rights and laws regarding land matters.

After the training, paralegals were given simplified legal guide booklets on the land law to provide them with the basic information on the land to provide legal advice to the community at the grass-root level. All 27 of the paralegals trained in Rubavu and Musanze Districts were

women.

B.3.6.3: Refresher training of Haguruka’s paralegals on the National Law N° 01/2007 Of 20/01/2007 relating to Protection of Persons with Disabilities in Musanze District.

Haguruka’s 15 paralegals were trained on the National Law N° 01/2007 Of 20/01/2007 relating to Protection of Persons with Disabilities in Musanze District. The two-days training linked the international treaties signed by the Government of Rwanda (GoR) to protect the rights of persons with disabilities to the national laws and implementation.



B.3.7: Training of Trainers (ToT) for women on Law and Self-advocacy skills needed for Abunzi cases in Gasabo, Bugesera, Musanze, Nyaruguru, and Nyamasheke Districts.

Haguruka organized a Training of Trainers (ToT) for 100 women representatives of Musanze, Nyaruguru, Gasabo, Bugesera and Nyamasheke District on law and self-advocacy skills needed for Abunzi cases. The objectives of this training were to 1) empower women on their roles in advocacy, especially within the Abunzi system, on most applicable laws—land law, family law, inheritance law, and key self-advocacy skills, and 2) capacitate women to advocate for their legal rights and sensitize judicial actors to gender-specific concerns.



Women representatives after the ToT and receiving their certificates

B.3.8: Refresher Training champions/community dialogue facilitators for both couples and youths were conducted in both Musanze and Gasabo Districts.

Haguruka conducted the refresher training for 32 facilitators in Gasabo and Musanze Districts. The refresher training aimed at increasing facilitators' knowledge on dialogue session facilitation, reflecting on the past year, 2018, in relation to social impacts from the dialogues, and how to overcome challenges.



Refresher training of champions in Gasabo District.

B.3.9: Training of human resource managers and farm managers and women in the horticulture farms on gender equality, women's right, and leadership skills.

In 2019, Haguruka trained 20 farm managers and 20 human resources managers of horticulture farms in Kicukiro, Rwamagana, Gatsibo, Ngoma Kirehe, Nyagatare, Rutsiro, Ruhango, Muhanga Districts on gender equality, women's rights, and leadership skills.

The objective of the training was to increase the knowledge of human resource managers and farm managers on the concept of gender, in general, and leadership skills related to women's rights at work.

B.3.10: Training of Women workers in the horticulture sector on gender-based violence, national labor law, and related policies in Kicukiro, Rwamagana, Gatsibo, Ngoma Kirehe, Nyagatare, Rutsiro, Ruhango, Muhanga Districts.

Haguruka provided a two-days training to 90 women workers in the horticulture farms on gender-based violence, national labor law, and related policies in Kicukiro, Rwamagana,



Gatsibo, Ngoma Kirehe, Nyagatare, Rutsiro, Ruhango, Muhanga Districts. The objective of this training was to enable farmworkers to know about their rights and ways to claim them. As workers, it is crucial to know the laws that are regulating labor in Rwanda.

The farms included Bella Flower, Akanyenyeri, Garden Fresh, Green Best, Global Farmers, Gatsibo Famers, Ruhimbi farmers, and KAZIHORT. The training was held in Kigali.

B.3.11: Refresher training for farms managers and workers representatives (HRs) on ILO core conventions standards, new Rwandan labor law, and related policies.

A refresher training for farms managers and workers representative (HRs) on ILO core conventions standards, new Rwandan labor law, and related policies were conducted. The



objective of the refresher training was to enable participants to understand and familiarize themselves with the new national labor law, amendments, and related policies such as maternity policy, pension policy, and safety and occupation policy. The training was an opportunity to also discuss how ILO conventions are in line with the horticulture sector.

B.3.12: Training of district officials in the Western Province and Gakenke District in the Northern Province on gender sensitivity in land governance, laws regarding land matters, and land use and planning.

In June 2019, Haguruka offered capacity building training to district officials (Directors of One-Stop centers and Executive Secretaries at the sector level) on gender sensitivity in land governance, laws regarding land matters, and land use and planning. The training targeted for



123 participants (Eight (8) Directors of One-Stop centers at district level and 115 Executive Secretaries at the sector level) in four groups for three (3) days each in seven districts in the Western Province: Karongi, Nyamasheke, Ngororero, Nyabihu, Rusizi, Rutsiro, and Rubavu Districts, and Gakenke District in the Northern Province.

The overall objective of the training was to strengthen the capacity of district officials to effectively enforce principles of gender equality enshrined in national legal frameworks governing the land, the importance to register land, and all changes regarding land ownership.



In terms of women's inclusion, women Executive Secretaries at the sector level were equipped with knowledge and skills on land law, land governance, and land use and planning. Out of the 115 Executive Secretaries at the sector level that were trained, only 12 were women and the remaining 103 participants were men. Out of the eight (8) Directors of One-Stop Centers trained, only one (1) was a woman and the remaining seven (7) were men. Men and women were given an equal opportunity to present and participate during the training.

B.3.13: Training of district officials on the complementarity between child registration and other laws (family law, successions law, and GBV laws) in Kayonza and Nyanza Districts.

In July 2019, Haguruka offered capacity building training to district officials on the complementarity between child registration and other laws (family law, successions law, and GBV laws). The training targeted 61 participants (22 Executive Secretaries, 12 Civil Registration Officers all at the sector level, and 27 district hospital data managers) in Kayonza and Nyanza Districts in the Eastern and Southern Provinces, respectively.



Training of district officials in Kayonza District

The two-days training took place on 22nd – 23rd July at Silent Hotel in Kayonza District and 5th November at Daynu Hotel in Nyanza District. The objective of the training was to enhance the knowledge and understanding of civil registration officers, data managers, and Executive Secretaries at the sector level on gender-based violence laws, family law (child registration and relationship between parents and children), general laws determining offenses and penalties, and the law governing matrimonial regimes, donations, and successions.

B.3.14: Training of 125 Women safe spaces activists and facilitators on how to conduct and lead women-only safe spaces, supported by Trócaire partners, in five (5) districts: Nyamagabe, Nyanza, Gakenke, Rulindo and Huye.

Haguruka trained 125 women safe spaces activists and facilitators supported by Trócaire partners from five (5) districts: Nyamagabe, Nyanza, Gakenke, Rulindo and Huye on how to



conduct and lead women-only safe spaces. The specific objectives of the training were to 1) create a strong understanding of various methods to organize group activities, including participative, reflective methodologies in women safe spaces, 2) have a clear plan of who will manage and maintain the spaces, 3) improve knowledge, attitudes, skills, and actions of women in relation to GBV prevention, and 4) to facilitate women to connect and support with each other on key GBV issues in women safe spaces. The training also aimed at increasing the skills of the participants on methodology on facilitation of the women's safe spaces using the

module developed by Haguruka. The trained participants were tasked with becoming champions of GBV prevention in their respective areas

B.3.15: Training of community mobilizers currently supporting the community self-advocacy groups of persons with disabilities on the functionality of the justice system.

Thirty (30) community mobilizers currently supporting the community self-advocacy groups of persons with disabilities in Muhanga, Musanze, Rwamagana, and Nyabihu Districts were trained on the functionality of the justice system with key tips and connections to navigate the system efficiently and successfully.



The training also tackled how to provide legal assistance, referral, and orientation services to women and girls with disabilities that are GBV victims. This training took place in Kicukiro District.

B.3.16: Training of In-school girls and teachers on women’s rights, leadership, sexual reproductive health and rights, self-confidence, and GBV referral pathways in Gasabo and Musanze Districts.

Haguruka provided a two-day training to in-school girls in district Musanze and Gasabo Districts. The training targeted 40 girls and 4 teachers from two schools in 4 sectors that were



selected by the district. The training aimed at empowering girls with the knowledge and ability to demand their rights. The training equipped the girls with the skills to make decisions to hold the power to take control over their bodies.

Group work and discussion, brainstorming, and role-play methodologies were used during the training to facilitate participants to express themselves. The pre-test was used and aimed at finding out the level of understanding of girls regarding the topics to be covered especially on sexual reproductive health and rights.

The training also provided a space for the in-school girls to learn in-depth about sexual reproductive health and rights, and also clear out the mythical stories they have heard and lived by in the past such as sex reduces period pain, sex helps genitals to grow and enlarge, and girls must maximize sexual intercourse during their teenage years because they will wish to go back to do what they have never done once they are older.



B.3.17: Training of duty bearers on the International Convention on the Rights of the People with Disabilities and the National Law N° 01/2007 Of 20/01/2007 relating to Protection of Persons with Disabilities in Musanze District.

Haguruka provided capacity building training to duty bearers (Executive Secretaries at the cell level and women representatives for women with disabilities at the cell level) on the International Convention on the Rights of the People with Disabilities and the National Law N° 01/2007 of 20/01/2007 relating to Protection of Persons with Disabilities in Musanze District. The training linked the international treaties signed by the Government of Rwanda (GoR) to protect the rights of persons with disabilities to the national laws and how they are being implemented.



The training will also tackle other human rights laws, such as, GBV Law, child rights law, family law, succession law, and how these laws correspond with the CRPD. The training targeted 136 participants (68 Executive Secretaries at the cell level and 68 women representatives for women with disabilities at the sector level; 136 total participants). The participants were trained in four groups of 34 participants per group for two days each. At the end of the training, simplified legal guide booklets on National Law N° 01/2007 Of 20/01/2007 relating to Protection of Persons with Disabilities were disseminated to the participants.

B.3.18: Capacity Building training for Haguruka’s entire staff on disability and inclusion.

Haguruka organized a two-days training to all Haguruka staff on disability and inclusion. The training was facilitated by the GIZ One Mainstreaming team. The objective of the training was to build the capacity of Haguruka’s staff on the International Convention on the Rights of the People with Disabilities and on the National Law N° 01/2007 of 20/01/2007 relating to Protection of Persons with Disabilities. Additionally, the training equipped Haguruka’s staff with the knowledge and skills to provide friendly and comprehensive services to PWDs.



Haguruka’s staff during the training.

B.4. Research

Haguruka has a track record of advocating for laws and policies that are women friendly. Haguruka carries out evidence-based research to identify gaps in laws and policies to better inform legal reform that can best protect and promote women's rights.

B.4.1: Haguruka conducted a study on "Understanding factors leading to under-representation of women in decision making at district, sectors, and cell levels, in private local informal financial Institutions-Sacco, Cooperatives and Saving groups³".

Haguruka carried out a study on "Understanding factors leading to under-representation of women in decision making at district, sectors, and cell levels, in private local informal financial Institutions-Sacco, Cooperatives and Saving groups". The study aimed at analyzing the factors hindering women to access decision-making positions at local administrative entities. The targeted positions at the local level are the executive committee of the district (major and V/mayors), Executive Secretary of the district, Sector, and Cell, and Coordinator of the village. The study targeted five (5) districts: Nyamagabe, Rulindo, Rubavu, Nyagatare, and Gasabo.

The study came up with the most consensual factors leading to the under-representation of women in decision-making positions at local administrative entities based on people's opinions in the five districts across the country. These factors were classified according to the frequencies and weight given by participants. The factors were at three levels: First, there are factors related to the institutional level; Secondly those related to community level; third, factors related to the individual level. Each of these factors was selected based on frequencies of participants judging it as critical.



The research engaged diverse stakeholders in public and private sectors working around gender issues. A pre-validation workshop was organized to share the key findings of the research with key stakeholders and partners from Government institutions and CSOs. The key stakeholders shared their key recommendations from the research findings with the sole purpose of improving the social and political reintegration of women in decision making positions.

³ Study conducted by Haguruka on "Understanding factors leading to under-representation of women in decision making at district, sectors, and cell levels, in private local informal financial Institutions-Sacco, Cooperatives and Saving groups"

B.4.2: Haguruka conducted an assessment on “Justice chains and attention routes dealing with GBV, their roles, as well as mapping exercise to define and strengthen service referral systems for GBV victims”.

Haguruka conducted a preliminary assessment on justice chains and attention routes dealing with GBV, their roles, as well as mapping exercise to define and strengthen service referral systems for GBV victims. The assessment was conducted in Gasabo, Bugesera, Musanze, Nyaruguru and Nyamasheke Districts as an integral process of improving the systematic provision of quality legal aid at the district and sector levels.

The assessment highlighted laws and policies related to GBV, effective access to justice for victims, and the role and obligation for each intervening institution. Within the selected districts, legal service providers are in place. The population of the study was composed of diverse service providers, and the study used samples for a quantitative and qualitative study. With regard to the findings, there is a noticeable commitment to all service providers. However, with so many organizations in charge of GBV victims, their working relations need improvement in terms of information and data gathering. Furthermore, the session revealed financial issues prevent effective access to justice for GBV victims. Lastly, the facilitation for civil cases and the issue of GBV victims' full reparation remain uncertain.



At a validation workshop, the key findings of the assessment were shared with key stakeholders and partners from government institutions, CSOs, and other related institutions. The key stakeholders shared their key recommendations from the assessment findings with the sole purpose of increasing access for GBV victims to quality legal aid.

B.5. Advocacy

B.5.1: Haguruka organized a consultative workshop with other CSOs, INGOs, and other key stakeholders to collect and gather inputs on the changes that should be amended on the GBV policy that is currently under revision.

Haguruka organized a consultative workshop which aimed at gathering different opinions and ideas of what should be amended in the GBV policy which is currently under revision by MIGEPROF. The meeting gathered experts from CSOs and other stakeholders that work around GBV issues. The main aim of this meeting was to come up, gather, and collect key provisions that should be included in the revised GBV policy. The meeting's purpose also consisted of advocacy to raise key issues that should be advocated for at the policy level.



The consultative workshop was an opportunity for stakeholders working around gender-based violence issues to undertake a comprehensive evaluation of the national policy against GBV, inform the revision of the policy, and highlight the rationale of reviewing the policy.

B.5.2: Haguruka organized two bi-annual Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) working group meetings (girls' network reps, paralegals, local authorities and leaders, health practitioners, police, judiciary, etc.) in Musanze and Gasabo Districts.

Haguruka organized two bi-annual Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) working group meetings. Participants included girls' network reps, paralegals, local authorities and leaders, health practitioners, police, judiciary, and related stakeholders in Musanze and Gasabo Districts. The meeting gathered 60 participants from different categories of service providers working around GBV prevention and response in Musanze District. Participants included district authorities and officers, service providers to GBV victims (Isange One-Stop Centers, judges, and prosecutors), teachers and heads of targeted schools, organizations working on GBV prevention, and dialogue sessions' facilitators. The meeting aimed at discussing the VAWG (Violence Against Women and Girls) laws and policies as well as effective collaboration between service providers to ensure a shared understanding of VAWG laws, policies, and the referral pathway to improve coordination.



The meeting also provided an opportunity for graduate participants from the dialogue sessions with couples to share their journey towards building peaceful homes. The meeting also drew commitments from the district to strengthen partnerships and collaboration between the district and Haguruka to prevent and respond to GBV.

C. Projects and Partnerships in 2019

Haguruka centers its work on women and children. In 2019, Haguruka partnered with national and international non-governmental organizations as well as collaborated closely with the government at the central and local levels to promote and protect women's and children's rights within our programs.

C.1. Legal and psycho-social support

GIZ Rwanda: Haguruka in partnership with GIZ/RBP Rwanda is implementing a project titled **“Empowering Youth to Claim their Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights: A Joint Project On Addressing Teenage Pregnancies in Rwanda in Kayonza District”**. The project aimed at the legal re-integration of teenage mothers through access to quality legal aid. Through this partnership, Haguruka provided legal aid and support to teenage mothers through mobile legal clinics in all sectors of Kayonza District. Approximately 90 teenage mothers were reached during this activity, and 20 teenage mothers were provided with legal representation before the courts of law.

GIZ Rwanda: Haguruka in partnership with GIZ/RBP Rwanda is implementing a project titled **“Sensitize Women and Girls with Disabilities on their rights in Musanze District”**. The project aimed at improving access to quality legal aid for women and girls with disabilities in Musanze District. Through this partnership, Haguruka provided legal aid and support to women and girls with disabilities through mobile legal clinics in all sectors of Musanze District. Approximately 59 women and girls with disabilities were reached during this activity, and fourteen (14) women and girls with disabilities were provided with legal representation before the courts of law.

UN Women Rwanda: Haguruka in partnership with UN Women are implementing a project titled **“Legal Knowledge and Assistance to Victims of Gender-based Violence”**. The project was designed to facilitate Haguruka to keep working towards encouraging women and girls, as well as boys and men, to adopt a peaceful and healthy lifestyle by engaging community members in tackling gender inequality. Through this partnership, Haguruka provided legal aid and support to 571 GBV victims through 75 mobile legal clinics conducted in Musanze, Nyaruguru, Gasabo, Bugesera, Nyamasheke, Kayonza, Nyanza and Gakenke Districts. Haguruka also supported legal representation to 42 GBV victims and provided DNA fees to fifteen (15) GBV victims.

USAID Via Chemonics: Haguruka, in partnership with Chemonics, is implementing a project titled **“Duteze Imbere Ubutabera (DIU)”**. The project will contribute to improved judicial effectiveness in both formal court mechanisms and community justice (Abunzi), and to an improved public understanding of judicial system processes and legal rights. Through this partnership, Haguruka conducted 117 mobile legal clinics in Musanze, Nyaruguru, Gasabo, Bugesera, and Nyamasheke Districts and provided legal aid to 1,450 GBV victims. Additionally, 198 GBV victims were provided with legal representation before the courts of law.

Netherlands Embassy via HIVOS Foundation: Haguruka partnered with HIVOS Foundation to improve labor practices for women working in the horticulture sector through "**State Accountability for Corporate Violation**". The project will work towards improving the livelihoods of women by 1) promoting a living wage for workers; 2) protection of workers from SGBV; 3) promoting the improvement of occupational health and safety at the workplace; 4) facilitating access to reproductive and health rights at the workplace; 5) developing the capacities for workers' representation; 5) promoting worker participation in decision making at the workplace. Through this partnership, Haguruka conducted 16 mobile legal clinics in Rwamagana Gatsibo, Nyagatare, Ngoma, Kirehe, and Kicukiro Districts and provided legal aid to 67 women in horticulture farms. During legal aid clinics, 18 women workers were provided with legal representation before the courts of law.

M. Foundation: Haguruka, in partnership with M. Foundation, is implementing a project titled "**Prevention and Reduction of Teenage Pregnancies in Rwanda in Nyanza District**". The project will contribute to the legal re-integration of teenage mothers through access to quality legal aid. Through this partnership, Haguruka has so far provided legal aid and support to teenage mothers through mobile legal clinics in two (2) sectors of Nyanza District, and approximately 42 teenage mothers were reached during this activity.

C.2. Awareness-raising and social mobilization

RCN J&D: Haguruka, in partnership with RCN J&D, are implementing a project titled "**JUSTICE et MEMOIRE**". The project aims at facilitating the community affected by specific cases related to the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi to understand and participate in the genocide trials on the basis of universal jurisdiction. The project also aims to help integrate the contributions of these trials into the memory of justice related to the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi. Through this partnership, Haguruka conducted eleven (11) community dialogues in Nyarugenge and Rusizi Districts with the victims of the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi related to the on-going trails of Rukeratabaro Theodore and Neretse Fabien.

USAID Via Chemonics: Through this partnership, Haguruka conducted 86 community dialogue on the role of Abunzi in Musanze, Nyaruguru, Gasabo, Bugesera, and Nyamasheke Districts. The community dialogues reached 28,431 in the above-mentioned districts.

SIDA via Lantmäteriet: Haguruka, in partnership with Lantmäteriet, is implementing a project titled "**Capacity Development in Land Administration**". The project aims to contribute to a sustainable, efficient, and reliable land administration system in Rwanda based on a well-developed, accurate, transparent, and gender-sensitive land registry (including the legal framework, processes, and spatial data) accepted by women and men in Rwanda. Through the partnership with Lantmäteriet, Haguruka conducted 27 community dialogues on legal

frameworks governing land laws and women's land rights in Rubavu and Musanze Districts which reached 9,189 people.

SIDA via Kvinna till Kvinna: Haguruka in partnership with Kvinna till Kvinna is implementing a project titled **"Ingo z'amahoro" (Peaceful Families)**. The project's main objective is to enhance women's rights, qualitative participation, and freedom from violence in Rwanda. The project also aims to hold responsible authorities responsible in preventing GBV in Musanze and Gasabo Districts. Through the partnership with Kvinna till Kvinna, Haguruka conducted 80 community dialogues on women's rights and the GBV legal framework in Musanze and Gasabo Districts. The dialogues targeted 80 couples, 80 youths, 40 women, and 80 girls. Eight (8) Inter-school debates were also organized in the above-mentioned districts.

USAID via Women for Women International: Haguruka, in partnership with Women for Women International (WfW Intl), is implementing a project titled **"Twiceceka (Let's speak)"**. The project aims to significantly reduce the incidence of conflicts and GBV in families. Additionally, the project works to develop and enhance the knowledge of local leaders related to preventing and responding to GBV in the community. With the partnership with WfW Intl, Haguruka conducted 42 dialogue sessions with 80 couples and 80 youths in Bugesera and Kayonza Districts on women's rights and the GBV legal framework. The community dialogues were held at the sector level.

Trócaire Rwanda: Haguruka, in partnership with Trócaire, is implementing a project titled **"Supporting Trócaire Women's Empowerment partners to have a comprehensive framework for contributing to GBV prevention and response"**. The overall project goal is to ensure that Trócaire's women's empowerment partners have capacities to facilitate vulnerable women to be free from GBV and participate in decision making. Through this partnership, Haguruka conducted a study tour for Trócaire Partners to women safe spaces in Rubavu and Musanze Districts.

GIZ Rwanda: Haguruka, in partnership with GIZ/RBP Rwanda, is implementing a project titled **"Sensitize Women and Girls with Disabilities on their rights in Musanze District"**. Through this partnership, Haguruka conducted 15 community dialogues in Musanze District on the rights of persons with disabilities, human rights, and the role of the community to protect girls and women with disabilities from human rights violations at the community level. IEC materials were developed and disseminated to the local population, and the dialogues reached 750 women and girls with disabilities in the Musanze District.

C.3. Capacity building

GIZ Rwanda: Through the partnership mentioned above with GIZ/RBP in Kayonza District, Haguruka provided trained capacity building training to 41 district officials in Kayonza District on the complementarity between child registration and other laws (family law, successions law, and GBV laws).

M. Foundation: Through the partnership mentioned above with M. Foundation in Nyanza District, Haguruka provided capacity building training sessions to 20 district officials in Nyanza District on children's rights, responsibilities, restrictions, and procedures for child and birth registration.

GIZ Rwanda: Through the partnership mentioned above with GIZ/RBP in Musanze district, Haguruka provided capacity building training to duty bearers and Haguruka's paralegals on the international convention on the rights of the people with disabilities and the National Law relating to Protection of Persons with Disabilities in Musanze District. Haguruka's entire staff was also trained on disability and inclusion.

USAID Via Chemonics: Under this partnership, Haguruka organized training for 416 paralegals on the GBV legal aid standard, procedures, and laws. Additional trainings include 79 community dialogue facilitators trained on the role of Abunzi, 100 NWC representatives trained on law and self-advocacy skills needed for Abunzi cases, 32 JRLOS M&E officers trained on MEL, and 128 Judges trained on the use of IECMS.

USAID via Women for Women International: With the partnership with WfW, Haguruka offered capacity building training to district authorities, paralegals, NWC representatives, and local representatives on GBV legal frameworks, GBV services and referral structures/mechanisms, and procedures to follow in Kayonza and Bugesera Districts.

SIDA via Kvinna till Kvinna: Under the partnership with Kvinna till Kvinna, Haguruka conducted a refresher workshop for 32 champions/ dialogue session facilitators for both couples and youths. Training in-schools for teachers consisted of on women's rights, leadership, sexual and reproductive health and rights, self-confidence, and GBV referral pathways in Gasabo and Musanze Districts.

SIDA via Lantmäteriet: Through this partnership, Haguruka conducted training for district officials (Directors of One-Stop Centers and Executive Secretaries at the sector level) in the Western Province and Gakenke District on gender sensitivity in land governance and laws regarding land use and planning. In Rubavu and Musanze Districts, Executive Secretaries at the cell level, chairpersons of the land committees at the cell level, and paralegals were trained on land governance and laws related to land matters.

Trócaire Rwanda: Through this partnership, Women safe spaces activists/Facilitators supported by Trócaire partners from 5 districts—Nyamagabe, Nyanza, Gakenke, Rulindo and Huye—on how to conduct and lead women-only safe spaces.

Netherlands Embassy via HIVOS Foundation: Under this partnership, Haguruka conducted training sessions for women workers in the horticulture sector on gender-based violence, national labor law, and related policies. Farm managers & human resources managers of horticulture farms were trained on gender equality, women's rights, and leadership skills.

UNABU: Haguruka, in partnership with UNABU, is implementing a project titled “**Count Girls and Women with disability in Justice**”. The project will aim to increase access to quality legal aid for girls and women with disabilities. Under this partnership, Haguruka organized training for 30 community mobilizers currently supporting the community self-advocacy groups for persons with disabilities on the functionality of the justice system, key tips, and connections they may need to easily and successfully navigate into the system.

C.4. Research

Trócaire Rwanda: Through this partnership, Haguruka conducted a study on “Understanding factors leading to under-representation of women in decision making at district, sectors, and cell levels, in private local informal financial Institutions-Sacco, Cooperatives and Saving groups”.

USAID Via Chemonics: Through this partnership, Haguruka conducted a preliminary assessment of justice chains and attention routes dealing with GBV, their roles, and a mapping exercise to define and strengthen service referral systems for GBV victims.

C.5. Advocacy

SIDA via Kvinna till Kvinna: Through this partnership, Haguruka organized two bi-annual Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) working group meetings in Musanze & Gasabo Districts.

Trócaire Rwanda: Through this partnership, Haguruka organized a consultative workshop with other CSOs, INGOs, and other key stakeholders to collect and gather inputs on the changes that should be amended on the GBV policy that is currently under revision.

D. Major Challenges /Gaps encountered in 2019.

D.1. Internal Challenges

- Lack of professional bailiffs to execute judgments and court orders.
- Limited budget to cover the fees associated with DNA tests for vulnerable women and children.

E. Lessons learned.

E.1 Lessons learned in 2019.

- In 2019, Haguruka continued learning about the importance associated with maintaining a sound working relationship with district authorities to assist in smooth operations related to the implementation of project activities.
- Training of duty bearers and right-holders provided an opportunity for participants to improve their ability in advising citizens pertaining to issues around land and GBV—particularly those resulting from family disputes.

F. Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting

F.1. Purpose

The aim of this Monitoring & Evaluation section is to describe the overview of how Haguruka monitors and evaluates its projects. Haguruka's M&E system provides the information needed to assess and guide the project strategy, ensure effective operations, meet internal and external reporting requirements, and inform future programming.

A functional M&E system provides a continuous flow of information that is useful **internally** and **externally**:

- The internal use of information on progress, problems, and performance is a crucial management tool to help our project coordinators and managers ensure specific targets are achieved
- The information from an M&E system is important to our stakeholders and donors who expect results and want to see demonstrable impacts

Haguruka's M&E is an integral part of project design, implementation, and completion. Haguruka understands the key stages of the project life cycle and how an M&E system corresponds to the project life cycle.

F.2. On-going Monitoring

For continuous improvement in the quality of our projects, Haguruka applies the 3-step monitoring cycle model to assist in monitoring activities.

This model consists of (1) observation and evidence gathering, (2) sharing session with stakeholders, and (3) development of an improvement plan.

The first step is concerned with observation and evidence gathering mainly through field visits for the activity implementation versus established action plan, participation stakeholders' meetings or trainings, procurement process, assessment of resources in place, and the relevancy of the information management system from the field and community.

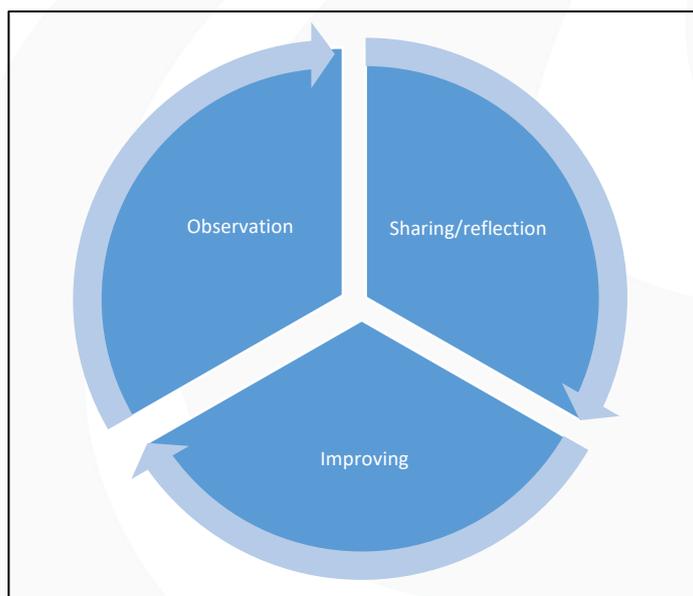
These activities are implemented by Haguruka's Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) Officer with the support of the program managers on each project. Monitoring visits are conducted by program managers and the MEAL officer.

The second step contains a sharing session which brings together stakeholders and Haguruka's staff to discuss the findings from the field and discuss the way forward. Discussion on bottlenecks about implementation strategies and techniques is also taking place at this stage.

The last step of the cycle is the development of an improvement plan based on what was agreed upon during the sharing session in order to keep pace for reaching the project's outcome and impact.

The below figure summarizes Haguruka's monitoring cycle.

Figure 1: Haguruka's project monitoring cycle



Annex 1: Legal Aid Data Statistics for Adults January - December 2019

Demographics	Right-Holders		
	Women	Men	Total
Gender (Women/Men)	1178	329	1507
Civil Status of Rights holders	Right-holders		
	Women	Men	Total
Married	548	189	737
Single	231	117	348
Single (Divorced)	37	2	39
Single(Informal Union)	203	16	219
Widow	159	0	159
Grand Total	1178	329	1,507
The table above shows the civil status of rights holders received by gender from January to December 2019.			
Provincial Location of Rights holders	Right-holders		
	Women	Men	Total
Eastern Province	188	40	228
Kigali City	408	91	499
Northern Province	216	65	281
Southern Province	176	39	215
Western Province	190	94	284
Grand Total	1,178	329	1,507
The table above shows the provincial location of rights holders received by gender from January to December 2019			
Location	Right-holders		
	Women	Men	Total
Rural	827	244	1,071
Urban	351	85	436
Grand Total	1,178	329	1,507
The table above shows the location of rights holders received by gender from January to December 2019			
Living with any disability	Right-holders		
	Women	Men	Total
Deaf or hard of hearing	2	0	2
Intellectual disability	1	1	2
Mental health conditions	4	0	4
Multiple Disabilities	0	1	1
None	1157	322	1,479
Physical disability.	14	5	19
Grand Total	1,178	329	1,507
The table above shows the number of rights holders received living with disabilities by gender from January to December 2019.			

Level of Education	Right-holders		
	Women	Men	Total
Bachelor's Degree	58	13	71
Kindergarten/Nursery	7	2	9
Master's Degree	5		5
None	245	67	312
Primary Level	634	167	801
Secondary Level	215	75	290
Tertiary Level/Imyuga	14	5	19
Grand Total	1,178	329	1,507

The table above shows the level of education of rights holders received by gender from January to December 2019.

New/Existing Cases Received	Right-holders		
	Women	Men	Total
Existing Case	167	44	211
New Case	1,011	285	1,296
Grand Total	1,178	329	1,507

The table above shows the number of New/Existing cases received by gender from January to December 2019

Type of cases received	Right-holders		
	Women	Men	Total
Civil	1,036	303	1,339
Penal	142	26	168
Grand Total	1,178	329	1,507

The table above shows the number of cases received by category and by gender from January to December 2019

Categories of civil cases received	Right-holders		
	Women	Men	Total
Alimony	27	15	42
Breach of contract	13	5	18
Changement de nom/Change of names	10		10
Compensation	12	3	15
Damage & interest	37	12	49
Divorce	209	35	244
Donation	5	3	8
Execution of judgment	72	26	98
Home abandonment	7	3	10
Insurance	2	2	4
Others	57	19	76
Paternity petition/Alimony	57	12	69
Paternity Search	21	8	29
Property/Immovable	385	101	486
Property/Movable	9	6	15
Succession	102	47	149
Unlawful dismissal	11	6	17
Grand Total	1036	303	1,339

The table above shows the categories of civil cases received by gender from January to December 2019

Categories of Penal cases received	Right-holders		
	Women	Men	Total
Economic Violence	23	3	26
Assault & Battery	12	5	17
Bigamy/Polygamy	1		1
Child Defilement	7	1	8
Child right/Corporal punishment	1	1	2
Concubination	6		6
Domestic Violence	36	3	39
Human Trafficking	1	2	3
Illegal Detention	4	3	7
Murder	4		4
Others	4		4
Physical violence	13	3	16
Psychological violence	5	1	6
Sexual violence	19	3	22
Theft	6	1	7
Grand Total	142	26	168

The table above shows the categories of penal cases received by gender from January to December 2019

Further legal assistance provided (2 nd Stage)	Right- holders		
	Women	Men	Total
Advocacy	88	19	107
Legal briefs and court submissions	218	76	294
Legal representation	66	7	73
Mediation	27	7	34
Negotiation	2		2
None	266	72	338
Referrals, orientation, and accompaniment	511	148	659
Grand Total	1,178	329	1,507

The table above shows the number of right holders provided with further legal assistance (2nd stage) by gender from January to December 2019.

Further legal assistance provided (3 rd Stage)	Right- holders		
	Women	Men	Total
Advocacy	61	19	80
Legal briefs and court submissions	57	15	72
Legal Representation	36	6	42
Mediation	5	3	8
None	967	277	1244
Referrals, orientation and accompaniment	52	9	61
Grand Total	1,178	329	1507

The table above shows the number of right holders provided with further legal assistance (3rd stage) by gender from January to December 2019.

Annex 2: Legal Aid Data Statistics January - December 2019 (Children under 18)

Demographics	Children right- holders		
	Girls	Boys	Total
Gender (Girls/Boys)	357	302	659

The table above shows the number of children provided with legal aid by gender from January to December 2019

Provincial Location of Children	Right- holders		
	Girls	Boys	Total
Eastern Province	32	18	50
Kigali City	129	136	265
Northern Province	118	92	210
Southern Province	37	40	77
Western Province	41	16	57
Grand Total	357	302	659

The table above shows the provincial location of children received by gender from January to December 2019

Level of Education of Children	Right- holders		
	Girls	Boys	Total
Kindergarten/Nursery	26	14	40
None	142	139	281
Primary Level	148	124	272
Secondary Level	41	25	66
Grand Total	357	302	659

The table above shows the level of education of children provided with legal aid by gender from January to December 2019

Location	Right- holders		
	Girls	Boys	Total
Rural	246	199	445
Urban	111	103	214
Grand Total	357	302	659

The table above shows the location of children provided with legal aid by gender from January to December 2019

Orphan/Under 18 Years	Right- holders		
	Girls	Boys	Total
No	349	293	642
Yes	8	9	17
Grand Total	357	302	659

Living with Disability	Right- holders		
	Girls	Boys	Total
Autism spectrum disorder	1	0	1
None	356	301	657
Physical disability.	0	1	1
Grand Total	357	302	659

The table above shows the number of children provided with legal aid by gender by living with any disability from January to December 2019

New/Existing Cases Received	Children		
	Girls	Boys	Total
Existing Case	26	34	60
New Case	331	268	599
Grand Total	357	302	659

The table above shows the number of New/Existing cases received by gender from January to December 2019

Type of cases received	Right- holders		
	Girls	Boys	Total
Civil	319	297	616
Penal	38	5	43
Grand Total	357	302	659

The table above shows the number of cases received by category and by gender from January to December 2019

Categories of civil cases received	Right- holders		
	Girls	Boys	Total
Alimony	82	82	164
Changement de nom/Change of names		1	1
Compensation	2		2
Damage & interest	3	1	4
Divorce	3	2	5
Execution of judgment	16	7	23
Home abandonment		1	1
Insurance	2	3	5
Others	6	2	8
Paternity petition/Alimony	126	132	258
Paternity Search	60	52	112
Property/Immovable	15	9	24
Succession	4	5	8
Grand Total	319	297	616

The table above shows the categories of civil cases received by gender from January to December 2019

Categories of Penal cases received	Right- holders		
	Girls	Boys	Total

Assault & Battery	5	3	8
Child Defilement	30	1	31
Child Labor		1	1
Child right/Corporal punishment	1		1
Domestic Violence	1		1
Psychological violence	1		1
Grand Total	38	5	43

The table above shows the categories of penal cases received by gender from January to December 2019

Further legal assistance provided (2 nd Stage)	Right- holders		
	Girls	Boys	Total
Advocacy	41	24	65
Legal briefs and court submissions	39	39	78
Legal representation	11	5	16
Mediation	21	31	52
Negotiation	1		1
None	51	37	88
Referrals, orientation, and accompaniment	193	166	359
Grand Total	357	302	659

The table above shows the number of right holders provided with further legal assistance (2nd stage) by gender from January to December 2019.

Further legal assistance provided (3 rd Stage)	Right- holders		
	Girls	Boys	Total
Advocacy	21	8	29
Legal briefs and court submissions	8	16	24
Legal Representation	11	9	20
Mediation	5	6	11
None	298	254	552
Referrals, orientation and accompaniment	14	9	23
Grand Total	357	302	659

The table above shows the number of right holders provided with further legal assistance (3rd stage) by gender from January to December 2019.

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