



**Project: NATIONAL YOUTH CAMPAIGN FOR THE POPULARIZATION AND RATIFICATION
OF THE AFRICAN YOUTH CHARTER BY THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI**

Implementing agency: YOWLI BURUNDI

PROGRESS REPORT

Bujumbura, January 25th, 2015

NARRATIVE REPORT

1. General introduction

On December 18th, 2014; the association YOWLI BURUNDI (party I) received a fund from the African Union Commission (party II) for project implementation. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the two parties in presence of the Government of Burundi represented by the Permanent Secretary and the General Director from the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture. Media and other stakeholders involved in peace building project were present, and the ceremonies have been officially broadcasted through the radio and television.

The signed MOU is an agreement between the two parties; party I accepted to implement activities convened throughout the project proposal and party II accepted to fund party I with an amount of 75,000 USD (Seventy five thousands United States Dollars) for the project implementation. It was agreed this fund be disbursed into four settlements as follows:

- first settlement of USD 18,000;
- second settlement of USD 18,000;
- third settlement of USD 18,000;
- and fourth settlement of USD 21,000

The duration of this agreement is three months and half, from December 18th, 2014 to March 31th, 2015.

Throughout the above MOU, party I accepted to provide one progress report (both narrative and financial) prior to the 3rd settlement.

The activities that party I agreed to carry out are divided into four main parts:

1. The National Youth Forum;
2. The communication campaign;
3. The Youth Peace Caravans;
4. The National Youth Forum of restitution.

By the present, party I acknowledge having received the first settlement of USD 18,000 to carry out the National Youth Forum and launch the communication campaign.

2. Objectives and priorities of the project

This project is linked to “Youth policies and the ratification of the African Youth Charter by the Republic of Burundi.

- Overall objective:
 - Popularization and ratification of the African Youth Charter by the Republic of Burundi
- Specific objectives:
 - Educate young people its rights as defined by African Youth Charter(AYC);
 - To mobilize the youth to the ratification of African Youth Charter by the Republic of Burundi;
 - To explain the content of African Youth Charter and advocate for its ratification.

3. Implementation of the project

Since the first settlement, party I produced the media spots which are being broadcasted via three main media: African Public Radio (RPA), The National Radio (RTNB) and Rema FM+. These spots have been continuously broadcasted through the end of the project and, the message of the spot will unceasingly be renewed.

In addition to the communication campaign that is ongoing countrywide, party I, in collaboration with a consortium of 45 youth organizations, and under the umbrella of the Government of Burundi carried the first activity: the National Youth Forum on the ratification of the African Youth Charter by the Republic of Burundi.

- **The National Youth Forum:** on January 23rd, 2015; 129 young people representing 129 communes of Burundi, political parties, youth NGOs and movements, religious groups; 51 official delegates (totaling into 180 participants) were gathered in Gitega Province, Helena Hotel for the National Youth Forum. This Forum was an opportunity for young people to address the following:

Popularize and share the content of the African Youth Charter with youths and produce key recommendations which will serve as guide for the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture to start and follow up the process of its ratification.

The 129 young leaders representing 129 communes of the countries are now flagged “Young Ambassadors of the AYC ratification Advocacy”. Young Ambassadors of the AYC ratification Advocacy” are organizing youth dialogues at communal levels, sharing the outcomes of the forum.

- **Next steps of the project**

After the National Youth Forum, party I and different collaborators are preparing *National Youth Campaigns (NYC)* for the popularization and ratification of the African Youth Charter by the republic of Burundi. The NYC consists of the daily campaigns of youth mobilization and sensitization on ratification of the African Youth Charter by the republic of Burundi. The Young Ambassadors of the AYC ratification Advocacy help to mobilize local youth who will be gathered at the provincial city and a delegation of young people from implementing agencies, the African Union (Burundi Office), The Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture, etc. will be sent to animate a daily campaign on ratification of the African Youth Charter. Each province will have each specific day of campaign.

During the above campaigns, the implementing organization will invite and pay “**a musical club**” so as the strategy to mobilize as many youths as possible. The musical club will display music shows interrupted by the campaign sessions and relevant messages on AYC ratification.

Given the fact that the NYC will be carried across the 17 Provinces at a daily basis campaign; we will run the campaign as following:

- **The 1st campaign :** Kayanza – Ngozi – Kirundo – Muyinga
- **The 2nd campaign:** Muramvya – Gitega – Karuzi – Ruyigi – Cankuzo
- **The 3rd campaign:** Bururi – Makamba – Rutana – Mwaro
- **The 4th campaign:** Cibitoke, Bubanza, Bujumbura (Rural) and Bujumbura Mayor.

The above campaigns will be an opportunity for the implementing organization to emphasize on the message ratification of African Youth Charter by the Republic of Burundi. Young Ambassadors of the AYC ratification Advocacy will gather youth participants from all the Communes and Local Administrations represented by the Provincial Socio-Cultural Counselors will facilitate the campaigns.

Pictures from the National Youth Forum on the ratification of African Youth Charter



Members of organization committee



Official of AU, General Director of the Ministry of Youth, Socio-Cultural Counselor of Gitega



Legal Representative of YOWLI BURUNDI (Speech)



Participants with African Youth Charter books



Family photo of participants to the NYF



Family photo of participants to the NYF with received AYC books



African Union Official Delegate following the exposé



Participants during exposé



Participants during exposé



Officials during exposé



Officials in working group



Participants in working group



African Union Official (intervention)



African Union Official, exposé



Albinos as participant to the Forum



Legal Representative of YOWLI BURUNDI, exposé on AYC origin



Breakfast



Working group



Photo of His Excellence President of the Republic of Burundi which is in the Conference Hall



Result of working group



Facilitator, General Director of the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture and Representative of YOWLI BURUNDI (from left to right)

