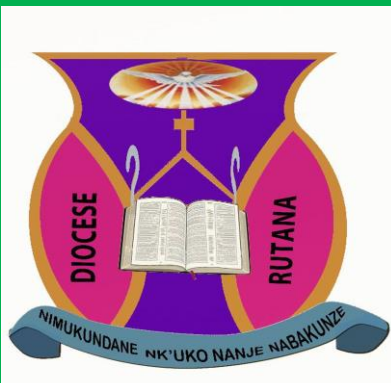




**WELCOME TO RUTANA ANGLICAN DIOCESE
IN BURUNDI**



SHINING STAR NEWSLETTER

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1. Workshop on marriage and Gender Based Violence



In June 2022, the Diocesan Mothers 'Union Office associated with the **3 Archdeacons** of Rutana Anglican Diocese organized different workshops for **160 couples** in different parishes where they met couples and taught them about marriage and gender based violence's in family. Through the exchanges made, both women and men explained freely **the challenges they often** face at household level and try to figure out to the alternative solutions related to problems happening in their families.



During those workshops, **testimonies were collected** and women were mostly found frustrated by the life conditions they live in due to their husbands who **mistreat them physically, emotionally and financially** and men were advised to love and help their wives much as they live together as one (**genesis 2:24**). The teachings were so exciting and all over, church members are requesting to expand the same teachings to many other parishes so that they can be benefited by many people.



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2. Graduation of Students from Gifunzo and Giharo Bible school

The Diocese of Rutana has **opened this year a Bible School in Rutana of 30 Students** and an other one in **Giharo for 12 students**. The running of activities, required much energy and lots of financial means for those **two bible schools** at once but there wasn't a way to escape due to the great need was seen of having well trained people biblically matters capable to teach sound doctrine.

The diocese had to keep sending Bible School Teachers including Diocesan Bishop to both Schools, but there was time the Diocese had to combine all of them for some common courses like Church Leadership and Administration, Pastoral Care and Counselling, Literacy and Financial Sustainability, Parenting, Church and Community Mobilization_Process_(CCMP).



b) After every effort was made, the diocese of Rutana succeeded to end the Bible School **Program of 2022 and by God's Grace 39 Students** among 42 who started the School Year managed to finish the program and therefore **graduated on 15th July, 2022**. The graduation was marked by the biblical message preached by Rev Can. Athanase NITANGA, the Commissioning service and handover of the certificates led by the Diocesan Bishop. The sharing of lunch which was prepared for 200 people, all students and guests included. (See photos below)



3. Training of Trainers (ToT) in Literacy, Parenting and Savings

In the month of **June 2022**, the Diocesan Mothers' Union Office organized workshops of training of Trainers (**ToT**) in "Literacy and in Parenting" for **10 trainers** but also built capacities of **10 facilitators** in loans and savings. These trainings are really helpful in the community as long as the Diocese has a big number of illiterate Christians and also helps in improving family life through savings and loans. Then, the trainers and facilitators will train other community members under the Diocesan Mothers' union Office supervision. (**See photo below**).

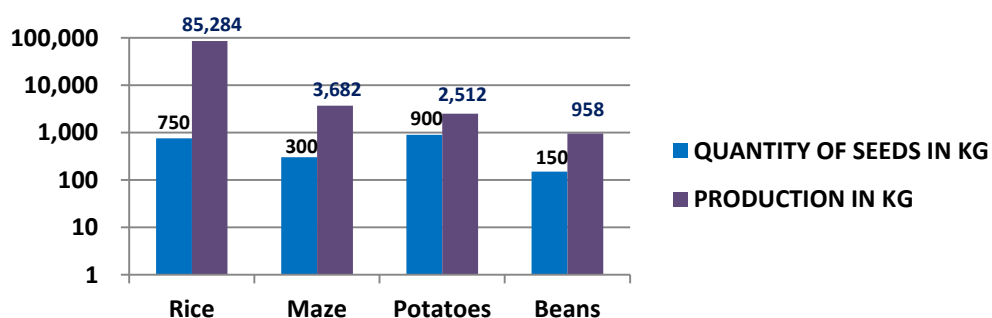


4. Food security : Potatoes, maze, beans and rice Project

In the area of food security, the Diocese of Rutana through the department of Development ran an agricultural project on **19 hectares in Rutana, Giharo and Mpinga kayove** communes whereby the significant quantity of tones were harvested this year as you see on the graphic and Photo below.

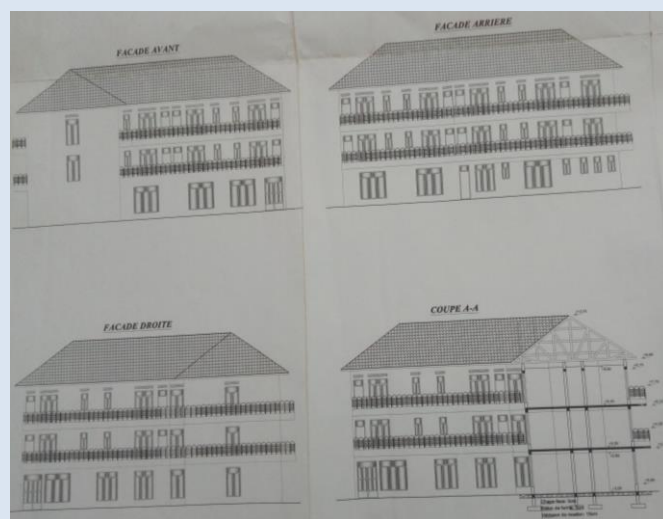


FOOD SECURITY DATA



5. Diocesan Guest House Project

After official launching, the Diocese of Rutana has started implementing the plan of the **Diocesan Guest House** from **June 2022**. The guest house will be having **24 rooms**, all self-contained, a **Conference Hall** capable to host at least **100 persons**, and a **restaurant**. The project of the Guest House construction which is undertaken by the diocese may take longer because it is supported by only parishioners but by God's Grace will be definitely completed. We pray that it may be finished in two years and a half and it aims to generating income which can help the diocese support its mission.



Vision: To be a church that both reflects the image of God and promotes the sustainable development in the community.

Mission: Proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in order to achieve a holistic transformation based on evangelism, leadership, education and socio-economic development for the community.

Prayer request:

- 1) Support to our guest house project
- 2) Spiritual and physical church growth
- 3) Family mutual love and help for family stability

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