

About GER-Rwanda

Building a Peaceful and Sustainable Future

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- **Diversity and Inclusion:** We work with diverse stakeholders, including religious leaders, Churches, women and youth groups, government institutions, and civil society organizations.

Our Approch:

- **Trained community Facilitators:** We have trained community facilitators, youth, and women's groups across five districts and refugee camps in Rwanda.
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- **Support community initiatives:** We facilitate community healing and reconciliation while empowering them to build a more sustainable future and becoming the agent of change

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Executive Summary:

From 2022 to 2024, Global Initiative for Environment and Reconciliation (GER-Rwanda), in partnership with CFOR, implemented integrated environmental conservation and social reconciliation projects across Bugesera, Musanze, and Ruhango districts. These initiatives address Rwanda's dual challenges of environmental degradation and post-genocide healing.

Key Achievements by District

Bugesera District

- Launched the Forest of Unity and Resilience, combining climate mitigation with social cohesion.
- Distributed 30 energy-saving stoves, empowering women as environmental stewards.
- Implemented the FACE project, promoting organic farming and biodiversity protection.

Musanze District

- Engaged youth in reconciliation efforts through workshops on trauma healing and environmental conservation.
- Distributed agricultural inputs to enhance sustainability and productivity.
- Facilitated intergenerational dialogues, preserving traditional knowledge and fostering unity.

Ruhango District

- Organized a Healing and Resilience Conference, bringing together diverse community members.
- Established a "Forest of Unity and Resilience" through tree planting initiatives.
- Collaborated with URUFATIRO group to create a 50,000-tree nursery, providing employment opportunities.

Cross-Cutting Themes and Impacts

- 1. **Environmental Conservation**: Implemented tree planting, sustainable agriculture, and biodiversity awareness across all districts.
- 2. **Social Reconciliation**: Facilitated dialogues and workshops to address historical wounds and promote unity.
- 3. **Women's Empowerment**: Enhanced women's roles in environmental stewardship and community leadership.
- 4. **Youth Engagement**: Involved young people in reconciliation and conservation efforts.
- 5. Sustainable Livelihoods: Combined environmental initiatives with economic opportunities.

Recommendations

- Increase focus on genocide widows' specific needs in reconciliation and environmental programs.
- Develop strategies for reintegrating prisoners into community-based initiatives.
- Integrate reconciliation programs into all community gatherings.
- Expand successful models to other Rwandan districts.
- Further develop the link between environmental stewardship and peacebuilding.

GER-Rwanda's integrated approach has fostered both ecological restoration and social healing. By empowering women, engaging youth, promoting sustainable practices, and facilitating open dialogues, the organization has created a replicable model for uniting environmental health with reconciliation

efforts. This model shows promise not only for Rwanda but potentially for other post-conflict regions globally



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Our Impact:

- Over 1,500 Trained: We have trained community facilitators, youth, and women's groups across five districts and refugee camps in Rwanda.
- Four Learning Centers Established: These centers promote reconciliation, sustainable livelihoods, agro-ecology practices, and the revival of indigenous knowledge and seeds.
- **Building a Brighter Future:** We facilitate community healing and reconciliation while empowering them to build a more sustainable future.

1. A Glance GER-Rwanda's Interventions in Bugesera, Ruhango and Musanze Districts-2024

The Global Initiative for Environment and Reconciliation (GER-Rwanda) has consistently demonstrated a commitment to environmental protection and biodiversity conservation through community engagement, training programs, and practical activities, particularly in Bugesera District. These efforts are intertwined with broader goals of healing and resilience, as the organization recognizes the profound connections between environmental sustainability, social well-being, and peacebuilding.

1.1 GER-Rwanda's Interventions in Bugesera District

Healing Through Environmental Stewardship: In Gashora sector, GER-Rwanda spearheaded a treeplanting initiative that culminated in the creation of the "Forest of Unity and Resilience." This forest symbolizes both the environmental and emotional healing of the community. It stands as a testament to the community's resilience in the face of climate change, and the act of planting trees becomes a unifying activity that encourages individuals to contribute to the long-term health of their land and society. Through this initiative, participants found a tangible way to heal and grow, both environmentally and socially.

GER-Rwanda's collaboration with the National Women's Council (NWC) in Bugesera district has also played a pivotal role in fostering healing within families. By addressing family conflicts alongside environmental training, GER-Rwanda has highlighted the importance of cohesive, resilient communities in facing environmental challenges. Women participants were encouraged to become agents of change, promoting reconciliation within their families while simultaneously protecting the environment.

Empowering Women as Environmental and Social Leaders: Through a series of capacity-building workshops, GER-Rwanda has placed women at the forefront of both environmental protection and reconciliation efforts. The training focused on empowering women to address climate change and environmental conservation while equipping them to tackle social issues like family conflict. The provision of energy-efficient cooking stoves to these women has lightened their domestic workloads and



contributed to environmental conservation by reducing firewood consumption. This initiative promotes healing on multiple levels—easing the physical burden on women and contributing to the environmental recovery of their communities by limiting deforestation.

On International Women's Day, rural women from the Ngeruka sector further solidified their role as environmental stewards when GER-Rwanda distributed 30 energy-saving stoves. This activity underscored the critical role women play in both domestic and environmental settings. By encouraging women to lead within their households and communities, GER-Rwanda empowered them to foster sustainable development, playing a key role in environmental preservation and family welfare.



Building Climate Resilience and Promoting Sustainable Agriculture: Through its FACE (Feminists for Climate Change and Environment Alternatives) project, GER-Rwanda facilitated workshops aimed at enhancing climate resilience. Local leaders and women were introduced to sustainable agricultural practices that protect biodiversity and contribute to long-term climate resilience. These sessions focused on traditional farming methods and organic fertilizer production, encouraging women to lead the way in organic farming and biodiversity conservation.



These efforts aligned with broader goals of healing—promoting self-reliance, community cohesion, and resilience in the face of climate challenges. The introduction of sustainable farming techniques not only preserved environmental resources but also helped ensure food security and sovereignty for families. This dual focus on environmental sustainability and social resilience is key to the long-term healing of the communities GER-Rwanda works with.

Bridging Generations for Reconciliation and Resilience: GER-Rwanda's work goes beyond environmental activities, fostering intergenerational dialogue and reconciliation. In Juru sector, GER-Rwanda's programs bridged the gap between elders and youth, encouraging them to collaborate in preserving traditional crops and knowledge systems. This effort strengthens community bonds while promoting sustainability. By fostering intergenerational reconciliation, GER-Rwanda is ensuring that lessons of resilience and healing are passed down to future generations, promoting a culture of peace and sustainability.

Training on Reconciliation: Healing for Rwanda's Future: A crucial aspect of GER-Rwanda's mission is the integration of environmental work with reconciliation and healing. This was exemplified during a two-day training event in Bugesera District in collaboration with CFOR. This training brought together youth, community facilitators, and local leaders to engage in conversations about Rwanda's history, healing from the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi, and promoting resilience.



The training emphasized the need for the youth to understand the roots of genocide ideologies and their roles in healing and reconciliation. Personal testimonies, like that of Patrick Hakizimana, a former military officer involved in the Genocide against the Tutsi, highlighted the transformative power of seeking forgiveness and healing. His story became a beacon of hope for the participants, showing that even in the face of deep division and trauma, healing is possible.

Interactive discussions during the training focused on dismantling the ideologies that led to the Genocide, the reintegration of ex-perpetrators into society, and fostering unity. These discussions also emphasized the role of the youth in creating safe spaces to address intergenerational trauma. One of the key recommendations was the creation of "unity and resilience clubs," which would serve as platforms for youth to continue these important conversations in their communities.

Sustainable Development as a Pathway to Peace: A powerful outcome of the training was the understanding that reconciliation efforts must be coupled with sustainable development initiatives. GER-Rwanda's work in environmental conservation and biodiversity protection was seen as a crucial complement to reconciliation, as both aim to build a more resilient, peaceful, and sustainable Rwanda.



The participants left the event with a shared commitment to becoming advocates for reconciliation and environmental sustainability, understanding that healing the land and healing the people go hand in hand.

Religious Leaders and Stakeholders Unite for Environmental Conservation in Bugesera District: A diverse group of religious leaders, church elders, local authorities, and stakeholders convened in Bugesera District to discuss the vital role of faith-based leadership in protecting biodiversity and promoting environmental stewardship. While their faith deeply emphasizes caring for creation, participants identified a critical gap: the lack of practical knowledge and skills necessary to lead effective conservation efforts within their communities.





Discussions during the meeting highlighted several pressing environmental challenges, including climate change, deforestation, and biodiversity loss. Participants noted how climate disruptions are threatening both peacebuilding and resource availability. Uwacu Sylvie, a district representative, provided concrete examples, illustrating how pollution, deforestation, and climate change are interconnected. She emphasized the urgency of addressing these issues to ensure a healthy environment for future generations.

Pastor Rwagitinywa Tito, a GER-Rwanda advisor, stressed the need for religious institutions to prioritize environmental education. He advocated for teaching not just the theological reasons for caring for creation (rooted in Genesis 1) but also practical skills, such as tree planting, that followers can implement in their daily lives. According to Tito, neglecting the environment is a failure to fulfill the divine responsibility of caring for the Earth.

The gathering concluded with participants outlining concrete actions to promote environmental stewardship within their communities, including:

- **Tree Planting Initiatives**: Mobilizing community members to plant fruit and non-fruit trees, starting at the institutional level.
- Advocacy and Education: Incorporating environmental and biodiversity conservation messages into sermons and religious teachings.
- Youth Engagement: Educating younger generations on the importance of environmental care.
- Sustainable Construction: Encouraging the construction of environmentally friendly buildings.
- Water Conservation: Promoting rainwater harvesting and its use during dry seasons, particularly for irrigation.
- **Knowledge Sharing**: Disseminating the knowledge gained from the meeting across sectors to increase awareness.

Participants expressed enthusiasm about future training on these topics and requested GER-Rwanda's assistance in organizing workshops with more time for in-depth discussion. They also requested support for distributing seeds for tree planting.

The meeting underscored the deep connection between biodiversity conservation and peacebuilding, highlighting how environmental degradation can fuel community conflicts. By the end of the session, attendees were committed to leading positive change within their communities. Mr. Sebatware Magellan, Director of Good Governance in Bugesera District, praised GER-Rwanda for engaging religious leaders in conservation efforts. He emphasized the importance of expanding these discussions to other regions of Rwanda to ensure a nationwide commitment to environmental protection

2. GER-Rwanda's Interventions in Shingiro Sector of Musanze District: Empowering Communities through Environmental Sustainability and Youth Engagement

Training on Youth, Reconciliation, and the Future



A three-day training April 25th–27th, 2024 in Musanze District organized by Global Initiative for environment and Reconciliation (GER)-Rwanda in collaboration with Community Force for Change (CFOR), focused on youth empowerment in reconciliation efforts. Participants, including local leaders, security personnel, and district representatives, joined forces to explore ways to foster reconciliation, heal from past trauma, and build a sustainable future for Rwanda.

Day 1: Family's Role in Reconciliation

The first day opened with remarks from Innocent Musore, Executive Director of GER-Rwanda, who highlighted the vital role of youth in reconciliation efforts. He emphasized the importance of beginning the healing process at home and within families. Gimu Shyikiro's presentation on breaking free from the colonial-era divisions that led to the Genocide against the Tutsi sparked discussions about the role of family in reconciliation, touching on family trauma, poverty, and the lingering effects of Genocide ideologies.

Day 2: Personal Stories of Reconciliation

Day two focused on personal testimonies. Hakizimana Patrick, a former Genocide perpetrator, shared his transformative journey of seeking forgiveness. His story deeply moved participants, showing that personal accountability and reconciliation are possible even in the most challenging circumstances. The day's discussions underscored the importance of addressing intergenerational trauma, with participants eager to understand Rwanda's history to prevent its repetition.

Day 3: Developing Action Plans for Reconciliation

On the final day, participants developed practical action plans to promote reconciliation and unity in their communities. Group activities (see photo below), including a powerful performance on overcoming differences, illustrated the concepts of forgiveness and acceptance discussed throughout the training. The youth emphasized the importance of advocating for justice, truth, and reconciliation, and they outlined specific community projects aimed at promoting sustainable development and healing.



Key Action Plans:

- 1. Advocacy for justice, truth, and reconciliation.
- 2. Conflict prevention and combating discrimination and drug abuse.
- 3. Youth clubs to promote education about the Genocide.
- 4. Community activities, including tree planting as a symbol of unity and healing.



Above: Youth in Group Discussions on Reconciliation

Key Learnings and Takeaways:

- Willingness to Learn: Youth participants expressed a strong desire to understand the history of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi and stop the cycle of intergenerational trauma.
- Reconciliation and Forgiveness: Personal testimonies of reconciliation inspired participants to seek healing within their own communities.
- **Building a Better Future**: Action plans focused on eradicating Genocide ideologies and promoting unity, reconciliation, and sustainable development.

• Youth Leadership: Participants emphasized their commitment to leading by example and helping their peers and communities heal from past trauma.

GER-Rwanda (Global Initiative for Environment and Reconciliation) continues its commitment to environmental protection, biodiversity conservation, and the empowerment of smallholder farmers to mitigate the impacts of climate change. In the Musanze District, specifically within Shingiro Sector, GER-Rwanda worked with local partners, grouped under the collective "IPFUNDO RY'UBUMWE N'UBUDAHERANWA" (Unity and Resilience Fund), to provide hands-on, practical training on climate resilience and organic farming.



Youth and Farmers Training: Organic Agriculture and Biodiversity Protection

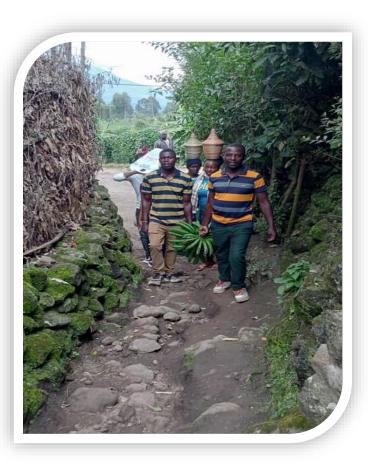
During a two-day training session organized by GER-Rwanda, youth and smallholder farmers in the Shingiro Sector were provided with knowledge and skills in organic farming and biodiversity protection. Participants were equipped with advanced techniques in organic fertilizer production, focusing on creating natural pesticides using traditional trees such as *Nim* and pyrethrum. This approach encourages sustainable farming practices that protect the environment and promote self-reliance. Farmers were also trained in managing livestock manure to enhance soil fertility, fostering a holistic approach to environmental sustainability.

Through practical sessions, participants learned about:

- Organic fertilizer production using readily available materials.
- Natural pesticides created from traditional crops like pyrethrum and nim trees to combat pests.
- Water and manure management, where farmers were taught to dilute livestock waste for agricultural use to improve soil quality.

The training emphasized the importance of demonstrating knowledge through practice. Participants were encouraged to share their acquired skills with their communities, particularly in food storage, manure management, and organic gardening. The facilitators highlighted that while verbal and written knowledge dissemination is essential, implementing these lessons through real-world actions is the true measure of learning.

III. Distribution of Farming Inputs and Tools



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After the training, GER-Rwanda distributed vital farming inputs and tools to the participants (See Photo on the left):

- •50 kg of quality potato seeds per farmer, preparing them for the upcoming planting season.
- A variety of **vegetable seeds**, including carrot and cabbage seeds, to encourage kitchen gardening and fight malnutrition at the household level.
- Watering cans to aid in implementing kitchen gardens, ensuring better crop yields and supporting household food security.

These resources not only addressed immediate needs for better nutrition but also aimed at creating opportunities for surplus production that could be sold in local markets, providing a pathway to poverty



Impact of Training on GER-Rwanda's Partners

The training and subsequent support provided to GER-Rwanda's partners yielded multiple benefits:

- **Food security**: Farmers are better equipped to grow and sustain food for their households, reducing dependency and improving nutrition.
- **Increased agricultural knowledge**: Farmers learned modern techniques to boost productivity, including proper seed selection and planting practices.
- Sustainable farming practices: Emphasizing organic methods, the training ensured that participants contribute to biodiversity conservation and soil health.
- **Economic empowerment**: By increasing agricultural output and potentially selling surplus produce, farmers are improving their financial stability.
- Community solidarity: Through the group "IPFUNDO RY'UBUMWE N'UBUDAHERANWA,"
 participants committed to collective action, reinforcing their unity and resilience in the face of
 climate challenges.



Youth Engagement in Reconciliation and Community Development

On May 14, 2024, a select group of youth from Musanze District participated in a training organized by GER-Rwanda, which equipped them with knowledge about the dark history of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi and reconciliation efforts. Following the training, the youth took an active role in disseminating the lessons learned. They participated in community meetings where they educated their peers and community members on the significance of reconciliation, unity, and preserving Rwanda's history.



The youth underscored the importance of working together to combat Genocide ideologies and promoted the need for honest discussions about the past to foster healing. Their efforts led to a broader commitment from local leaders and parents (see photo above), who pledged support for ongoing reconciliation initiatives. This illustrates the transformative power of youth involvement in peacebuilding and community development.

3. GER-Rwanda's Interventions in Ruhango District: Interactive Training on Healing and Resilience



Introduction

On September 3-4, 2024, GER-Rwanda, in collaboration with CFOR, organized a two-day conference in the Ruhango District meeting room, aimed at fostering peace, unity, resilience, and healing among Rwandans. The conference brought together representatives from various societal groups. Innocent Musore, Director of GER-Rwanda and facilitator of the dialogues, began by thanking the participants. He

acknowledged Rwanda's strong leadership under President Paul Kagame, who has prioritized national unity and reconciliation efforts. Musore emphasized the importance of fighting against the remnants of divisive ideologies that once led to the Genocide against the Tutsis in 1994.

Participant Expectations: At the outset, participants shared their expectations, with most expressing a desire to exchange ideas on how to address the historical wounds of genocide, help trauma survivors, and educate youth about the true history of the 1994 Genocide. One participant, who had committed genocide crimes at the age of 17, shared that the meeting gave him the strength to apologize to the families he wronged. In a moving moment, the entire group committed to supporting him on his journey of healing and reconciliation.

Discussion Participants: The discussions included a diverse group: "abarinzi b'igihango" (protectors of the friendship pact), youth leaders, unity and resilience advocates, genocide survivors, former genocide perpetrators who have since been released, district officials working on unity and conflict resolution, and community conflict mediators.

Dialogue Process and Key Presentations

- 1. **Unity, Resilience, and Self-Reliance (Ndi Umunyarwanda)**: Madame Florida, a district official, delivered a presentation on the deep-rooted unity of Rwandans, tracing it back to pre-colonial times. She acknowledged that this unity had been shattered by poor leadership in the past, but highlighted that today's government emphasizes equal rights for all citizens. Resilience, she explained, helps individuals overcome the effects of historical trauma and build a harmonious society after the Genocide against the Tutsis. However, she warned of challenges that continue to threaten unity, including:
 - o Delays in uncovering information about genocide victims.
 - o Incomplete identification of genocide victims' remains for proper burial.
 - o The distortion of historical facts by some individuals.
 - o The ongoing spread of genocide ideology both locally and regionally.



2. **Preventing and Resolving Family Conflicts**: Mr. Gimu, an employee of GER-Rwanda, presented on how to overcome the destructive legacy of the past by fostering understanding and reconciliation within families. He emphasized the importance of creating dialogue spaces for addressing and solving conflicts, which are often rooted in historical trauma.

Testimonies and Group Discussions: In addition to presentations, participants were encouraged to share personal testimonies. A genocide survivor recounted how a young girl, whose family betrayed his own, asked for his forgiveness. Despite the deep pain, the survivor chose forgiveness, and today they share a bond like father and daughter. Another participant, a former perpetrator of the genocide, expressed a desire to apologize to those he wronged, and the group supported him in his journey towards atonement.

Jeanne d'Arc Mukarubera, a genocide survivor and leader within IBUKA (an organization supporting genocide survivors), called for special consideration of widows who suffered the immense loss of both spouses and children during the genocide. She highlighted the need for tailored discussions on unity and resilience for this vulnerable group.



Recommendations Participants made several key recommendations:

- GER-Rwanda should focus on addressing the specific needs of genocide widows, recognizing their severe emotional and psychological suffering.
- Unity and reconciliation programs should be integrated into all community gatherings, similar to other national programs.
- Support should be provided for prisoners nearing the completion of their sentences, helping them reintegrate into their families and communities. This includes preparing both the families and genocide survivors to receive and live harmoniously with these individuals.



Summarily; the participants expressed appreciation for the interactive nature of the discussions, especially the opportunity to engage in both large and small group settings. This allowed everyone to share their thoughts openly and contributed to the depth of the conversation. The Director of GER-Rwanda commended the participants for their openness and willingness to promote healing, particularly the genocide survivors who showed tremendous strength in forgiving those who wronged them. The event concluded with remarks from Ruhango's Vice Mayor of Social Affairs, Madam Alphonsine Mukangenzi, who thanked GER-Rwanda for its continued collaboration with the district. She acknowledged the organization's vital contribution to peacebuilding efforts within the community and beyond, which align with the district's vision for development and unity.

GER Rwanda in Conserving Bio-cultural Diversity Through Community and Ecosystem Resilience in Ruhango District





GER Rwanda (Global Initiative for Environment and Reconciliation) conserves biodiversity and protects the environment through community dialogue. Participants from Ruhango Sector, Ruhango District, Musamo Cell,

conducted activities like planting trees, afforestation, and agroforestry, creating a forest called "Forest of Unity and Resilience" to conserve biodiversity and protect the environment.

URUFATIRO GROUP TREE PLANTING









GER Rwanda organized participation in the National Umuganura Day 2023 with URUFATIRO in Musamo Cell. Each year, Rwandans gather to celebrate National Harvest Day. Although it comes once a year, every day should be a day of gratitude for conserving biocultural diversity. GER Rwanda, through URUFATIRO, contributed to the preparation of Umuganura in Musamo Cell.

The URUFATIRO Team Collaborating with GER Rwanda for the 2023 Umuganura Day Preparations





In efforts to protect the environment, in partnership with GER Rwanda, URUFATIRO (comprising 72 members: 30 men and 42 women) in Musamo Cell created a tree nursery (including forest trees, agroforestry, and fruit trees), (See photos below) This effort provided employment opportunities for members, such as nursery care and watering, with monthly wages provided by GER Rwanda. The trees are prepared for planting in collaboration with Ruhango Sector authorities during tree planting seasons. The nursery contains approximately 50,000 trees.





Musamo Youth from URUFATIRO Group Working on Tree Nurseries



Above: Tree Nursery in Ruhango Sector, Musamo Cell (URUFATIRO Group)

Intergenerational Knowledge Sharing Through Experiential Learning and Workshops

Strengthening and engaging youth in conserving biocultural diversity through community and ecosystem resilience, GER Rwanda conducted a two-day intergenerational knowledge-sharing workshop. This initiative aimed to raise awareness and engage youth in biodiversity conservation, seeing them as agents of change. On Day 1, July 25, 2024, in Ruhango District, URUFATIRO group (72 members: 30 men, 42 women) held experiential knowledge-sharing workshops where the youth learned about biodiversity conservation, indigenous knowledge, increasing soil fertility, biopesticides, and the importance of indigenous seeds.

GER Rwanda emphasized the importance of conserving biodiversity for ecosystem resilience, improving community livelihoods, and mitigating climate change impacts. He encouraged youth to learn from elders, stressing the harmonious balance between nature and humanity, and advocating for the use of indigenous seeds to combat environmental degradation.

More workshops on agroecology principles and the importance of indigenous seeds were conducted, in which elders like Matabaro David shared their experiences on growing indigenous seeds and trees, highlighting the role of compost in preserving soil biodiversity. Youth were encouraged to form demonstration plots and farms to preserve indigenous seeds, supported by GER Rwanda.







Above: Youth After Compost Training









General Conclusion

GER-Rwanda's multifaceted approach to addressing environmental sustainability and social healing has been transformative across Bugesera, Musanze, and Ruhango districts. The organization's initiatives, which blend biodiversity conservation, sustainable agriculture, and reconciliation efforts, demonstrate a deep understanding of the connections between environmental health, social cohesion, and long-term resilience.

In Bugesera, GER-Rwanda's collaboration with women leaders has created a model of healing through environmental stewardship, as seen in the creation of the *Forest of Unity and Resilience* and the distribution of energy-saving stoves. These activities have empowered women to lead both in the home and in the community, driving sustainable development.

In Musanze, youth engagement has been at the forefront of reconciliation efforts. GER-Rwanda's focus on organic farming and biodiversity conservation, paired with intergenerational dialogue and healing workshops, has fostered a resilient community committed to both environmental stewardship and peacebuilding.

Across all districts, the integration of environmental conservation with reconciliation underscores GER-Rwanda's belief that healing the land and healing the people go hand in hand. This holistic approach has equipped communities to confront environmental challenges, enhance food security, and build social cohesion, ensuring a peaceful and sustainable future for Rwanda

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Annex: Other Photos





