

Annual Report 2014



YOWLI BURUNDI

**YOUNG WOMEN'S KNOWLEDGE AND
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II. 2: Mission, Vision and Objectives

1. **Mission:** YOWLI BURUNDI is a youth-led and youth-serving organization that seeks to engage meaningful participation of young people in general and young women in particular in activities of peace building and leadership, health promotion and sustainable development.
2. **Vision:** YOWLI BURUNDI envisions an active generation, participative and engaged in the fight for peace, health and sustainable development.
3. **Objectives:** YOWLI BURUNDI wants to achieve the following goals:
 - **a lasting peace and unity:** based on intercultural, inter-religious, inter-regional and inter-political dialogue. We believe that young, and especially young women, are the engine to restore and sustain peace; they are the promoters of a united society through peaceful dialogues and meaningful participation;

- **the promotion of young women's leadership:** Since Burundi has been subjected to several and long periods of wars and crimes based on differences of ethnicity, regional origins, religious belief and political parties' belongings; YOWLI BURUNDI wants to put the Burundian GIRL in the center of dialogue, lasting peace and unity restoration amongst the population;
- **a healthy generation:** YOWLI BURUNDI is an environment of young people to address issues linked to HIV/AIDS and other STIs, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights including the Family Planning, Palliative Care while fighting the sexual violence done to women;
- **a generation for innovation:** YOWLI BURUNDI engages and trains young people for start-up and entrepreneurial initiatives to overcome economic dependency.

II. 3: Financial and technical partners

Since 2011, YOWLI BURUNDI has and is operating in collaboration with different partners and collaborators:

1. Financial partners:

- UNFPA Burundi (United Nations Population Fund);
- The Global Fund to fight against AIDS, TB and Malaria;
- African Union Commission;
- AWOMI (African Women's Millennium Initiative);
- UNESCO Burundi;
- APCA (African Palliative Care Association) and OSIEA (Open Society Initiative for Eastern Africa);
- PROCASUR and ILC (International Land Coalition);
- UNICEF Burundi;
- Jesuits' Association Burundi: Service Yezu Mwiza

2. Technical partners:

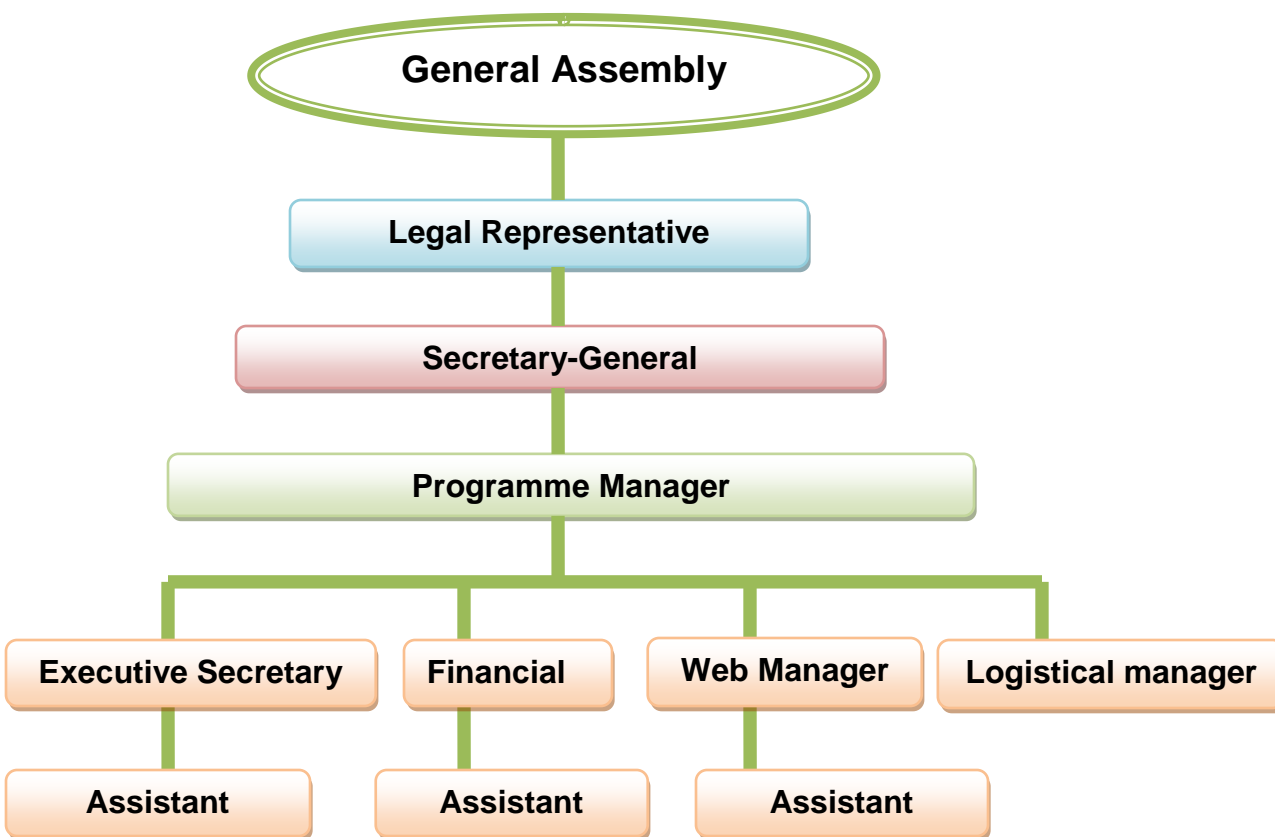
- The Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture;
- The Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research;

- The Ministry of Public Health and AIDS Control;
- The Ministry of Basic Education and professional Training;
- Synapse Center Senegal, People's Health Movement (South Africa)

3. Coalition and other networks:

- COPASAH (Community of Practitioners on Accountability and Social Action in Health)
- G54AFRICA, Pan African Youth Union, African Youth Panel;
- FUCOS, ICIRORE C'AMAHORO, RNJ+, AJAP Africaine, Hope Africa Missions.

II. 4: Organizational chart



CHAP. II. REALIZATIONS

III. 1. Governance and Leadership

YOWLI BURUNDI has over-doubled the members within 12 months, from 126 members in 2013 to 264 members at country level as per December 2014. 2014 has been a remarkable year of creation of provincial offices in Karusi, Ruyigi, Gitega and Cankuzo; these four provinces being the targeted areas of YOWLI BURUNDI for the PRIDE project under the fund of the Global Fund (Fonds Mondial). In addition, YOWLI BURUNDI has appointed 30 Communal Focal Points in 30 communes of the country to facilitate interventions at community level.

YOWLI BURUNDI has maintained the staff with little increase of the salaries; the office rent and other office expenditures have been successfully paid. The website has been kept household and online despite the lack of regular posts and updates on the website, the Facebook and the blog pages.

YOWLI BURUNDI has increase valuable partners marked by the partnerships between YOWLI BURUNDI and (i) the Global Fund to fight against AIDS, TB and Malaria; (ii) the African Union Commission which financed over half the annual budget of YOWLI BURUNDI in 2014.

YOWLI BURUNDI has held 4 regular ordinary General Assemblies as planned through the statutes, 2 extra-ordinary general assemblies and 7 meetings of the Executive Committee.

III. 2. Realized projects

Project title	Donor	Comment
Palliative care workshop in Burundi	APCA-OSIEA	Successfully achieved
Creation of the on-campus sites for community distribution of services linked to HIV spread control and SRH services	UNFPA Burundi	Successfully achieved
Women's lands rights and economic empowerment project (Indigenous women of Mwumba)	PROCASUR - ILC	Successfully achieved
Children and youth male circumcision as a way to prevent the spread of HIV	UNICEF Burundi, Ministry of Youth, ShangRing (China)	Successfully achieved
African Youth Charter ratification advocacy campaigns and civic education of youth in Burundi	African Union Commission	ongoing
PRIDE Project: Programme d'intensification et de décentralisation de la lutte contre le sida: PRIDE phase II – volet communautaire	The Global Fund to fight against AIDS, TB and Malaria	ongoing

a. Palliative care workshop in Burundi

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The first Palliative Care Sensitization and awareness workshop in Burundi was successfully conducted in Bujumbura on March 28th, 2014 under the theme “**Les soins palliatifs au Burundi: Etats des Lieux et Perspectives d’Avenir**”. The project was funded by The African Palliative Care Association (APCA) through the Open Society Initiative for East Africa (OSIEA) support. Burundi is the country of operation where the activity was implemented.

- **Aim of the Project:** The project aim was to mobilize local support towards the development of palliative care in Burundi through a one day advocacy workshop for 25 local stakeholders.
- **Grant date:** Fund was received through Bank transfer on March 22nd, 2014 and fund was meant to support a one day workshop.

The PC workshop was conducted under the patronage and close collaboration with the Ministry of Public Health and AIDS Control (MoH) and partner local organizations to mobilize the local support for the Palliative Care development in Burundi. The YOWLI BURUNDI Association was the main local partner organization which implemented this activity together with the Local Committee (LoC) on Palliative care.

30 delegates from different organizations/Institutions and aspiring individuals joined the workshop and we were thrilled by their contribution during the workshop. Participants came from a wide range of backgrounds and organizations/institutions as follow:

- Top Decision makers, the MoH: A Delegate from the Ministry of Public Health and AIDS Control (Director of the national program on Chronic Diseases and Non Communicable Diseases). In the same line, we were keen to welcome one provincial Medical officer and a delegate from the health District level;
- Health Facilities: Delegates from major public health facilities of Bujumbura and upcountry namely: The teaching hospital of Bujumbura(CHUK), the Military hospital of Kamenge and the provincial referral hospital of Rutana;
- Civil society: The Burundi’s Association on defense of ill persons right (ABDDM);
- The national Nurse syndicate (SYNAPA);
- Health care providers: Different aspiring and potential Palliative care providers joined us as well as interested individuals in the field of Palliative care(Medical Doctors, Nurses and psychologist);

- University of Burundi, faculty of Medicine: A presenter from the faculty of Medicine has given a presentation on the management of chronic diseases and the place of Palliative care;
- Palliative care expert: Dr Christian NTIZIMIRA from Kibagabaga hospital of Rwanda. A delegate from APCA joined us and has been of unprecedented importance for the success of our workshop.

b. Creation of the on-campus sites for community distribution of services linked to HIV spread control and SRH services

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From July 31 to 02 November 2014, YOWLI BURUNDI, under the financial support of UNFPA Burundi and in collaboration with the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, has installed 120 sites of conservation and distribution of condoms (male and female condoms) respectively in the 5 campuses of the University of Burundi, 1 campus of the University of Great Lakes, 1 campus of the University of African Hope and the 1 campus of the University of Ngozi.

c. Women's lands rights and economic empowerment project (Indigenous women Batwa of Mwumba, Ngozi)

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From 4 to 11 February 2014; PROCASUR in collaboration with ILC and IFAD organized the "learning route on Women's land rights" in Rwanda and Burundi. Sixteen laureates from 14 countries worldwide participated to the route. Burundi was represented by two delegates: Miss Nadine Misago, Secretary-General of YOWLI BURUNDI and Mr. Ernest Kamwenubusa from APDH. The purpose of the Learning route was to enable participants to really understand innovative approaches and tools adopted by different actors to secure the land rights of women in Rwanda and Burundi and to draw lessons from these experiences and apply them to other contexts.

At the end of the route, every participant was asked to develop a "Plan of Innovation" so as to valuably apply learnt skills to their work. Of sixteen plans of innovation, only two were financed by ILC through PROCASUR. The Plan of Innovation developed by YOWLI BURUNDI under the auspices of Miss Nadine MISAGO was one of the awardees.

The project consisted of four phases and targeted 50 women Batwa of the commune of Mwumba (Ngozi) as follows:

- **First phase:** train 50 Batwa on women's land rights. We trained and equipped 50 women Batwa who are direct beneficiaries of the Plan of Innovation in the land rights of women. This training lasted for 5 days; from 9 to 13 July;
- **Second phase:** provide financial support towards the creation of IGAs to ensure their economic empowerment;
- **Third phase:** encourage and support beneficiaries to buy their own lands, ensure that these purchased lands are legally registered and have land certificates;
- **Fourth phase:** ensure capacity building in farming in line with modern agricultural reforms. While 50 beneficiary households will purchase cultivable land; YOWLI BURUNDI will hire a Farm Monitor to provide them training in practices, agrarian reform and modern techniques. This enables the beneficiaries to be able to exploit purchased lands with the maximum of technicality and knowledge to ensure better profitability.

d. Children and youth male circumcision as a way to prevent the spread of HIV

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In July 2014, while attending the 20th International AIDS Conference that was held in Melbourne, Australia; Desire Habonimana signed a Memorandum of Understanding between YOWLI BURUNDI and the Company-Wuhu snnda Medical Treatment Appliance Technology Co. Ltd (Chinese company) to partner and duplicate a Chinese project « male circumcision using the ShangRing device as a way to prevent the spread of HIV in youth ». After the practical training that was held in China, YOWLI BURUNDI, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and AIDS Control and the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture and under the financial support of UNICEF Burundi carried a training workshop targeting 48 healthcare and other medical staff and circumcised 700 young people as the first cohort.

e. National Youth Campaigns for the popularization and ratification of the African Youth Charter in Burundi

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On July 2nd, 2006, during the 7th Ordinary Session of the African Union Conference; Heads of States and Governments adopted the African Youth Charter. It was agreed that Governments and

States should promptly sign, ratify and deposit the adopted African Youth Charter. The Government of Burundi thereafter signed on November 10th, 2006. However, up to the present, the Republic of Burundi has not ratified this youth tool. The recent status of signatories, ratifications and deposits as provided by the African Union Youth Division shows that, of 54 African countries, 42 have signed while only 35 have both ratified and deposited the African Youth Charter. In the East African Community (Burundi, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and Tanzania); the above ratification status proved that on the 5 countries, the sole Republic of Burundi has not ratified nor deposited this youth charter. This comes as a deceitful follow up given the fact that our Government was among the States and Governments that signed the African Youth Charter the earlier (the same year of its adoption in 2006).

YOWLI BURUNDI was therefore granted an amount of USD 75,000.00 by the African Union Commission to implement a youth project and advocate for the African Youth Charter ratification and, in addition, engage a youth dialogue and civic education across young leaders from countrywide.

✓ **Goals of project:**

- i. 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;
- ii. Produce a “Youth Pamphlet” translated in Kirundi and spread it across the country, popularize the African Youth Charter up to the community level;
- iii. Produce radio and television broadcasted spots and plays to emphasize the popularization of this youth tool;
- iv. Engage young people into a civic education and a culture of patriotism.

f. PRIDE Project: Programme d'intensification et de décentralisation de la lutte contre le sida: PRIDE phase II – volet communautaire

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YOWLI BURUNDI is one of the beneficiaries of the PRIDE Project under the funding agreement number BRN-809-G07-H between the Global Fund to fight against AIDS, TB and Malaria and the Government of Burundi. Under this fund, YOWLI BURUNDI has undergone a severe screening and competencies evaluation by the LFA (Local Fund Agency) of the Global Fund. Upon successful consideration, YOWLI BURUNDI has been granted a grant of **BIF 195,636,570.00** to implement the project activities in four provinces of the country: Cankuzo, Gitega, Karusi and

Ruyigi. Because reports are now available, evidence is given by the online MoU between YOWLI BURUNDI and the SYM/CNLS/The Global Fund. Reports will be available soon.

III. 3. Capacity enhancement and skills building participation

YOWLI BURUNDI has the slogan and vibrant motto to enhance capacity and build skills of its staff, and members. In the above sense, members of YOWLI BURUNDI have been sent across the globe to participate to trainings, workshops, and other skills building and exchange opportunities. Participation fees and relevant costs were generously granted by our partners. Participation to such opportunities has been achieved according to the table below.

Event description	Place and date
Innove4Africa Fellowship http://www.synapsecenter.org/fellows1	Dakar, 17 – 24 January 2014
22nd African Union Heads of States Summit and the Joint Olusegun Obasanjo Foundation Youth Summit http://www.newsfromafrica.org/newsfromafrica/articles/art_14109.html	Addis Ababa, 28-31 January 2014
The World Conference on Youth (WCY) www.wcy2014.com	Colombo, 6 – 10 May 2014
The 3rd African Youth Panel Meeting	Addis Ababa, 21– 24th 2014
AIDS 2014 Conference www.aids2014.org , Teresa Group Symposium 2014 http://teresagr.ipower.com/melbourne/index.html The Towards an HIV Cure Symposium 2014 http://www.iasociety.org/Default.aspx?pagelid=349	Melbourne, Australia, 17– 25 July 2014
Training on “non surgical male circumcision performed using theShangRing” device http://www.snrda.cn/	Wuhu, Shanghai, China, 18 – 21 November 2014
Learning route on innovative tools and approaches to secure women's rights to land http://landportal.info/content/learning-route-innovative-tools-and-approaches-securing-womens-land-rights-rwanda-and-burund	Kigali, 4-11 February 2014
Participation to the HIV Research Conference 2014 http://hivr4p.org/	Cape Town, SA: 27-30 October 2014
Human Rights and Humanitarian Law workshop	Kigali, 26 - 30 May 2014
Participation to the Global Forum for Youth Policies https://www.youthpolicyforum.org/	Baku, Azerbaijan: 28 - 30 Oct. 2014

CHAP. III. CHALLENGES

Like other youth associations, YOWLI BURUNDI is facing a number of challenges and barriers.

- YOWLI BURUNDI still depends on the goodwill of donors. The lack of its own financial resources is a blockage and especially a lack of independence. Our core vision ahead is to generate our own resources;

- Another challenge is to find opportunities and huge projects to utilize the entire human resources of YOWLI BURUNDI who are spread countrywide. Our projects can only hire few of our members and in particular areas as predicted or requested by the donors;
- The fact that Burundi is often cited among the countries with problems of governance (political turmoil, corruption and economic mismanagement) may have negative effects on raising funds from international donors;
- Cultural and traditional believes that implies negative image towards women still block our full success and reach of results in some areas of the country. In addition, issues of sexual and reproductive health are still like a “taboo” in some areas of the country (Mishiha for instance, etc.).
- When addressing civic education, peace and unity among young people, such the concepts are sometimes jeopardized due to the ethnic and regional differences that have been paved into minds of young generation. These days, political parties’ belonging and adherence also are becoming the facets of misunderstanding and disagreement that hinder and undermine the reach of successful outcomes with ease.

CHAP. IV. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Conclusion

Overall, YOWLI BURUNDI has made significant advancement both in leadership and projects implements as well as in partnership strengthening. Throughout 2014, YOWLI BURUNDI has achieved tremendous results; partnerships have been maintained while a number of other new partners have been gained. There has been creation of provincial offices in four provinces and YOWLI BURUNDI appointed 30 communal focal points in 30 communes of the country. Annual budget has been four times increased, from 129,888,942.00 in 2013 to 479,685,570.00 in 2014. Members of YOWLI BURUNDI have also doubled within 12 months, ranging from 126 members in 2013 to 264 members in 2014.

Moreover, on January 2014, YOWLI BURUNDI has been rewarded by the International Youth Foundation through Synapse Center, in collaboration with MasterCard Foundation. This reward ceremonies were held in King Fahd Hotel, Dakar, Senegal and Desire Habonimana was invited to receive the reward.

2. Recommendations

Based on the learnt lessons, we recommend the following key messages:

- **Towards the Government of Burundi:** (i) to create a budget line in the annual budget allocated to youth interventions and actions and (ii) to ratify the African Youth Charter and elaborate a national youth policy.
- **Towards the donors and partners:** accept to fund the annual work plans or activities that planned within our work plans and not confine us to carry activities which are planned in their own work plans
- **Young people and the entire beneficiaries:** collaboration and mutual understanding.

CHAP. V. THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

In all of its activities, YOWLI BURUNDI has financial, material and moral support from its partners and collaborators.

About this;

- We reiterate our thanks to the Office of UNFPA in Burundi, which, not only provide regular financial support but also brings us material and personal support as soon as we feel the need for it. Mr. UNFPA Representative in Burundi and your team, find satisfaction in our deep gratitude;
- Our thanks also go to the Permanent Executive Secretariat of the National Council for the Fight against AIDS (SEP/CNLS) for its ongoing financial support for the past two years. Mr. Executive and Permanent Secretary, these are our sincere thanks;
- To all the technical partners and ministries, for your honest and valuable cooperation during our work at the universities, secondary schools and within the communities, here are our sincere thanks;
- To all of our financial partners and networks, for your continuous support and collaboration, your help and guidance, we also say thank you;

To all of you who, by this or that way, contribute to the success of the work of YOWLI BURUNDI, these sentences express our feelings and distinguished thanks.

THANK YOU.