



President Ndayishime receives the letters of credence of eight new Ambassadors



On Thursday February 15, 2024 President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye received in audience at the Ntare Rushatsi Palace eight Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassadors who came to present their letters of credence to him.

They are: Mr. Silvio José Albuquerque e Silva, new Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federative Republic of Brasilia to Burundi with residence in Nairobi, Mr. Jeong Woo-Jin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Korea to Burundi whose res-

idence is in Kigali, Mr. Mbulelo Shadrack Bungane, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of South Africa in Burundi with residence in Bujumbura, Madame Amira Abdelrahim Ali Mostapha, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Burundi with residence in Bujumbura, Mrs. Jenny Isabella Da Rin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Australia to Burundi with residence in Nairobi, Mr. Sikder Bodiruzzaman, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of Bangladesh in Burundi, with residence in Addis Ababa, Ambassador Extraordinary and Pleni-

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potentiary Mr. Yahya Bin Ahmed Okeish, Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Burundi with residence in Dar-Es-Salaam; and the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of India, Mr. Upender Singh Rawat, with residence in Kampala.

All those Ambassadors reaffirmed to the Head of State, during their discussions, their full commitment to further promoting the bilateral relations which unite their re-

spective countries with Burundi in areas of the common interest.

The Head of State welcomed them to Burundi, a country of the multiple opportunities, because it has many areas not yet exploited until today. He called on the investors from those countries to come and explore Burundi. **(Presidency)**

President Ndayishimiye made a working visit to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)



On Wednesday February 14, 2024, the Burundian Head of State and current President of the Addis Ababa's Framework Agreement on Peace, Security and Cooperation for the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the Region, His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye returned after a mission carried out on Tuesday February 13 2024 in the Democratic Republic of Congo to discuss with the Congolese authorities on the implementation of that agreement.

During his stay in the Democratic Republic of Congo, the President of the Republic of Burundi met with his

Congolese counterpart, His Excellency Antoine Félix Tshisekedi Tshilombo and also with the National Coordinator of the Addis Ababa's Framework Agreement Mechanism, Mr Ntumba Luaba Lumu.

"All the consultations he carried out highlighted the need to revitalize the Framework Agreement but also to put in place an instrument for monitoring its implementation," revealed Mrs. Rosine Guilène Gatoni, the Spokesperson of the President of the Republic of Burundi before adding that, thanks to that new instrument, all the signatory countries will have an obligation to deliver the results and will be able to report on their commitment and the steps already taken in the implementation of the Framework Agreement.

The report of those consultations that the Head of State conducted will be submitted to the Heads of State and Government of the African Union during the next Summit scheduled for February 17 and 18, 2024 at Addis Ababa in Ethiopia.

Remind that the Burundian Head of State succeeded President Antoine Tshisekedi as President of the Mechanism during the handover ceremonies which took place in Bujumbura in May 2023. **(Presidency)**

President Ndayishimiye receives in audience the United Nations Special Envoys for the Great Lakes Region

On Monday February 12, 2024, the Head of State His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye granted a joint audience to the Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary General for the Great Lakes Region, Mr. Houang Xia and to the Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations in Central Africa and the Head of the Regional Office for Central Africa, Mr. Abdou Abarry in order to discuss the issues related to the development, the peace and the security in the Great Lakes Region.

"On behalf of the United Nations, we would like to con-

gratulate you on your brilliant presidency of the Regional Monitoring Mechanism of the Framework Agreement for Peace, Security and Cooperation for the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the region. The United Nations recognizes the role that Burundi plays in the region, particularly in stabilizing the East of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)," indicated the Special Envoys who also expressed their sympathy, their solidarity and condolences to the President of the Republic and the Burundian people following the attacks of the terrorists who took the lives of the citizens on the night



of December 23, 2023 in Gatumba in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura province: "It is a tragic thing that we cannot accept as the United Nations", they lamented.

Those Special Envoys also expressed their concern about the relations between Burundi and Rwanda and the security situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), expressing the wish for the United Nations to provide its support to the better support and ensure peace and security in the countries of the Great Lakes Region.

"It is the Government's obligation to protect the citizens; so we must prevent for protecting," suggested the Burundian Number One who explained the reasons behind Burundi's decision to close the land borders with Rwanda.

He continued by indicating that Burundi, for its part, took all possible initiatives for maintaining the good relations with Rwanda but in vain, and asked the international community to intervene and convince the Rwandan counterpart to extradite the putschists and the commanders of the Red Tabara group in Burundi before reaffirming that "Burundi will never be a part of the conflict but of the solution".

While welcoming the efforts of the Burundian Head of State to ensure the national cohesion and the development of the country and its people, the United Nations Special Envoys strongly requested his support in respecting the implementation of the Framework Agreement: "Given what you have been and what you are, we are counting on you as the United Nations," they underlined. **(Presidency)**

President Ndayishimiye recommends that the Burundian families work towards the Vision 2040-2060



Accompanied by the First Lady, the Head of State His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye enhanced with his presence the Mass on Sunday February 11, 2024 which was celebrated at Rwarangabo Parish, in Mwumba Commune of Ngozi Province.

Delivering a message of greetings to the Christians, the President of the Republic of Burundi expressed his sympathy and solidarity to the inhabitants of

Mwumba following the recent death of the mother of the late President Pierre Nkurunziza, a native of that locality.

The Burundian Number One also called on the Christians of Mwumba in particular and the entire Burundian population in general to love and protect the environment while having a grateful heart to God for his goodness and grace on Burundi.

The President of the Republic congratulated the population of Ngozi for supporting the agricultural policy through the exploitation of the uncultivated land with a view to increasing production.

"Let those who do not work, do not eat otherwise they steal the fruit of the labor of others and it is a sin", he introduced to invite the Christian families present to work aiming at achieving the Vision of Burundi Emerging in 2040 and Developed in 2060

"We told you that we want an Emerging Burundi in 2040, what standard of living will you have with your family in 5 years?", asked the Head of State, meaning that the implementation of that vision of Burundi must necessarily start with the improving living conditions at

the level of each Burundian household.

Preaching on the gospel of the leper whom Jesus healed, in his homily, the Parish Priest of Rwarangabo Abbot Noël Nkurunziza, agreed with the same mean-

ing, suggesting that he who does not respect the commandments of God as well as the recommendations of the authorities of the country is a leper who needs to repent to get rid of leprosy. **(Presidency)**

The Head of State encourages the population to promote the farming of the selected and hybrid seeds for overproducing



On Saturday February 10, 2024, President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye joined the members of the Terimberemukenyezi cooperative operating on the Rambo locality, Kirundo commune and province, in the corn harvest work where he challenged the population to cultivate both the selected seeds and the hybrids for increasing the production.

Having planted the selected seeds in a 6 hectare field, that cooperative which brings together 63 women and 17 men is expecting a harvest of 25 tones which will be obtained from 180 kg of seeds planted.

“Contrary to the rumors reporting the disappearance of the selected seeds in favor of the hybrids, that cooperative has just proven that all the categories of the seeds are possible in Burundi”, insisted the Burundian Number One inviting the population to cultivate both the categories in order to multiply the chances for having the greater production.

The Head of State was delighted that the inhabitants of Kirundo province were once again investing in agricul-

ture and that that province was gradually regaining its place as the granary of Burundi. He also called on them to work in synergy through the cooperatives to promote their development without forgetting to make the good use of the harvest in order to preserve the seeds.

“You must be vigilant and combat any external factor likely to disrupt peace,” warned President Ndayishimiye, underlining that the development projects are possible if and only if peace and tranquility reign in the country.

Leaving Kirundo towards Ngozi province, he made a stopover at Ruvumu locality, Kiremba commune in Ngozi province to interact with the population who had just

planted the avocado trees during the community development work and as a part of the implanting program harvests. He congratulated and encouraged them in that approach which is consistent with Vision 2040-2060.

Under heavy rain, the Head of State continued his descent to visiting a rice multiplication project carried out by the International Rice Research Institute, IRRI in acronym, carried out on the mubuga locality of Ngozi commune and province. , for inquiring about the progress of that project.

The President of the Republic closed his descent to the Camugani locality of the Ngozi commune and province where he visited a rice multiplication project of the CHIBUCO variety belonging to the Abatazerinze cooperative bringing together more than 3 thousand members and participated in the fertilization of a field which extends over 301 hectares. **(Presidency)**

The Head of State takes part in the burial ceremonies of the mother of the late Pierre Nkurunziza



“At the resurrection of the dead there will be judgment. Every human being should prepare his final resting place.” Those are the words of exhortation of the Servant of God during the burial of the late Domitille Minani, mother of the late Pierre Nkurunziza, on Tuesday February 13, 2024. The funeral took place on Buye locality in Mwumba commune in the province of Ngozi .

The funeral of the late Domitille Minani took place among a large influx of people including the President of the Republic His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye and his wife H.E Angeline Ndayishimiye, the President of the National Assembly Right Honorable Daniel Gélase Ndabirabe, the Prime Minister Lieutenant General of Police Gervais Ndirakobuca, the members of the office of the National Assembly and the Senate, the Burundian Ombudsman, the Secretary General of the ruling party CNDD-FDD,

the several other High Personalities of the country as well as the members of the biological family.

During those funeral ceremonies, the President of the National Assembly suggested that there will be a final judgment for every human being. And to add that every human person should prepare their final resting place. Quoting the Holy Scriptures, he made it known that those who die in the Lord are the only ones who are the blessed. And to exhort the audience to believe that Jesus Christ is savior in order to inherit eternal life.

In a summary of the journey of the late Domitille Minani, her daughter Mrs. Joséphine Nyiraneza indicated that the deceased was a hard-working woman with a big heart, hospitable and who prayed for her homeland. Mrs. Joséphine Nyiraneza has also thanked thank all those who stood by the late Domitille Minani during his lifetime, in particular the presidential family and the ruling CNDD-FDD party.

And in a testimony about the life of the late Domitille Minani, Denise Bucumi Nkurunziza said that her mother-in-law was the generous and the courageous lady who encouraged and inspired all those close to her.

After the burial itself, a ceremony of laying wreaths on the grave of the deceased followed, starting with the biological family, the President of the Republic and his wife, the grandchildren of the late Domitille Minani, the President of the National Assembly, the Prime Minister as well as other High Personalities of the country.

It is worth mentioning that the late Domitille Minani was born in 1939 in Mwumba commune in the province of Ngozi. She leaves behind two children among the eight she gave birth to, the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. **(RTNB)**

Inauguration of the IMFURA Agency by the First Lady H.E Angeline Ndayishimiye, one more step towards the empowerment of the Burundian women

In her speech, the First Lady affirmed that the existence of that bank is a part of the vision of an Emerging Burundi by 2040 and Developed in 2060, of the National Development Program 2017-2018, which promotes equality and equity for all Burundians in development, as well as the National Gender Plan 2012-2025 and that its activities are inspired by it.

The First Lady also indicated that the main objective of that bank is to grant the loans to the women and support them so that their projects are profitable, generate profits and thus it contributes to their personal development as well as that of the country, while ensuring the success of the bank. She called on those who take the loans to use them for their original purpose and expressed the hope that the bank would open many more branches across the country so that all the wom-



en could benefit from its services.

She affirmed that the creation of that IMFURA Agency is an important step in the empowerment of the women in Burundi. By offering the loans and the appropriate support, it allows the women entrepreneurs to realize their projects and actively contribute to the country's economy. That initiative is a part of the Burundi's long-term development vision by promoting the equal opportunities and gender equity.

The First Lady stressed the importance of using the loans responsibly and purposefully. She encouraged the women borrowers to use the funds for achieving the initial objectives of their projects, and not for unnecessary and unprofitable purposes, thereby ensuring their success and profitability. That will not only enable women to realize their personal aspirations but also to contribute to the economic growth of the country.

Finally, the First Lady expressed her wish to see the bank expand its services throughout the country. By opening many more branches, the bank will be able to reach a greater number of women, including those living in remote areas. This expansion will increase access to financial services and encourage more women to undertake and develop their businesses.

Note that that bank was created in 2022 and has its head office in Gitega, the political capital. Its vision for 2027 is to be a financial institution where the women in Burundi enjoy the financial facilities, develop all their economic capacities and contribute effectively to the sustainable development of Burundi. **(Presidency)**

Towards the mobilization of the domestic financial resources in order to achieve the universal health coverage



At the end of the high-level national dialogue on financing which was held from February 12 to 14, 2024, the recommendations were made, among other things, to increase the proportion of the State Budget allocated to the health for achieving at least 15% of the national budget, the finance universal health coverage through the innovative financing, review the regulations on taxes applied to the private sector and establish compulsory health insurance.

Taking into account the commitments of the Heads of State and Government during the meeting held in February 2019 in Addis Ababa, the Government of Burundi reiterated its commitment to mobilizing the financial resources necessary to finance the sector of health, particularly by strengthening the missions of the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS.

They pledged to continue mobilizing the internal financing, mobilizing the public-private sectors and the civil society in order to support the Government's efforts to mobilize and rationally manage the resources within the framework of the universal health coverage.

The Vice-President of the Republic of Burundi, His Excellency Prosper Bazombanza, who closed the work of that dialogue, warmly thanked the development partners who reiterated their commitment to continue supporting the health sector in Burundi. **(RTNB)**

Zero unexploited field: one of the methods of implementing the vision of His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye

Honorable Abel Gashatsi, the Second Vice-President of the National Assembly calls on the population of Muramvya province to em-

brace the community development work and consider it as their engine of development without looking at their different political affiliations, especially as that market will



be beneficial for all. He thus urges that population to strictly respect their leaders in all, and respond massively to their calls whenever necessary.

On Saturday February 10, 2024, the Honorable Abel Gashatsi, the Second Vice-President of the National Assembly joined the population of Mubira hill, in the Shombo zone of the Muramvya commune and province during community development work which consisted of for the concreting of the lower chaining of the market and the collection of rubble for the continuity of the ongoing construction activities of that infrastructure on that locality. He advocated, during his speech, to consider the limiting births while highlighting the overpopulation as a negative factor for development. He has also asked the students to study diligently so that the country has successors in the time to come, reminding them that the latter are



commonly called Burundi bw'ejo.

Muramvya Province being considered as one of the provinces whose population is renowned as the first in cattle theft, the Honorable Abel Gashatsi advised the latter to eradicate that scourge and engage in the beneficial activities in order to increase the production during that period. growing season B which is approaching. And to plead that there are no longer unexploited fields in all the localities of the Province. The Honorable Abel Gashatsi closed his speech by suggesting a monthly self-assessment for everyone in order to face the challenges encountered and decide on the new development strategies in order to respond to the wish of His Excellency Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic, who stipulates "Let every mouth have something to eat and every pocket have money." **(National Assembly)**

The President of the Senate carries out a working mission to the Kingdom of Morocco



On the afternoon of February 12, 2024, the President of the Senate, Right Honorable Emmanuel SINZOHAGERA, took the plane to the Kingdom of Morocco, in Rabat where he led a delegation which will take part in the parliamentary conference on South-South cooperation,

organized by the House of Councilors of the Kingdom of Morocco, in collaboration with the association of the Senates, Shoura and Equivalent Councils of Africa and the Arab World (ASSECAA) and the South-South Dialogue Forum. The theme of that conference is: "South-South Cooperation: the role of national parliaments and regional and continental parliamentary organizations in Africa, the Arab world and Latin America in strengthening the strategic partnerships and achieving the integration and the joint development." The conference will take place at the Headquarters of the House of Advisors in Raba, Capital of the Kingdom of Morocco, on February 15 and 16, 2024.

On the sidelines of that conference, Very Honorable President of the Senate, accompanied by a delegation of the members of the Senate Permanent Commission having in its responsibilities administrative questions and the control of the representativeness in the Institu-



tions; the Deputy Chief of the Staff to the Prime Minister

and the Assistant to the Ministry of the Interior; Community Development and Public Safety; will take part in the exchange of experiences between the team of the House of Councilors of the Kingdom of Morocco and the delegation of Burundi, under the theme: "Decentralization and Governance."

During his stay in the Kingdom of Morocco, the President of the Upper House of the Parliament of Burundi will discuss with the different delegations on issues of common interest. **(Senate)**

Presentation of the letters of credence by Mrs. Evelyne BUTOYI, Ambassador of the Republic of Burundi in Lusaka to COMESA.



On Monday February 12, 2024, Mrs Evelyne BUTOYI, Ambassador of the Republic of Burundi to Lusaka in Zambia officially presented her letters of credence to Mrs Chileshe Mpundu Kapwepwe, Secretary General of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA).

During their conversation, Her Excellency Evelyne BUTOYI informed the Secretary General of COMESA that the Government of Burundi wishes to strengthen the cooperative relations with that organization so that the country can promote the achievement of the goals and objectives of the common market through the cooperation in various fields. She also promised to contribute to the COMESA in achieving the objectives it has set for itself. In turn, the Secretary General of COMESA congratulated the Ambassador of Burundi and highly appreciated the Burundi's commitment to the strengthening cooperative relations with COMESA. Madam Kapwepwe also wished Ambassador Evelyne BUTOYI a good job and she stressed that COMESA is ready to work within the framework of strengthening the benefi-

cial cooperation to the member countries.

In the past, the Republic of Burundi has received the support from COMESA in the areas of trade, energy and the promotion of the women's economic empowerment. Currently, Burundi is implementing the Great Lakes Trade Facilitation Program funded by the World Bank in collaboration with COMESA. That program pursues a triple objective, namely: improving livelihoods in the border areas between Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo, promoting the cross-border trade and strengthening the economic interdependence. Burundi is also one of the countries implementing the simplified trade regime which aims to formalizing the informal cross-border trade by putting in place the instruments and the mechanisms adapted to the commercial needs of the small cross-border traders.

In promoting peace and security, last year, Burundi hosted the 3rd High-level Ministerial Conference on the role of Government, Regional Economic Communities and Regional Mechanisms in promoting the youth, peace agenda and security in the East African region co-organized by the African Union and COMESA.

Note that Burundi will host the 23rd Summit of the Conference of the Heads of State and Government of COMESA which will be held in Burundi this year.

During that summit, Burundi will succeed Zambia as President. **(MFADC)**

Gitega: The Minister of the Public Service, the Labor and the Employment meets the Heads of the public services



On Monday February 12, 2024, the Minister of the Public Service, the Labor and the Employment Mr. Vénuste Muyabaga held, in Gitega, a meeting with the managers of the different services from all the sectors of life in that province for discussing on the challenges faced and the opportunities to exploit in order to implement the Vision “Burundi Emerging country in 2040 and Developed country in 2060”. During that meeting, Minister Vénuste Muyabaga asked those service managers to intensify their efforts in carrying out their tasks in order to increase

the production and achieve the expected development by 2060.

Minister Vénuste Muyabaga officially recommended to the service managers to organize the services in such a way as to ensure the satisfactory production, to give a warm welcome to those who are in need and avoid dragging out the files. He also asked them to be punctual and diligent in serving in order to increase the production.

For his part, the Minister of the Public Service, the Labor and the Employment wanted to reassure that all the public services will now be digitalized. According to the Minister, the Ministry of the Public Service, the Labor and the Employment will ensure the capacity building of the employees and continue training on the work tools which are constantly changing.

To the question of when the administrative release and the annals for the public services with the special statuses will be released, the Minister replied that they are awaiting a presidential decree which will set the method of calculation of those annals following the career of each employee.

Finally, Minister Vénuste Muyabaga indicated that such meetings will be organized in all provinces of the country to discuss the concerns in public services in order to find the solutions. **(RTNB)**

Ministry of the Communication, the Technologies, the Information and the Media: validation of the package of the essential family practices (PFE)

On Wednesday February 14, 2024, the Ministry of the Communication, the Information, the Technologies and the Media organized a validation workshop in Gitega for the Package of the Essential Family Practices (PFE). It was during that workshop that the project for promoting the early childhood development was validated. The said project contains 12 preferred practices within the family in order to let the child to the physical, social and psychological development.

Among those practices to be promoted are the prenatal and the postnatal consultations, the complete vaccination, the diet, the hygiene, the medical care, the positive parenting, the school, etc. According to the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of the Communication, the Information, the Technologies and the Media Mr. Ferdinand Manirakiza, the objective of the implementation of those essential family practices is to promote the holistic development of the early childhood centered on the attentive care.



For Ferdinand Manirakiza, the commitment of the Government of Burundi to the early childhood development is clear. It resulted in the adoption in September 2021 of the multisectoral national early childhood development strategy covering all the programmatic interventions and taking into account all the early childhood from 0 to 8 years old with the special attention to the child's first 1000 days. Strengthening the parental practices in favor to the early childhood development is the foundation.

Mr. Ferdinand Manirakiza further underlined that the Government of Burundi promotes the attentive care for the child, thereby encompassing the conditions that promise the health, the nutrition, the safety and the security, the care responsive to the needs and the opportunities for the early learning.

The validated Essential Family Practices Package

(EFP) includes the prenatal consultations inviting the completion of 4 prenatal consultations for each pregnant woman and adolescent, 3 postnatal consultations for each mother with a health provider, and the declaration of the births within the expected deadlines by the law, the intensive care of the newborn and the birth spacing. It also takes into account the complete vaccination of the child according to the current schedule and the monitoring of growth.

The said document also provides for the feeding of the infants and the young children particularly during the first 1000 days, the hand washing with the clean water and soap during the five critical moments, the prevention and the management of the childhood illnesses in particular the diarrhea, the pneumonia and the malaria.

Regarding the intellectual development of the child, the validated Package of Essential Family Practices (PFE) provides for a stage of the early awakening and the stimulation, the positive and the responsible parenting, the positive discipline, the support and the attachment.

The other step also consists of preparing the child for the school, promoting the participation and the empowerment of the adolescents and the commitment to a healthy and the protective environment.

It should be noted that that validation of PFE saw the participation of the executives from the different Ministries and Departments under the supervision as well as the executives who represented the UNICEF in Burundi. (RTNB)

The Merankabandi project comes to the aid of the vulnerable households



On Monday February 12, 2024, the Government of Burundi, through the Merankabandi social safety net support project under the financing from the World Bank, the seeds and the ferti-

lizers are distributed to 1,449 vulnerable households in the Ngozi commune, at the rate of 50kg of DAP (Di-Ammonia Phosphate) type fertilizer and 12.5kg of the potassium chromium sulfate (KCR) for each household. That assistance is a part of the emergency response to the food insecurity due to the climate and the economic changes. It is also implemented by the emergency response component of the Merankabandi project.

According to the Governor of the province of Ngozi, Mr. Désiré Minani, 6,000 vulnerable households will be affected by that seed and the fertilizer distribution program throughout the province of Ngozi.

As for the Country Director of the World Bank in Burundi, Mrs. Hawa Cissé Wague, the emergency intervention related to the climate change will concern six provinces, namely Ngozi, Cibitoke, Bubanza, Bujumbura, Kirundo

and Rumonge.

The World Bank was able to mobilize \$35 million to support 50,000 households in 6 provinces affected by the climate change at the request of the Government of Burundi, following the poor harvest recorded in the 2023 growing season due to the climate change, she continued.

That support from the World Bank is implemented by the Merankabandi productive social safety net and the employment support project, in its emergency intervention component in the event of disasters in order to purchase the seeds and the fertilizers and the monetary transfer to the affected populations.

To carry out that work of assistance to the people affected by the climate change, the Merankabandi project called on the agencies of the United Nations system such as the Food and the Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Food

Program (WFP) for intervening in the emergency response with the objective identification.

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of the National Solidarity, the Social Affairs, the Human Rights and the Gender Mr. Pontien Hatungimana asked the beneficiary population from the seeds and the fertilizers to make a good use of them in order to make them profitable and have a good harvest. He urged the local administration to take the ownership of that support while ensuring that those fertilizers and the seeds are not sold.

According to the Merankabandi Project Coordinator Mr. Michel Nyabenda, the contracts with the expert agencies in emergency intervention have been beneficial in terms of the quality and objective identification.

The beneficiaries of the Merankabandi project are delighted with the support project because it came at the time when they were in extreme poverty. **(RTNB)**

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