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## EDITORIAL

Welcome to the number sixth of Nyiramubande magazine titled "CORONAVIRUS HAS MADE A LOT OF CHANGES"

NYIRAMUBANDE is a magazine written by the youth from Mahama, Mugombwa, and Kigeme refugee camps in collaboration with other youth journalists from the neighborhood of those camps and the Rwandese youth from Huye Town as well as the Burundian youth exiled in that town.

COVID- 19 is a pandemic caused by coronavirus. It is a disease whose the symptoms are a headache, cough, and respiratory problems. Until now, coronavirus doesn't have any proper drugs nor vaccine. This virus appeared for the first time in China in Asia. After few months, it was spread all over the world and the first case of a coronavirus infected person was found in Rwanda on March 14th, 2020.

The lockdown time has had negative consequences including the closing of schools and loss of jobs for some people. However, it has been an opportunity for some people to learn new things including household chores and many people got the opportunity to take care of their families as several parents didn't previously have enough time for that because they used to go to work while their children used to go to school; meaning that they did not have enough time to interact.

In the refugee camps like in any other areas of the country, coronavirus has had several negative effects on the lives of people living in them. Some of these people are going to share their lockdown experience with us, how it was, and the lessons they learnt from it, what students are doing so as to keep themselves busy and to be update pending their schools are allowed to reopen, as well as the advice from camps leaders concerning how to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

As a reader of our magazine NYIRAMUBANDE, what did you learn from coronavirus? We encourage you to read all articles of this 6th edition and you will get different ideas contained in it.

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Editor!



## LEARNING THROUGH MEDIA CHANNELS

*Some of the students living in Kigeme Camp say that they learn through media channels pending the reopening of schools which have been closed due to coronavirus.*

UWIRINGIYE Desange lives in Kigeme Camp, she is 13 years old. She was a student in Primary six, in Gasaka School. What she knows about the learning program through media channels is that students learn by listening to the radio or telephones. As far as she is concerned, she uses her parent's telephone when the latter is not using it and when she has already completed her household chores.



Illustrated by Clement Iranguha

*Children are learning at home through media*

NSHUNGUYINKA Egide is a student in senior two in Groupe Scolaire of Gasaka. He is 16 years old and he lives in Kigeme Camp. He said, "I know that the learning program which is implemented through media channels is a way which is used during this period of coronavirus pandemic and which is broadcast through radio and television taking into account the school level of students".

He says that most of times he uses a phone to follow his lessons because it is the only means he has at his disposal as they don't have any radio at his and he adds that this helps him not to forget his lessons despite the fact that there are some hindrances.

He added: "There is a challenge in learning on the phone because when I am learning, they give me questions and I answer them and then they show me the marks. But, they can't show me which answers to the questions were right or wrong which would enable me to know where I need to improve. But, I don't care at all because I review my lessons when I have time in order for me to be update when schools will reopen and this prevents me from regressing in my studies."

IRADUKUNDA Jacques is a student in senior five. For him, learning through media is a good thing despite the fact that it presents some challenges for students living in rural areas in general as most of them don't own any television on which to follow the lessons of the teacher and then they can't follow the lessons well. This is particularly the case in Kigeme camp where only a few people own radios and for students from senior four up to senior six, their lessons are not broadcast on radio.

Even if he doesn't have that opportunity to learn through media channels, he takes his notebooks and reviews the lessons he had been taught so far which enables him to remember them and allows him not to regress and to be update when schools will reopen.

Nyiramubande magazine tried to conduct an interview with one of the teachers called KAGIRANEZA Manzi Thierry who lives in Kigeme camp. He is a teacher in Groupe scolaire

of Kigeme and he explained what, as a teacher, he is doing and what he is asking the students to do during the lockdown.

He said that when schools were closed, some teachers shifted to some other activities. But, as far as he is concerned, he does not do anything else until when schools will reopen. He advises the students to revise their lessons every day and to try to follow the lessons that are given through different media channels.

To conclude, he says: "Because I live in Kigeme camp, wherever I meet students, I encourage them to follow different lessons which are given on radio and also I encourage them to revise what they had learnt before in order to keep refreshed and be update when schools will reopen". He added that, in his opinion, the children understand this well as those who have radios, when it is time, they follow their lessons and they get familiar with it and the program is helpful to them because it prevents them from forgetting what they have learnt before.

-A story written by MUGENZI Javan



While the entire world is facing the spread of coronavirus pandemic, Nyiramubande magazine gave an interview to some young people from Kigeme Camp which is located in the south of Rwanda, in Nyamagabe District. They told us what they know about the pandemic and what they learned from this crisis.

## Vanessa UMUTESI

who is 18 years old said: "I know that people get contaminated with the coronavirus pandemic through the respiratory tract or when a coronavirus positive person gets into contact with someone else who does not have the virus. People get easily contaminated when they live together and when they get into contact with someone who is contaminated."

She added that she got to understand the importance of saving as time changes when people are not prepared for the changes.

## Pacifique ISHIMWE

is 35 years old. She said: "coronavirus is a pandemic with which any person can get contaminated if he/she doesn't comply with the measures set by the Ministry of Health such as washing hands, distancing from one another, wearing masks properly when you are meeting other people because the virus is spread through the respiratory tract and this has taught me that I should make savings for bad time because someone who had succeeded to make savings has not had much difficulties as someone who had not."

## Penina BATAMURIZA

who is 18 years old said: "Coronavirus is a disease that is spread through the respiratory tract and that it is a disease for which there is not yet any vaccine. The first case of coronavirus positive person was found in Rwanda on March 14th, 2020."

## Innocent NSENGIYUMVA

who is 22 years old said that the coronavirus is spread through the respiratory tract and when there is contact with someone who has the virus and another person who has not. The latter gets contaminated when he touches on the respiratory openings such as the mouth and the nose. He added that he had noticed that everything is possible and that saving for bad times and being humble is very important in life

## Clementine UWIZEYIMANA

Clementine is 24 years old and lives in Kigeme camp. She also said: "what I know about coronavirus is that it is a virus that is spread through liquids or when people are close to one another and when they are in close contact with one another while one of them has coronavirus. Everyone can get infected with the virus without distinction as to his or her country of origin whether the country is rich or poor. Because of the pandemic, I learned that I should make savings every time for bad times such as pandemics like this one."

## Fiston NSHIMIYIMANA

is 21 years old. He said that what he knows about coronavirus is that people get contaminated to it through the respiratory track and that when it reaches the lungs, it prevents the contaminated person from breathing appropriately and the person gets fever. He becomes weak and when he does not get medical care immediately he/she can die. He also said that the coronavirus crisis taught him to practice hygiene and sanitation.

-Story by Yves MUTABAZI

## "IMPORTANT MESSAGES"

*Let us prevent the spread of coronavirus caused by complying with measures set by the Ministry of Health.*

*Here is the way we can prevent ourselves from being contaminating with coronavirus:*

- 1. WASHING OUR HANDS:** *Washing our hands as many times as possible with soap and clean water during 40 seconds and one minute or we can use a hand sanitizer.*



# STUDYING THROUGH MEDIA CHANNELS IS ONE OF THE SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS THAT STUDENTS IN MAHAMA CAMP ARE FACING DURING THESE TIMES OF CORONAVIRUS

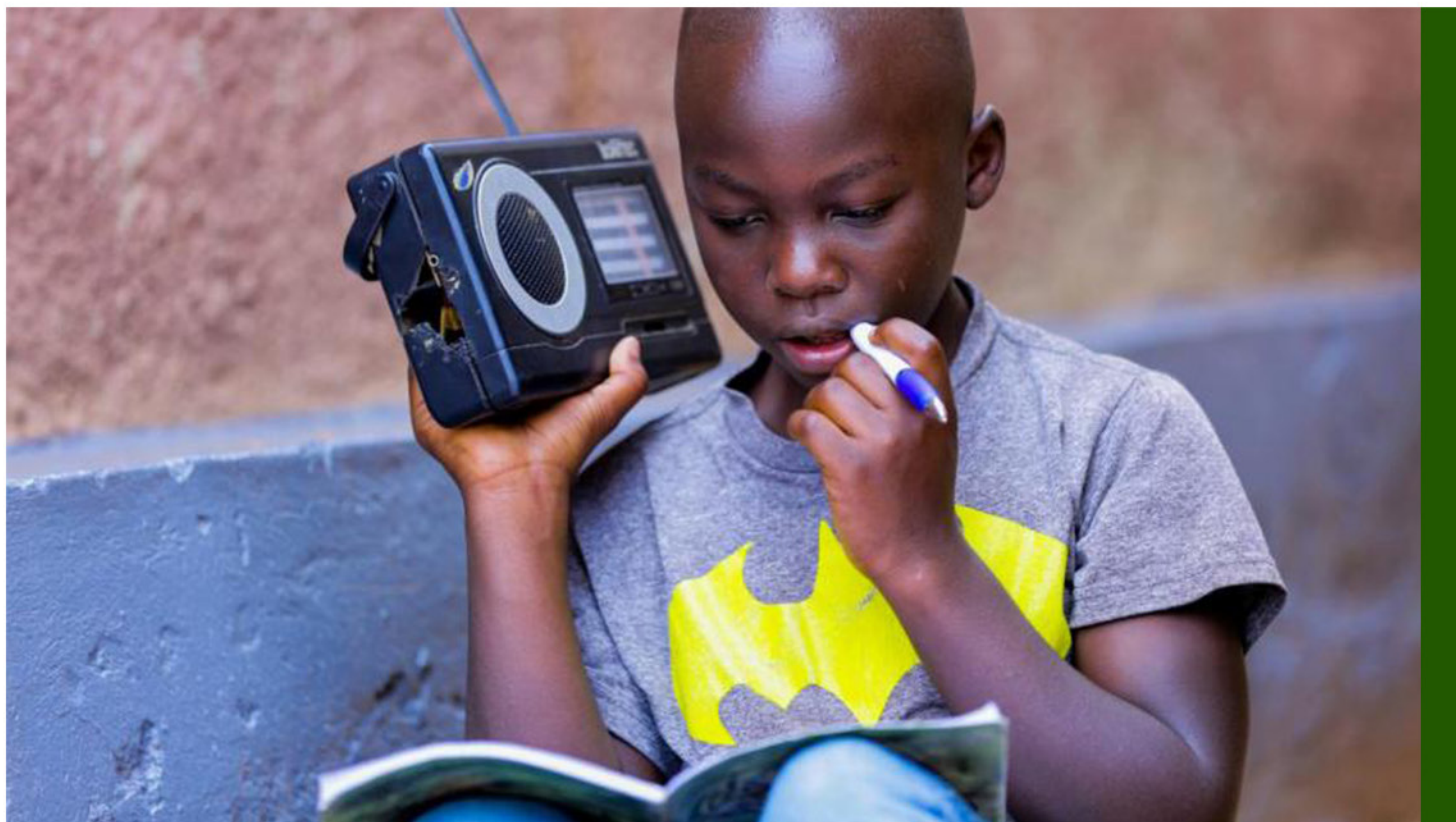


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## A child attending class at home by using radio

*In a bid to protect themselves and stop the spread of the coronavirus, young people in Mahama camp are still attending classes at home using radio to prevent themselves from regressing in their lessons.*

“Studying through newspapers and radio is now my habit, and it makes me remember some of the things I had forgotten.” said Kazungu Issa, one of the students living in Mahama camp. However, it is very challenging to study without a teacher and sometimes he gets frustrated because he cannot ask questions. He also says that he is not happy with the fact that some school subjects are missing like Kirundi and Mathematics courses.

Cubahiro Dic also says that he is used to studying by using the radio and it helps him prepare for the national exams that will give him the right to go to university. What he is doing now, he keeps on revising what he has already learned which prevents him from forgetting what he has learned and at the same time, this prevents him from getting the coronavirus.

### Lack of radios is an obstacle

Another student Mutoni Ange Gloria said: “I don't know anything about learning through radio and magazines because we don't have any radio or any phone.”

She goes on to say that what she is doing is revising what she has learned so as not to forget it. She also says that she relies on other students who are stronger than her to get extra explanations on what she does not understand or has forgotten.

This concern of lack of radios is shared by others, like Igiraneza Don Divin. What he also does is reviewing what he has learned before the outbreak of the coronavirus. He then asks more explanations to his senior students. It is the same case with Irambona Daniella, who has no radio at home. She keeps on revising what she has learned before the outbreak of the coronavirus.

### What about teachers?

Rivuzimana Jean Paul teaches at “Groupe Scolaire Satellite.” “As a teacher I don't just sit at home,” he says. “Instead I continue to read books to sharpen my mind”. The teacher encourages students to study hard, to review what they have learned, to avoid consuming drugs and all other bad habits because “a child without discipline has no future.”

*-Story by Ngendakumana Jacques.*



# WHAT DO YOUNG PEOPLE IN MAHAMA CAMP KNOW ABOUT THE CORONAVIRUS?

Rwanda has also joined the rest of the world in the fight against the coronavirus, young people from Mahama refugee camp in the Eastern Province of Rwanda were not left behind in this war. They have had good lessons to build the country and their future.

## Abdul MUGISHA



a 19-year-old boy, says: "coronavirus is a very serious disease that has killed so many people in a short time". The young man says that he knows how contamination to the virus takes place, how to protect himself from getting contaminated, its symptoms, and the damages it is causing all around the world.

## Obède ARAKAZA



is 25. He says that there is neither drugs nor vaccines for the disease. It attacks anyone without distinction. "It has slowed down the development of individuals, countries, and even the world at large."



Photo by: AKIMANAYAREMYE Gaston

**A young man is washing his hands with clean water and soap, as directed by local authorities.**

## GATEKA Nina Cellia



18, says she knows it as a contagious and deadly disease. Because of it, several activities have stopped. "I have a lot of information because I'm updated about it on a daily basis. Because of it we have dropped out of school and some of us were about to complete secondary school", she said. The student knows that a coronavirus patient must be isolated and the person that has the symptoms of the disease must call the toll-free number 114.

## Vanessa AKIMANA



a 22-year-old girl, also said: "This pandemic brought us famine". The same view is shared by another girl Iradukunda Magnifique who is 22-year-old. "Coronavirus has suspended relationships between countries, flights and road trips have been suspended", she said. For her, all of this has led to a recession in the wealth of countries and citizens.

-The story by Alexis KUBWIMANA



# WHAT THE YOUTH FROM MUGOMBWA REFUGEE CAMP KNOW ABOUT CORONAVIRUS

*Some young people from Mugombwa camp do understand the coronavirus, there is also a lesson learnt from the crisis.*

NDUNGUTSE Olivier is 19 years old and he lives in Mugombwa refugee camp. For him, coronavirus is a pandemic that is killing many people who are in touch or in close contact with one another. Coronavirus kills quickly. So, we should prevent ourselves from getting it. For example, if you want to wear someone's clothes who has coronavirus, you have to wash them and dry them at sun for eight hours before wearing them.

BIZIMANA Yves is 19 years old. He explains that the first case of coronavirus was diagnosed in Rwanda on March 8th, 2020. It came from China. To prevent ourselves from getting contaminated with it, we have to wash our hands many times, using soap and clean water and we avoid touching our faces. This is the way in which we can prevent the spread of coronavirus.

MUNYAMFURA is 20 years old. He said: "Coronavirus is a pandemic which affects the respiratory tract. To prevent oneself from getting contaminated with it, one has to wash his/her hands, to wear masks, to observe social distancing by letting one meter between two people."

MUTETERAZINA Gentile is 20 years old. Coronavirus reminded her that she might wash her body every day, especially her hands, which may carry many unknown communicable diseases. She added that lack of hygiene may have a negative impact on our lives, so she washes her hands many times in order to kill the germs.

IRADUKUNDA Steven is 18 years old. He said: "Coronavirus enabled me to talk to my mother deeply, we talked about coronavirus and how to prevent ourselves from getting it by washing hands. She gave me advice in many respects and her advice will help me in my everyday life."

*-Story by BRIRINGIRO Damascene*



*Illustrated by Clement IRAGUHA*

*Wearing masks properly  
Red color means bad and green color means good (for people wearing masks)*



# IDEAS FROM SOME YOUTH ABOUT CORONAVIRUS

*Coronavirus out broke in China in 2019 and was spread around the world. In Rwanda, people say many different things about it. Nyiramubande magazine interviewed some of the youth in Huye town (the south of Rwanda) and they said what they know about it and the lessons learnt from it.*

NIYONKURU Patrick is from Tumba Sector. He knows coronavirus as a pandemic which is threatening the entire world. The virus is quickly spread and if you don't respect the guidelines/measures set by the government such as wearing masks and avoiding unnecessary travels, you can die from coronavirus. He added that, because of the pandemic, many people are now jobless, schools have closed their doors and that the youth engaged themselves in the use of drugs and other bad behaviors.

NIYONKURU testifies that coronavirus taught him to socialize with others because none knows what the future holds for him or her.

IRADUKUNDA Gisele from Rango B in Tumba Sector said that she knows that coronavirus is spread through liquids from the human body of someone who has it and that it shows symptoms after 14 days. She learnt that she has to be clean by washing her hands with clean water and soap. She concluded that the most important lesson she learnt from this crisis is making savings for bad times.

HABIMANA Emmanuel talks about coronavirus as a pandemic which caused a lot of damages to the world and that many people have lost their jobs because of it. Coronavirus has symptoms such as fever, coughing, difficulties while breathing, generalized weakness, and so on. The lesson learnt from coronavirus is that we should make savings for bad times and comply with the guidelines/measures set by our government in order to prevent ourselves from getting contaminated with it.

ISHIMWE Claudine is from Ngoma Sector. She said: "I know that coronavirus is caused by a virus and it can be spread quickly. Ishimwe thinks about being clean at all times and saving for bad times"

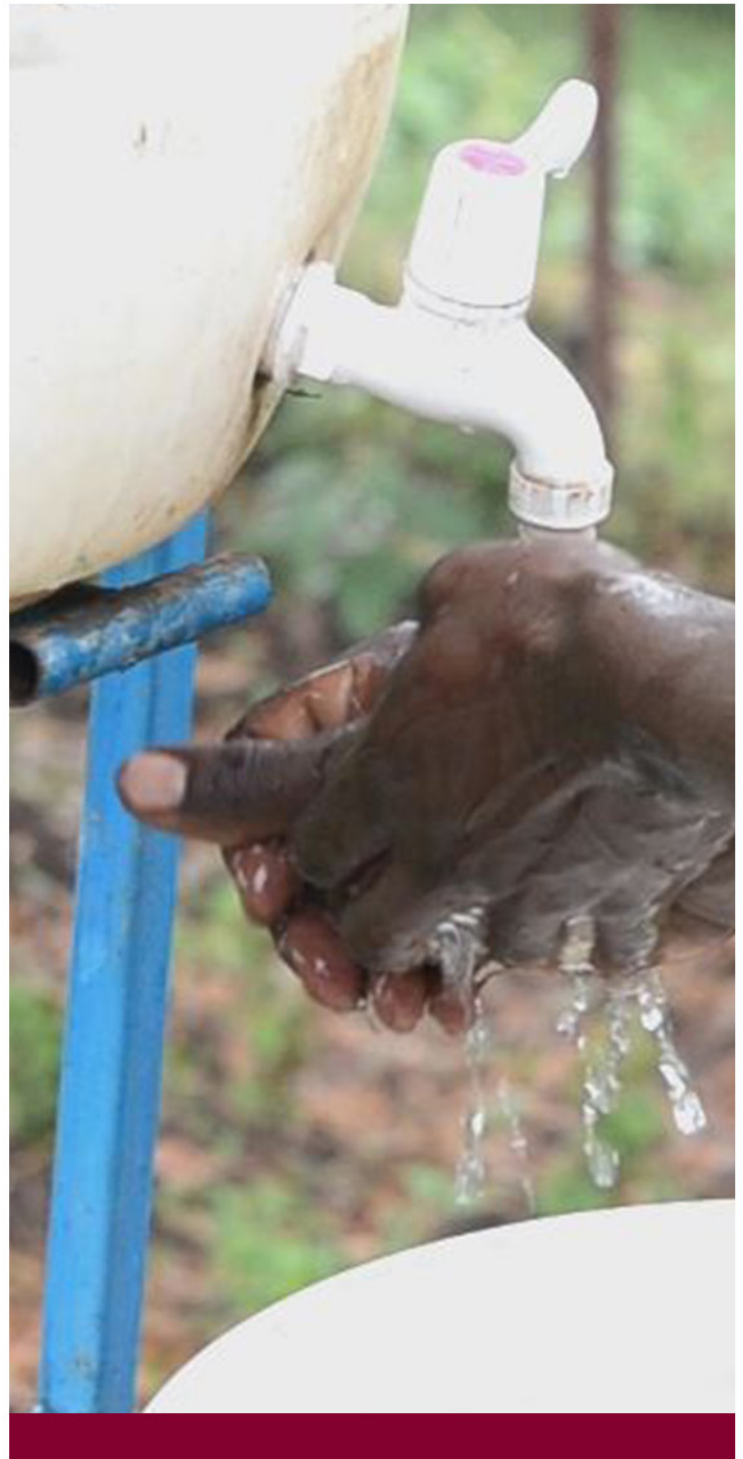


Photo by RUGAMBA Jonathan

IRADUKUNDA Chalif from Huye Sector recognizes that coronavirus is a very dangerous disease which brings about a lot of negative consequences around the world. Consequently, people should prevent themselves from getting it by washing their hands with soap and clean water, by wearing masks when they meet with other people and they should also observe the physical distancing of one meter between one person and another.

-Story by NIJIMBERE Prosper



# SCHOOLS CLOSED BUT WE CONTINUE STUDYING



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*Private and Public schools closed doors due to coronavirus. Therefore, REB (Rwanda Education Board) prepared lessons for primary and secondary school students, and those lessons are broadcasted on different media channels.*

Some of the students from Mugombwa refugee camp are pleased with this program as it helps them continue their studies instead of engaging in unimportant things.

NTWARI Evode is a student in Primary six and SHYAKA Lewis is a student in senior two. They said that they were pleased of learning through media channels as it will help them continue their studies without any problem once the schools will reopen.

SUGIRA Moise is a student in senior five. He says that learning through media channels helped him revise his lessons. After listening to the program, he immediately takes notes and he is convinced that it will help him.

Learning through media channels both audio and visual helped students in general. They found it as a solution which allows to keep them on their levels of education and when schools will reopen, they will be updated.

MAOMBI Mavango Jean Bosco is a teacher in Rushoki Primary School since 2014. During the lockdown, he has been reading and helping his children to study different subjects.

MAOMBI encourages students to continue studying through media channels. He says that they should also revise what they studied in the previous years.

-Story by NGAMIJE Safi

## "IMPORTANT MESSAGES"

*Let us prevent COVID- 19 caused by the coronavirus by following measures set by the Ministry of Health.*

*Here is the way we can prevent from coronavirus:*

**2. WEARING THE MASK PROPERLY:** *In order to prevent the spreading of coronavirus, we have to wear masks properly by covering the mouth and the nose. The medical mask should be used once and for six hours only while those made off fabrics should be used for only six hours and then they should be washed well and ironed.*



*The outbreak of the coronavirus brought about changes in life at different levels. Many countries decreed lockdown in order to prevent the spreading of this virus. Rwanda is one of the countries that established measures of lockdown immediately after having discovered that there was a coronavirus patient.*

Nyiramubande magazine interviewed some parents from Kigeme refugee camp in Nyamagabe and they talked about how they spent the lockdown period. This time improved their relationships and their lives in general.

## KARIRE Devotha

is 40 years old. She said that the lockdown time was well spent with the family and that she had a good time with her children, advising them, teaching them house chores and she ultimately got to know her children better.

She added: "I enjoyed having good time to chat with my children and now I know who they are."

## Kadihiro NIYONSHUTI

said: "Our children had time to socialize with us. They were free to ask any question without fear and we had time to explain. Now our children can give their opinions and it is very constructive for our family."

## Marine MUKANSANGA

is 55 years old. She said: "we learnt to teach and help each other and what I don't know I learn it from someone else."

## Patrice NYATAKA

is 72 years old. He said that the lockdown period helped his family to live well and prevent from getting coronavirus.

He said: "The lockdown time really helped us! We have been able to prevent ourselves from getting coronavirus and we had time to learn the Bible, therefore we have peace in our home and this is the result of reading the Bible together as a family."

## Mutarutwa KAMENYERO

is 89 years old. He said: "lockdown time taught us to practice hygiene, more particularly at home. We also have learnt to work together. Before, one person could do house chores alone, but now everyone participates."

-story written by NIYODUSENGA Chantal

## Rwirasira RUDAKEMWA

said that his family enjoyed being together. They had time to advise each other and they also taught their children to love each other. He added that they learnt to live in accordance with the means/money they have. They learnt not to live beyond their means.



Photo by: United Nations.I316644



# CONSEQUENCES OF THE "LOCKDOWN", A DECISION MADE TO PREVENT CORONAVIRUS

*The deadly disease of "coronavirus" has led to a number of measures including "lockdown" that has lead people to stay at home. . Family life has changed in general. Some of the refugees in Mahama refugee camp in eastern Rwanda, women, men, and children are experiencing these changes.*

**Etienne MACUMI**

a 42-year-old man, is pleased with the fact that for him "the lockdown" " has reduced marital unfaithfulness. "The unfaithful couples did not get the opportunity to cheat on their partners because hotels, night clubs, and bars were all closed. They had to get along and rebuild their marital relationships and the children have been able to benefit from good education from their parents." He said.

**Aline NDAYIRAGIJE**

is 30-year-old. She said: "Concerning our lives, we are in a better position because we have found support in our homes. We also have the right time to talk to our spouses. We correct the mistakes we have made and we talk about how we can improve our home situations"



Photo by: UNHCR.tzd (Taken before Covid-19 Outbreak)

**Fiacre BOBIRIMANA**

is a 30-year-old man. He said: "It was better because we were able to get together as a family and talk more about our family situation. There has been a long-running conversation between parents and children who also got an opportunity to relax with their parents."

The parents concluded that they have tried to solve the problems which prevailed in their families and to improve some of the children's nurture and that they are ready to stay close to them.

*-Story by Henriette NDAYIKENGURUTE*



## TIME FOR GIVING OUR CHILDREN GOOD EDUCATION

*Some of the parents from Mugombwa Refugee Camp in Gisagara District (Southern Province) said that lockdown has been a good time to interact with their children, to give them advice and to help them revise their lessons.*

According to RUGERUZA Shyamba who is 65 years old, the lockdown time was a bonding time between him and his children. The latter were able to ask him questions freely and he was able to answer them and to give them the clarifications they needed on issues on which they had doubts.

TUYISHIME Jean Bosco is 32 years old. He lives in Mugombwa refugee camp. During the lockdown, he discovered that children like to spend time with their parents. It was a good time to teach them house chores to both girls and boys without any distinction. He added: "lockdown was a time to help my children in their studies and our relationship have improved"

BUTSITSI Thomas is 58 years old. He said: "During the lockdown, I had enough time to talk with my children and I got to know them deeply and sometimes they used to disrespect their mother, but I corrected them. We have been together, working together and we have the same vision now."

*-Story by NKURUNZIZA Jackson*



*Illustrated by Clement IRAGUHA*

Lockdown has been a good time to talk about important issues such as reproductive health, and most of the time children have wrong information on those issues.

MASENGESHO Gentile is 34 years old. For her, lockdown helped her to know her children's needs. They were able to eat on time and she was able to answer their questions and to help them revise their lessons.

UWAMARIYA Florence is 25 years old. She says: "This lockdown period helped me to know well my children. If they commit faults, I punish them and advise them to behave well."

### "IMPORTANT MESSAGES"

*Let us prevent COVID- 19 caused by the coronavirus by following measures set by the Ministry of Health.*

*Here is the way we can prevent from coronavirus:*

**3. CLEANING MASK:** We should avoid putting on a mask used by someone else. We should also avoid burning it because it may cause pollution. Once, we have used it, we should take it to a drug store (Pharmacy) or the nearest Health Center.



# COVID-19 HELPED ME INCREASE MY INCOME



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The government of Rwanda, as many countries around the world, set measures/guidelines in order to prevent the spreading of coronavirus which has downgraded the world's economy. However, some businesses have prospered like those involved in selling food. They were the only ones which were allowed to function during the lockdown.

There are some people who have made profit during lockdown like RUTABARA Van, a young man from Congo who is 27 years old and who lives in Kigeme refugee Camp. RUTABARA has a small business in Kigeme refugee camp. When NYIRAMUBANDE interviewed him, he said that during the lockdown he has continued to work.

RUTABARA added: "I have a small business in Kigeme refugee camp. During the lockdown, I was among few people who could work. So, because people from the camp were not allowed to go out, they have been shopping from my shop".

I have made a lot of profit during the lockdown. Before coronavirus, I was living a simple life. My customers were very few and their number increased during the lockdown. After lockdown, we can now go to Nyamagabe town and buy what we don't have in the camp.

The lesson learnt by RUTABARA is saving money for bad times and his advice to the youth is to save the little amount of money they have and also to comply with the guidelines/measures set by our government in order to prevent coronavirus from spreading.

-Story by NYAMPINGA Marie Grace



# I LEARNED A LOT FROM CORONAVIRUS



Photo by Noah NIYONIZEYE

Bosco KABAYIZA's Bar is closed because of COVID-19

KABAYIZA Bosco lives in Kigeme refugee camp. Before the lockdown he had a business. He owned a pub and a hall where people could watch football matches. During the lockdown, he was obliged to close everything and the lockdown negatively affected his business.

When NYIRAMUBANDE magazine interviewed him, he replied in a saddened voice that life is hard and that his businesses closed in a bid to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

**Nyiramubande: How has the coronavirus affected your life?**

Kabayiza: All my businesses were closed. The pub is closed as well as the hall which was used to show football matches and to host wedding events. It is this business which provided me with income which allowed me to survive.

I could get twenty thousand Rwanda francs per event (wedding) and fifteen thousand per day for a football match. Now I get nothing. The hall is no longer operating. I think the coronavirus will leave me with empty pockets and I have already spent everything I had.

**Nyiramubande: What did you learn?**

Kabayiza: The period of lockdown gave me with a big lesson. Saving for bad times is very important and it is my advice to young people. Another thing is not to stick to one business. You can change when the one you are doing is no longer fruitful. I finally encourage everyone to fight against coronavirus. So, we can live happily again.

-Story by NIYONIZEYE Noah



Hello, Dear readers!

Thank you so much for reading our magazine which is also yours. This magazine is written by young journalists from refugee camps mainly from Kigeme, Mugombwa, and Mahama camps, and also by some young refugees living in Huye town in collaboration with the youth living around that town.

Our magazine aims at peacebuilding and living in harmony where we live. We encourage you to give us your experience and contributions of your everyday life with regard to these topics.

Do you know how to draw? Share with us your experience through drawings. Maybe, you may write poems or songs. Please show us your talent. Do you have a story that you want to share with us? Please go on.

In this magazine, there is a page that can help you give us your ideas. We would also like to have your feedback on our stories and the topics you would like us to talk about in the next editions. If you have an idea of how to improve our NYIRAMUBANDE magazine, please let us know. You are welcome.

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-EDITORIAL



**FILL IN THIS FORM AFTER READING THE NEWS PAPER NYIRAMUBANDE**

• **Identification:**

Names:.....

Refugee ☐ Rwandan ☐

Sex: Male ☐ Female ☐ Age:.....

1. a) The number of the newspaper you read.....  
b) To what extent were you satisfied?

■ I was not satisfied. ☐ ■ I was fairly satisfied. ☐

■ I was satisfied. ☐ ■ I was very satisfied. ☐

2. a) Which story was interesting for you to read? .....

b) Why?.....

3. What lesson did you learn after reading this newspaper? .....

4. Is there any change about your belief, your thoughts or your behavior? Please  
explain.....

5. a) Has reading awakened in you any new ideas about how you can teach peace, solve  
conflicts in the refugee camp or outside?.....

b) What did you like or dislike? Which topic should we write on next time?.....

- Give us ideas to improve this MAGAZINE.....

- On which point should we focus next time?.....



# I BECAME JOBLESS BECAUSE OF CORONAVIRUS



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*Due to coronavirus, some people stopped what they were doing. There are some others who have resumed their activities and who are working now. Yet, there are some others whose activities stopped until now and who cannot work.*

IRADUKUNDA Alice is a mother. She is 36 years old. She was born in Mugombwa Sector in the District of Gisagara. Before the coronavirus outbreak in Rwanda, she was a cook at Mugombwa Secondary School. In March, she was forced to stop her job because of coronavirus and until now she is not working.

She said that she was strongly affected by the consequences of coronavirus as before she was getting her salary and now she doesn't have money. She would like to visit her family but unfortunately travelling is also expensive.

*With deep sorrow, she added that before coronavirus she had a good life. But now, even making saving is hard. Her life is getting worse and she understood that saving is very important whatever the amount of money you may have. We should also accept the changes that occur in our life.*

*Finally, Alice said that she should not be stubborn and work alone. She should join others and work together with them.*

**-Story by NIKUZE Seraphine**



# THE JOY OF BUSINESSMEN AFTER LOCKDOWN

After lockdown and other measures taken to prevent the spread of coronavirus, there were some activities that could be done which were reallocated to function such as businesses, transportation of people using vehicles and motorcycles, and soon.

In Huye market, you may find different people including Rwandans and Burundian refugees. When you enter the market, you find happy clients and sellers. You find also water and soap, to wash hands. Everyone in the market is wearing a mask and they keep the distancing of one meter between people.

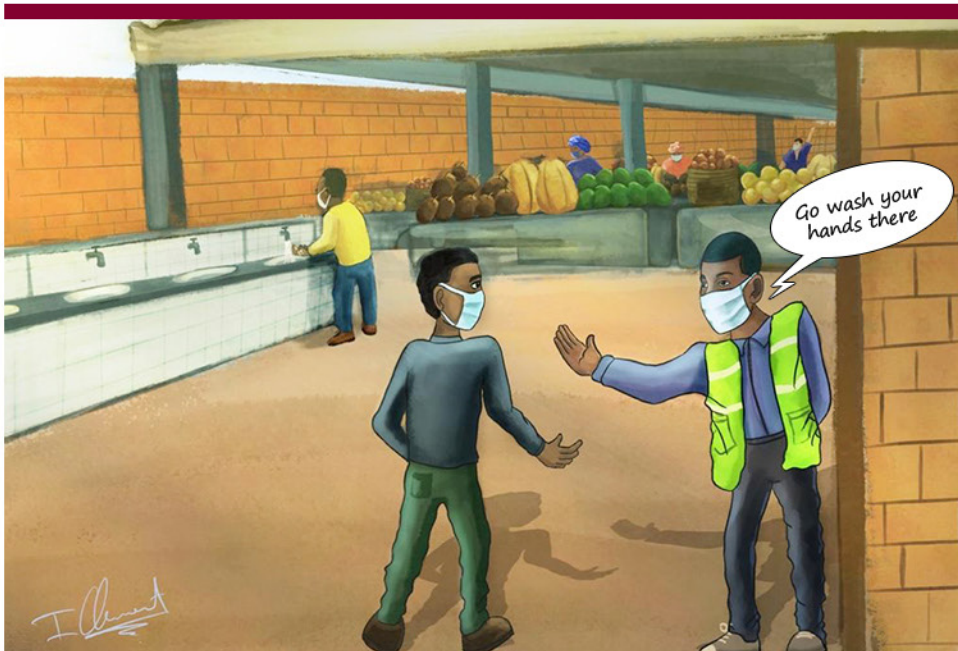
UWAMAHORO Grace sells fruits in Huye market. She said that when businesses reopened she was happy. She expected that businesses were going to flourish as before but this was not the case. She hopes that her business will flourish again and that she will be able to feed her family and pay her house rent without any problem.

UMWIZERWA Jean D'amour does a business of selling music CDs and all related accessories, he was affected by the consequences of coronavirus as he became poor due to the lack of savings. The lesson learnt is to make saving for bad times. They say in Kinyarwanda:

buy new products and that it is the reason why she does not even save. The lesson learnt is that she should work hard and save for bad time. Another important point concerns hygiene. She knows that she should wash her hands with clean water and soap and that this allows to prevent people from getting contaminated with many diseases.

NZIRAGUHUNGA Emmanuel is the representative of vendors in Huye District. He talked about measures taken to prevent from the spread of coronavirus, such as washing hands using clean water and soap at all entrances of the market. Shop owners have been requested to put water and soap in front of their shops. They were also requested to respect the number of 50 percent of workers. He advises clients and people who come to Huye market to respect measures set by the government in order to prevent from coronavirus.

-Story by *INGABIRE Pascaline*



Illustrated by *IRAGUHA Clement*

MANIRAKIZA Patrice, who is a Burundian refugee sells clothes in a place known as Rwabayanga. He confirmed that when they closed businesses, he was very sad because he had nothing.

He added that he relied on his business to live and during the lockdown, he has struggled a lot. He could spend three days without eating.

“Bucya bucyana ayandi”, meaning that you should be careful because you don’t know what will happen tomorrow.

BYUKUSENGE Raissa works in front of the market in the RAPUCI shop. She sells women cosmetic products (earrings, bags, and so on). The period of lockdown was not easy for her. She said that the money she earns she uses it to

## “IMPORTANT MESSAGES”

Let us prevent COVID- 19 caused by the coronavirus by following measures set by the Ministry of Health.

Here is the way we can prevent from coronavirus:

## AVOID BEING THE SOURCE OF SPREADING CORONAVIRUS:

When you are coughing and sneezing remember to cover your mouth.



# WE TAKE THEIR TEMPERATURE BEFORE THEY ENTER THE CAMP



Photo by: RUGAMBA Jonathan

## One of the young people of Kigeme Camp are taken temperature before they get into the Camp

*The social affairs officer in Kigeme Camp, UWAMAHORO Constance says that they have arranged to take the temperature of people who come to the camp in order to protect refugees and visitor's life.*

According to UWAMAHORO, during these days, people who live in the camp are struggling to survive. Life has become more difficult than before. People have lost their jobs and they don't have any income to sustain them in their everyday life. When she was asked what they do to prevent themselves from getting coronavirus as refugees live over crowded in a small area, she answered that the leaders of the camp do everything to sensitize the refugees about how to prevent themselves from getting coronavirus.

She added: "We encourage people to wash their hands with clean water and soap, to wear a mask, and to avoid getting close to one another in a big number.

UWAMAHORO added that they have designated places where people are expected to wash their hands and have the temperature taken as well in the camp.

UWAMAHORO says that the period of lockdown was well spent and that spending too much time with children was a challenge. She said: "We behaved well during the lockdown. People could only get out of their houses when it was needed. Everything was fine and done in collaboration with our leaders.

She concluded by requesting refugees to comply with the measures taken to prevent from the spread of coronavirus including washing hands, wearing masks, avoiding unnecessary travels.

*-Story by MUGENZI Javan*



# THE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT TO PREVENT FROM THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS CONCERN EVERYONE INCLUDING PEOPLE LIVING IN CAMPS



Photo by: NGENDAKUMANA Jacques

**BIBONIMANA Chantal, director of refugees' welfare at Mahama Camp.**

Officers working in the Rwandan Ministry of Emergency Management in the Mahama camp in the East of the country, the representatives of the UN High Committee for Refugees (UNHCR), all applauded the "Lockdown" measure. While before the lockdown, refugees were allowed to go outside the camp to carry out different activities to improve their living conditions, in this period of lockdown, they have agreed to abide by the country's instructions to stay at home.

"At the beginning, people were asking us how some of these refugees would live, because there were some of them who used to go to Kigali, others to the Tanzanian border...etc. In quest for means to feed their families" Bibonimana Chantal, in-charge of refugee welfare at Mahama camp said. She added that they are urging refugees not to go out of the camp, except for one who has valid and justifiable reasons. Even food is found in the camp.

She confirms that the operation is difficult due to a large number of refugees living in camps. For her, it is clear that refugees must abide by the laws of the country in which they live.

Efforts need then to be put on awareness raising in order to sensitize refugees on the necessity of restricting their freedom of movement in a bid to control the spread of coronavirus.

## Patients were not forgotten

Bibonimana Chantal goes on to say that patients are supported: "During the lockdown, we tried to be available, if anyone had a problem, whether he was sick or had any other issues, he could immediately contact us and then we could intervene." She confirms that they are working closely with Camp officials, doctors, and health workers who even support them to get out of their homes.

She concludes by alluding to the problems which prevailed in camps during Covid-19 year. "The other big issue was that for almost two weeks, the gas for cooking was not available". But, she is thankful that it eventually became available and that problem was solved.

-Story by MUHAWENAYO Jean Aimé



# LOCKDOWN IS NOT SYNONYMOUS OF LAZINESS

*In the midst of coronavirus lockdown, Burundian refugees in Mahama camp in Rwanda in Kirehe District remained active even during the « lockdown ». They have done various activities meant to improve the living conditions of their families including youth education.*

“During the lockdown, I had time to take care of my family in different ways. I helped my wife and children with some of the activities that contribute to the well-being of my family” Said Masumbuko Radjabu, one of the refugees. He says that he talked with his children about reproductive health, and he taught them about school science.

The man confirms that what he did in lockdown is being fruitful today.

Even his wife has the same view. In an interview with Nyiramubande, Mukansabiye Jeannette said that coronavirus has had a lot of negative effects on her family on the one side, but it has also had some positive impact on the other side. “It’s good to have time to talk to the husband and children,” she said. Before the lockdown, he used to wake up and just go. He could not get time to take care of his family members. All of them could meet at home exhausted in the evening and didn’t have time to talk and the following day the same scenario was repeated again and again.



Photo by: RUGAMBA Jonathan

Together with his wife Mukansabiye Jeannette, he confirms that they have created a vegetables’ garden with various vegetables such as amaranth, cabbages, and Carrots to fight diseases resulting from malnutrition. He says that he has got enough time to interact with his wife after a so long time of silence due to his daily work load.

Masumbuko Radjabu continues: “I have found enough time to think about what would improve my family in terms of activities and interaction between the family members.”

The family also says that during Covid-19 times, they got time to discuss and review their behaviors in terms of children’s education, culture, and so on. They conclude by saying that the coronavirus has taught them to plan their daily household activities, consuming less and saving more in order to cope with the worst possible times to come in the future.

-Story by HAKIZIMANA Emmanuel



# SHE WAS AFFECTED BY CORONAVIRUS IN A POSITIVE WAY

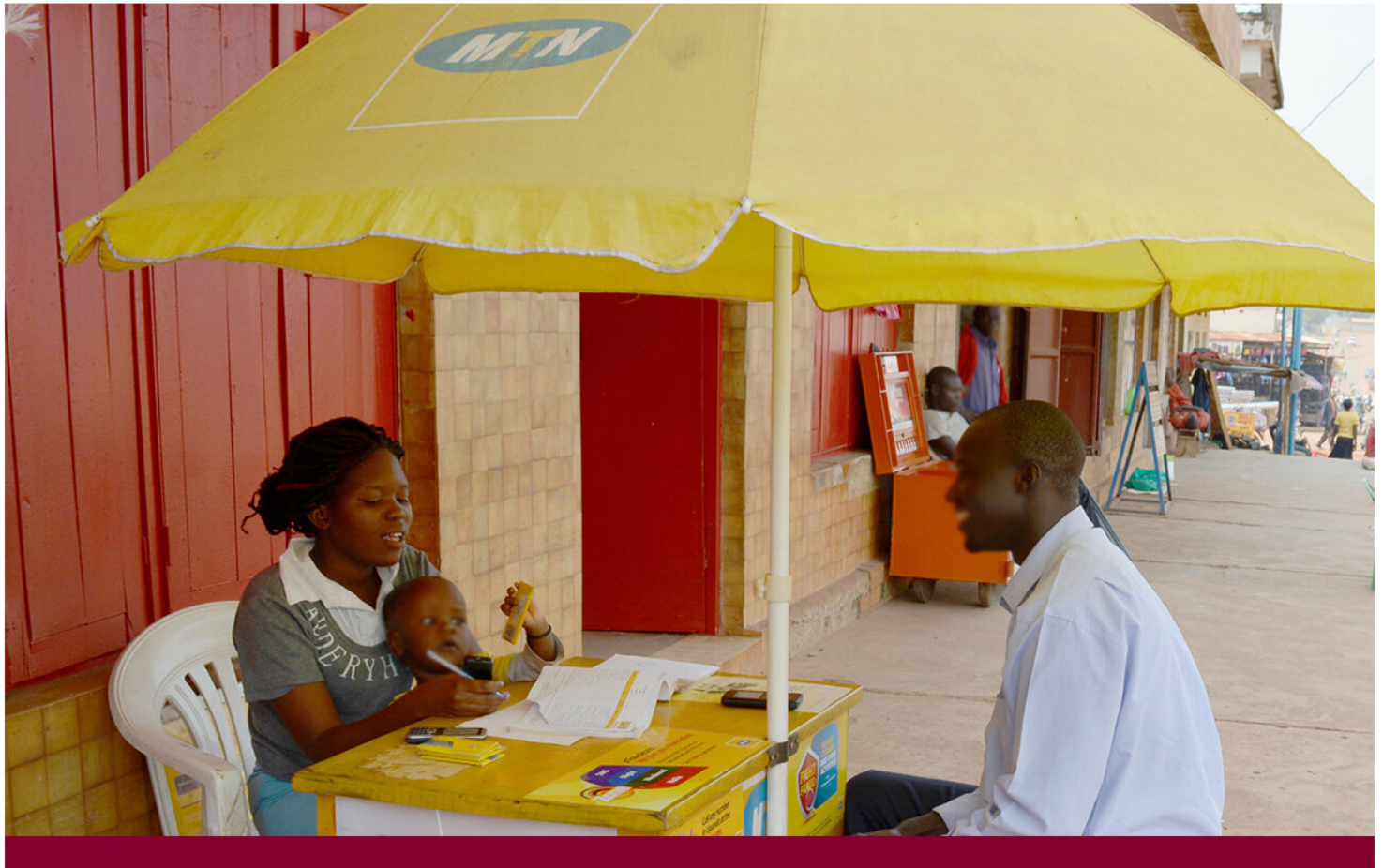


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People were affected by the impact of coronavirus in general. Coronavirus has had a negative impact on some people like those who lost their jobs while some others were lucky to have their life improved as compared to the situation which prevailed before corona virus.

UWIZEYIMANA Ruth is from Ngoma Sector, Huye District, and Southern Province. She is an agent of airtime commonly known as me to you. According to her, she was lucky because the number of her clients increased as people were calling their relatives and using internet. The restriction of movements enabled her to gain many clients and the period of lockdown was fruitful for her.

Even if she was working, she has faced challenges also among which the fear of being contaminated by clients and the fact that she was the only person who could work in her family was also a challenge.

She concluded by thanking the Government of Rwanda as it continues to care of its population.

She encourages all Rwandans to respect the measures established to prevent from the spread of coronavirus. She advises the youth to save for bad time. Actually, people who have experienced bad times are the ones who had not made any saving. They should also know how to live with little means and join cooperative associations.

-Story by IRAMBONA Serge

## "IMPORTANT MESSAGE"

*Comply with the measures set by the Ministry of Health meant to prevent us from getting coronavirus.*

*This is how we can protect ourselves against corona virus:*

**5. AVOID GETTING CLOSE TO PEOPLE:** *When you go in a crowded place, remember the physical distancing of at least one meter between you and others.*



# THE QUANTITY OF WATER HAS INCREASED FROM 20 LITERS TO 25 LITERS PER PERSON AND PER DAY

NTEZIMANA Pacifique works for World Vision in Mugombwa refugee camp. He is in charge of hygiene and sanitation and he also sensitizes people on how to prevent themselves from getting coronavirus. They provide water to Health centers, schools, the Police Office, and Sectors offices neighboring the Camp.

NTEZIMANA said that during this coronavirus crisis, they are providing 25 liters of water instead of 20 liters per person and per day. They provided water taps at the entrance of the camp and some volunteers monitor if people wash well their hands and respect one-meter physical distance between them.

NTEZIMANA added “In collaboration with people from the camp, we have people who monitor if the measures established by the Ministry of Health are observed and if people respect one-meter distance when they come to fetch water at water point. During the lockdown, due to the big number of people living in the camp, it is not easy to comply with all the measures at one hundred percent.

He added: “In order to protect people living in the camp, we provided water taps to all mobile money agents, the Health center has clean water, and they have a room where they can receive someone with coronavirus symptoms. The room is equipped with essential equipment. We also use a megaphone to give message to refugees three times per day. We also use flyers. We hang them on toilets doors everywhere. So, refugees can have information on coronavirus.”

He concludes by saying that people in charge of sensitization were given masks, gloves, and shoes to protect themselves from the virus and therefore to be able to help others. He advises people living in the camp to respect measures set by the Ministry of Health.

-Story by MUHAWENAYO Jean Aime

## “IMPORTANT MESSAGE”

Comply with the measures set by the Ministry of Health meant to prevent us from getting coronavirus.

This is how we can protect ourselves against coronavirus:

**6. AVOID TOUCHING YOUR FACE OR NOSE:** When you haven't washed your hands, remember to wash your hands every time you come from out of your family in order not to contaminate your family members. Remember also to change clothes and wash the ones you were wearing.



Photo by: MUHAWENAYO Jean Aime

IMANISHIMWE Pacifique, an employee of  
World Vision Rwanda



# MY BUSINESS IS FLOURISHING

*Even if Covid -19 has affected many people's lives, some of the refugees who own businesses in Mugombwa refugee camp said that it was an opportunity for those who had many goods to sell more.*

Nyiramubande magazine interviewed SIFA Yvonne who is 18 years old and who is doing business in Mugombwa refugee camp. She owns a store. According to her, her business has developed thanks to coronavirus. The number of her clients increased during the lockdown.

When she was asked the lesson, she learnt from coronavirus, she said that the first thing is to live peacefully with others, to have good relationship and then to comply with measures set by the Government more particularly those concerning hygiene, as it is the pillar of life. She is also planning to make savings for the future. She advises the refugees to be optimistic, to help each other when needed, and to prevent from getting contaminated with coronavirus.

*-Story by NYIRABUKARA Uwase*



Photo by: ©Kigalitoday.com (Photo taken before Covid-19 outbreak)

SIFA continues her story by saying: "When the lockdown started, people in the camp were obliged to shop inside the camp. I was lucky because I had enough goods, while other shops were almost empty. I can say that there was no more competition. People were coming to me and the number of my clients doubled."

SIFA goes on to say that she complies with well with all the measures set to prevent coronavirus. She has a water tap in front of her store, clean water, and soap for her clients and she always advise her clients to keep on meter of distance between them. This is why her business is now doing well.

## "IMPORTANT MESSAGE"

*Comply with the measures set by the Ministry of Health meant to prevent us from getting coronavirus.*

*This is how we can protect ourselves against coronavirus:*

- 7. AVOID EXCHANGING MONEY:** *It is now easy, you can pay everything using your mobile phone.*
- 8. AVOID GREETING EACH OTHER, SHAKING HANDS** *or hugging one towards another, also avoid traveling when unnecessary.*



## NYIRAMUBANDE JOURNALISTS FROM MUGOMBWA REFUGEE CAMP



Photo by: MUHAWENAYO Jean Aime

Journalists from Mugombwa Refugee camp with their fellows and NISHIMWE Henriette from Ejo Youth Echo who helped them improve their writing skills.

## NYIRAMUBANDE'S JOURNALISTS FROM HUYE TOWN



Journalists from Huye town with journalists from Ejo Youth Echo, wearing black jackets and helping them to improve their writing skills.



# PARENTS AND CHILDREN, IT IS EVERYONE'S DUTY TO FIGHT AGAINST THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS.

1 HAMARI IS TALKING ABOUT CORONAVIRUS WITH HIS CHILDREN DAVID AND DIANE. HE IS ALSO GIVING THEM ADVICE.

1 MY CHILDREN, AS YOU CAN SEE, WE ARE OVERWHELMED BY THE CORONAVIRUS. YOUR MOTHER STAYS IN RUBAVU DISTRICT BECAUSE OF THAT VIRUS. I HAVE MASKS HERE IN MY BAG. WE ARE REQUESTED TO WEAR THEM EVERYWHERE. WE HAVE TO WASH OUR HANDS WITH CLEAN WATER AND SOAP. WE SHOULD AVOID UNNECESSARY TRAVELS. DAVID, YOU LINE GOING OUT! LET ME REMIND YOU OF SOME OF THE SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS. ANYONE WHO HAS CORONAVIRUS HAS FEVER, HEADACHE, DIFFICULTIES WHEN BREATHING, FW, COUGHING AND SO ON. ANOTHER IMPORTANT THING IS THAT IF ONE OF US DEVELOPS ONE OF THESE SYMPTOMS, HE/SHE SHOULD ISOLATE HIMSELF/HERSELF AND CALL THE LINE 1114. MY CHILDREN, WHEN LIFE IS GONE YOU CANNOT BRING IT BACK.

DAVID DID NOT CARE ABOUT HIS FATHER'S ADVICE. HE WENT TO VISIT HIS FRIEND DIVINE WITHOUT WEARING A MASK.

1 MY DEAR, WHY DIDN'T YOU PUT ON YOUR MASK?

1 I DON'T LIKE IT. IT ANNOYS ME SO I LEFT IT.

1 WHEN DAVID COMES BACK HOME, HIS FATHER REQUESTS HIM TO BATH AND PUT ON OTHER CLOTHES, TO ISOLATE HIMSELF BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW WHERE HE WAS.

1 WHERE ARE YOU COMING FROM MY SON? DO YOU WANT TO BRING CORONAVIRUS HERE? FROM TODAY YOU ARE GOING TO STAY IN ISOLATION.

1 I DON'T CARE! THIS IS A GOOD WAY TO ESCAPE! WHY DO YOU ISOLATE ME? DID I KILL SOMEONE?

DAVID DIDN'T CARE ABOUT HIS FATHER'S ADVICE, HE ESCAPED AND WENT TO MEET HIS FRIENDS, THEY DRANK AND SMOKE.

1 NOW, WE ARE FINE AFTER DRINKING AND SMOKING, WEED! MY FRIENDS, DO YOU THINK WE CAN BE CONTAMINATED WITH CORONAVIRUS?

1 NEVER! THEY SAY THAT CORONAVIRUS IS TREATED BY ALCOHOL!

1 OH. OH! MY FRIEND THAT IS TRUE. SO, GIVE ME ANOTHER BEER.



AFTER SOME DAYS DAVID'S FRIENDS CAME BACK. HE WAS COUGHING, BREATHING HARD, HE HAD FEVER AND HE REVEALED THAT HE ESCAPED THE POLICE WHILE HIS FRIENDS WERE COUGHT BY THE POLICE. HIS FATHER IS NOT CONVINCED. HE CALLS THE LINE 1114.

EEH, EEH!  
STOP THERE.  
DON'T TRY  
TO APPROACH  
US. YOU MIGHT  
HAVE CORONAVIRUS.

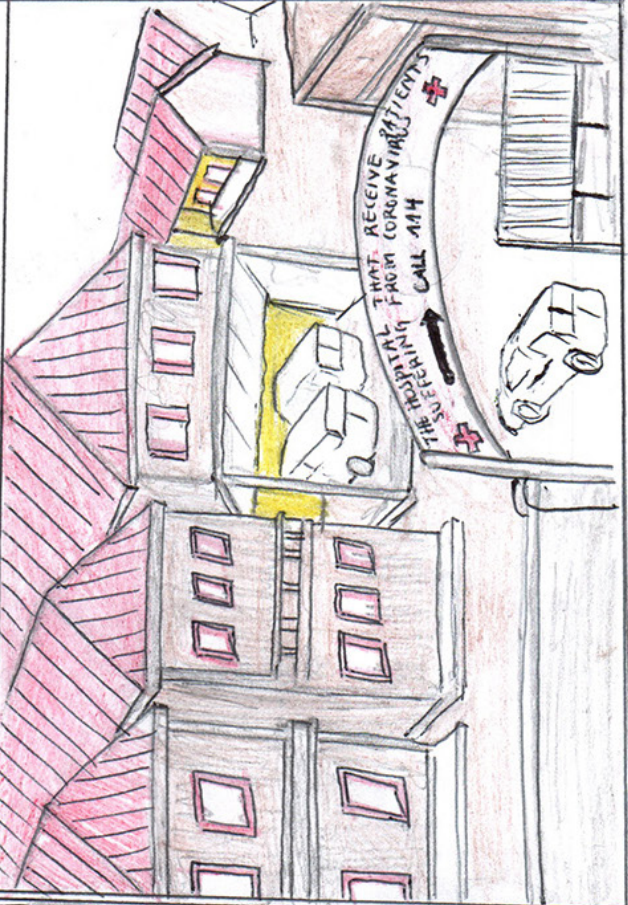


IMMEDIATELY DAVID'S FATHER CALLED THE LINE 1114.

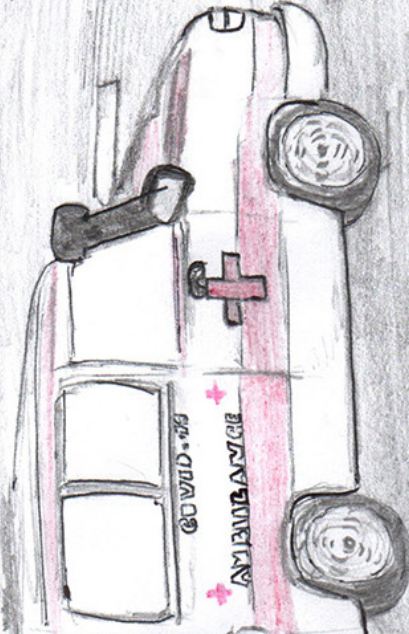
HELLO, MY NAME IS KAMARI. I LIVE IN GATOU VILLAGE, KARAMA CELL, MUKURA SECTOR, MWE DISTRICT IN SOUTHERN PROVINCE. MY SON HAS SOME OF THE SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS, AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE IS COMING FROM. SO, PLEASE HELP US I BEG YOU.

THAT IS RIGHT.  
WE ARE GOING TO  
COME BY THE WAY,  
AVOID TO TOUCH  
OR APPROACH HIM!

KAMARI FAMILY HAS BEEN ISOLATED. DAVID WAS FOUND COVID-19 POSITIVE. AFTER SOMETIME, LUCKILY ENOUGH, HE GETS WELL AND HE TAKES A DECISION OF COMPLYING WITH MEASURES SET TO PREVENT FROM THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS.



DAVID FRIENDS WERE NOT COUGHT BY POLICE THEY WERE TAKEN TO BE TESTED AND THEY WERE FOUND COVID-19 POSITIVE. NOW THEY ARE BEING TREATED IN SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL.





# SUMMARY ABOUT THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

*In world history many things happened: wars, genocides, and many people died. That time, it was possible to flee from one country and seek refuge in another country where you could feel safe. However, since the end of 2019, the entire world is in war. There is no continent, no country which is safe.*

COVID-19 is everywhere and every country is fighting for its own safety.

At the end of 2019, the Town of Wuhan in China experienced the outbreak of the coronavirus. The pandemic first caused several losses of human lives in China and due to the way it spread; it reached other big countries in Europe and America. The most affected countries were Italy, France, Spain, United Kingdom, and The United States of America. On February 14th, 2020, the first patient tested positive in Egypt, then another one on 17th in Algeria. So, that was the beginning of the coronavirus in Africa.

On March 13th, the first patient tested positive in Rwanda. , he was Indian from Mumbai.

The new coronavirus discovered in 2019 is the cause of the respiratory disease called Covid-19 and this disease presents symptoms between the 2nd and the 14th day following the contamination.

The World Health Organization (WHO) recognized coronavirus as an epidemic on January 30th, 2020, then on March 11th, it was declared as a pandemic.

COVID-19 is caused by the coronavirus. Coronavirus contributed a lot to the decrease of the economy in Rwanda and all over the world. The (OECD) shows how the world economy will decrease. In 2020, it increased up to a growth of 2.4 % while in March 2020 the growth rate of the economy was estimated at 2.9 %. In the coming days, it will probably be estimated at 1.5 %.

This pandemic stopped many activities among which sports, entertainment, education, industries, and tourism. So, the pandemic brought about the loss of billions of dollars. Many African countries after having discovered that close relationships between countries can be the source of contamination, they have closed their borders in order to protect their own citizens from the deadly coronavirus, and the citizens who repatriated from foreign countries were put in quarantine for up to 14 days.

When we collected information on Covid-19 around the world, we discovered that 13 million people had been contaminated with this virus and 5 million of them had recovered while more than five hundred thousand died. The most affected country is the United States of America where 3 million people were contaminated, one million had recovered and one hundred thirty thousand people died.

In Rwanda, more than two hundred thousand people were tested for Covid-19, more than one thousand five hundred people had tested positive. Seven hundred people had recovered from it and four people died. In Rwanda, the highest record of Covid-19 patients was had been observed on June 29th, 2020.

Rwanda continues to fight against Covid-19. After the lockdown period, some activities are running, as usual like markets, transport, restaurants, Hotels. Yet, people have to respect the physical distance of one meter between them and to wear masks every time they leave their homes. However, church activities, mosques, bars are still closed. Until now, researchers don't know the origin of this virus. Some say that it came from bats, others say that it was made in Laboratory. Until now there is no drug or vaccine against the disease which is certified by World Health Organization. While the virus was invisible in China, it resurfaced in June while they were hoping that the pandemic was over.

-Story by MUHAWENAYO Jean Aimé

## "IMPORTANT MESSAGE"

**Comply with the measures set by the Ministry of Health meant to prevent us from getting coronavirus.**

**If you develop one of these symptoms:**

- Fever
- Coughing
- Difficulties to breathe
- Flu
- Generalized weakness
- Headache

**CALL 114 if you need help, this number was provided by The Ministry of Health and it is a free line.**

**I DON'T WANT TO BE THE ONE TO BE CONTAMINATED OR TO CONTAMINATE OTHERS. SO, DO THE SAME YOURSELF!**



# IDEAS FROM READERS

*Ideas from refugees living in the camps of Mugombwa, Kigeme, Mahama, and in Huye town*

*BYIRINGIRO Jackson is 21. After reading Nyiramubande, he decided not to use drugs and he is encouraging other young people to stop using them. They should instead have constructive and peaceful discussions.*

*UMUTESI Benithe is 28 years old. She said: "I found out that parents should talk to their children. Thus, can prevent them from having bad behaviors. Before, I couldn't see the importance of talking to them. I thought that what children learn at school is enough."*

*NSHIMIYIMANA Joseph is 57 years old. He knows now that refugees should also work. He decided to advise the youth that they can start a profit-making activity even with small capital.*

*IRAMBONA Serge is 18 years old. He said: "Young people should behave well, even if they don't get that from their parents. After reading Nyiramubande, I found out that bad behaviors result not only from the carelessness of parents towards their children, but also children are also responsible to some extent."*

*GISABO Rodriguez is 21 years old. He said: "Being a refugee is not a problem. The problem is your mind. I loved this story. It advised us to work instead of spending time lamenting. If one of us can work and prosper, there is hope for the future."*

*NISHIMWE Shammah is 18 years old. She said "The lesson learnt is that the money we get as refugees is not little money as we may think. We should manage it well. We should also respect our parents. I encourage my fellows to be wise."*

*BYISHIMO Eddy is 22 years old. He said that reading Nyiramubande enlightened him. Now, he knows that refugees are also human beings who can work fruitfully. Being a refugee is not only getting help from others, instead we can also work."*

*MUPENDO Denise is 47 years old. She said: "The status of a refugee should not be a barrier to us. We can work and I noticed that I should not disrespect any job. Any job can bring change in our life."*

*-Ideas gathered by UWICYEZA Christella*



## IDEAS FROM READERS

*UMURERWA Belise is 14 years old. She learnt from Nyiramubande that children should obey their parents and listen to their advice.*

*UWIMANA Esperence is 45 years old. She said that she learnt that however little the money you have may be, it can be the basis for starting and developing your business, and of course you will be a good example for others.*

*RUTIKANGA Pacifique is 20 years old. He liked the story about Charles Bizimana whose dreams became true. When he started learning to dress hair, people were laughing at him. But now, his dreams became true due to his career. He added that it was not easy.*

*UWASE Divine is 30 years old. She learnt that any job can be fruitful. You may be wealthy without a good mind and it is useless. Some young people have good ideas, but they don't have the support from their families. I will approach them and give them the example of how Charles Bizimana had a dream and how his dream became true."*

*MUHIRE Jean de Dieu is 28 years old. He said that it is a pity to have children and not to find time for them just because of alcohol. I learnt to chat with my parents.*

*KWIZERA Emmanuel, a 25 years old man said that when you have a dream you have to work hard to make it come true. He added: "I am hopeful that my dreams will become true, it is possible. I will also talk to my peers after community activities, about the evil of conflicts."*

*MICOMYIZA Baseruke is 33 years old. He said: "As a father, I learnt that it is important to have time for your children, you get aware of their problems and therefore you can find a solution together. I will encourage parents to have time for their children and to talk to them. So, they can have the desired family."*



## EJO YOUTH ECHO (EYE)

Is an organization that uses media to promote the culture of peace, fights against violence, protects human rights, and puts in action the millennium goals in central Africa. This Organization is located in Kigali. EJO YOUTH ECHO has many projects that operate in Rwanda and reaches a big number of people mainly the youth and teaches them the culture of peace and humanity.



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