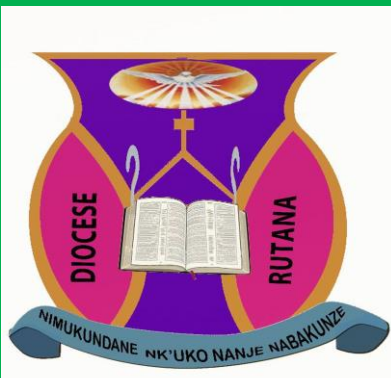




WELCOME TO RUTANA ANGLICAN DIOCESE



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I. Helping young people to overcome poverty



The Diocese of Rutana has thought about helping young people to overcome poverty and relative teachings were delivered to a number of them (Young people). The Bishop accompanied with well-trained young people in fighting gender discrimination have respectively meet a number of young people both boys and girls in **Timbura, Ntaho** and **Rutana** Archdeaconries. The visit in **Timbura Archdeaconry** was made in February and a number of **85 young people** were taught about changing their mindset and learn to consider both sexes as equal in the sight of God and both capable to perform well if their capacities are built. They were told to avoid any kind of laziness and therefore adhere in associations whereby with others they can strive for sustainable development. Same teachings were given to **60 young people in Ntaho archdeaconry** and **87 young people in Rutana Archdeaconry** in the same month of February 2021.



2. Church and Community Mobilization Process workshop

The Diocesan Development Department has organized for 8 days two different workshops on "Church and Community Mobilization Process" and the first workshop was about "Vision Casting" vis-a-vis the **40 Church leaders** from 13 different denominations whereby **40 people participated**. The intention of that workshop was just to awaken the Church to discover all the potentials she (Church) has and use the available resources to meet her needs and of her community around. Thereafter another **4 day workshop** was organized by the Diocese whereby **20 people** selected in different denominations came to be trained to train others afterwards. The **TEAR FUND** financially supported those two workshops and same approach is being spread

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3. Assistance to Mihama Christians tortured by torrential rain

On 8th March 2021, the Bishop and the diocesan team visited Mihama Parish after the Church building fell on Christians during their choir practice time afterwards 15 Christians were seriously tortured by that terrible accident due to torrential rain. Some broke their legs while others were injured. The Diocese of Rutana did its best to help them be treated and provided some assistance to them. During the Visit made by the Bishop and the diocesan team he went with, the Church was so excited to see their presence with food and non-food items but also a sum of money was given to each of them. Those who were still very sick were transferred to Rutana and Kibuye Hospital for special treatment and the Church collected money to support them. We also thank **Janet** and **Simon Guilbaud**, and **Pat** and **Pam** for their generous heart towards those Christians who faced hardships. We thank God a lot that the affected Christians are now well though their Church is still down.

4. Enrolment of new members & Delivering certificate for literacy program

In the Parish of Bukemba, there was enrolment of 17 new members into the Mothers 'Union in January 2021. The total numbers of the Mothers 'Union members in the whole Diocese are **1,325 members**.

In addition, the Mother's Union Department delivered 10 certificates to those who have benefited the literacy program training. In March, the diocesan Mothers 'Union Office held a 5 day workshop whereby **10 new facilitators** were trained for new created Literacy Centers. The second workshop on Savings and Credit for **20 facilitators** was held to build their capacity in order to perform well. The Mothers 'Union Office is engaged to ameliorate the families' life in Rutana Diocese

5. Income Generating Projects: Guest House

The Diocese of Rutana has a long term vision to create Income Generating Projects (IGPs) which will help generate money to support the church mission. In that spirit, the Diocese has recently appointed a certain number of people who will follow up the construction of a Guest House in days to come and who will help in mobilizing resources in terms of people and money in the whole diocese.

The church has accepted to contribute slowly money in order to build that Guest house which may take a number of years to be achieved. Below is the photo of committee



6. The potatoes and beans harvest

The Diocese of Rutana has meaningfully exploited its land located at Gifunzo hill and has managed to harvest **12,136kgs** of potatoes. The money got after selling the quantity helped the Diocese to cover some of the expenses. Today, on the same land there are crops of beans which will be harvested in one month to come (see photos).



7. Support to 150 vulnerable families

Under the financial support of Christian Aid, the Diocese of Rutana managed to assist 150 families made of HIV positive people whereby **2100kgs of rice and 2100 kgs of beans** were distributed to them. A total of 14 kgs of beans and 14 kgs of rice per family were given to them just to help them survive. In addition, there was an amount of **300,000 BIF** transferred to the HIV positive people to help them meet some of their needs.



Prayer request :

1. Construction of a new Guest House in days to come in order to get enough resources in terms of people and money.
2. Covid-19 may not spread all over so that the church may continue her mission among God's people