



1. **Introduction:** The Rutana Diocesan monthly Newsletter is now given a new name: **"SHINING STAR NEWSLETTER"**. October was characterized by lots of activities related to training workshops organized for various church groups, assistance of needy people, official opening of a new residence house and Guests who visited our Diocese.

2. Workshop to prevent GBV in families

On 4th and 5th October 2019, there was a workshop on **"Preventing Gender based violence in families"** organized by the Diocese of Rutana and Supported financially and technically by **"SPEAK ONE VOICE"**. During that workshop, **20 young people (boys and girls)** from four communes Rutana, Bukemba, Gitanga and Mpinga Kayove were present. The workshop intended to **analyse cultural challenges related to gender inequality** which gives birth to different sort of violence against women and children. The major objective of **SOV (Speak One Voice)** is to seek and attain lasting change and positive attitude towards all people without any discrimination. These photos below show the participants in the workshop



3. Workshop on parenting and couples

In **October 2019**, The Mothers' Union Department organized a Workshop on Parenting whereby **47 men and 70 women** benefited the training session. The Mothers' Union is actively engaged in caring for families & promoting education especially of girls in order to impact positively families, communities & churches



4. Guests from Saint Mark Parish/Nottingham (UK)

From **22nd to 24th October 2019**, The Diocese of Rutana received **4 Guests** of honour from **St Mark Parish in Nottingham(UK)**. The team was composed by **Rosemary, Janet, Laura and her son Leon**. During their Stay, they managed to meet different groups of people such as diocesan Staff, home group Session, Orphans, and visited Claudette KWIZIGIRA in her home and listened to her touching testimony after she was left a widow among her four little children. Their visit was so useful.



5. Assisting of needy and vulnerable families

The Diocese of Rutana has priorities among which one is to assist vulnerables. For example, in October, 32 families were assisted with food and non-food items by **Timbura archdeaconry**. Note also that among the 32 families assisted, 25 of them received medical cards and food items equivalent to 150.000BIF, 4 students were also given school fees of 32.000BIF, another person benefited 30.000BIF for clothes,, 2 people benefited medical fees of 40 000BIF. In **Rutana Archdeaconry** 6 students were assisted with 50.000BIF and 250.000 BIF was contributed to build a house for a needy woman along with other activities done by Christians with their proper hands. In **Ntaho archdeaconry** a lady who after having an accident became a disabled person benefited an assistance of 50.000BIF from the Mothers'Union.

6. Official Dedication of TIMBURA archdeaconry new House

It was in this last **October 2019** that the house built by Christians of Timbura archdeaconry was officially dedicated. This house was built on lightly more than **27.000.000BIF (15.000\$)** and serves as the **Archdeacon's Residence**.



Prayer*Request*: Sustainable peace as we are going to enter Into elections so that the church can remain stable.

