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APPRECIATION *note*



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Dear partners, colleagues, and young individuals,

On the occasion of celebrating the 50th anniversary of Club Rafiki's contribution to promoting youth development, we are inspired by the remarkable achievements of the youth, families, and community in general. We have come to understand the significance of empowering the younger generation, and through collaboration, we strive to shape a brighter future.

With great pleasure, we present to you our annual progress report for the fiscal year ending in June 2024. This report, designed to be youth-friendly, highlights the advancements and successes of our young individuals and their initiatives. Club Rafiki has made a significant impact both locally and globally, earning international recognition.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our partners, including individuals, organizations, and government bodies, for their unwavering support. Your contributions have played a pivotal role in our achievements.

We value your continuous support. Together, we have the power to transform lives and construct a better tomorrow.

Warm regards,

Stephanie ALAMBA
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Kigali, July 2, 2024.



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ACRONYMS/ABBREVIATIONS

AIDS : Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
ASRHR : Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
CR : Club Rafiki
GoR : Government of Rwanda
HIV : Human Immunodeficiency Virus
KOICA - Korea International Cooperation Agency
MyCulture : Ministry of Youth and Culture
NYC : National Youth Council
RGB : Rwanda Governance Board
UDS : Urban Dance School
VCT : Volunteering, Counseling and Testing
WASH : Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

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RAFIKI CLUB CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

"Rafiki is a home for me, it goes back many years coming here, we must continue to dream big even in hard times, blessing from giants of Africa, we think of you always"

Masai Ujiri,
founder of giant of Africa. _____

"Young people of Africa have a lot of talent that may not come out without the kind of opportunities provided by such project"

H.E Paul Kagame,
President of Rwanda
- Club Rafiki, August 8, 2017 _____

"We shall continue to encourage among youth more and more friendship through sports, culture, education and much more"

Fr. Ivon,
Club Rafiki Founder _____

"Honestly , Club Rafiki help children how to plan their schedules including good manners and behaviors"

Seraphine,
mother from Kanyinya _____

"For the next 50 years , Club Rafiki shall focus on developing youth through various opportunities and increase the use of innovation technology among youth"

Steven,
table tennis coach _____

"I learnt how to socialize with others youth, including sexual reproductive and right education at Club Rafiki"

Jeanine, 20 years girl
from Kanyinya sector _____



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"For the next 50 years, we shall focus and invest much efforts in girls initiatives, to enable them to develop themselves and become self-reliant"

Sonia,
22 years girls from Nyarugenge _____

"Urban Dance school is one of a kind, so game changing. Raising such a great generation, I can't wait for what is coming. I love you guys."

Alyn Sano,
famous artist and singer. _____

"Club Rafiki is a really impressive space, I loved the performance and the atmosphere, Thank a lot"

Aline,
visitor from USA _____

"For the next 50 years, Club Rafiki shall focus on how to increase its beneficiaries their English communication skills, digital literacy and Sexual reproductive health and rights education."

Marriam, 18 years girl
from Mageragere sector _____

THE VISITORS CORNER

During this Semester, Club Rafiki received different prominent visitors and some of them are the following:



Scott is enjoying a friendly game with young girls during his visit

THE JOY OF HAND OUT

On 18th August 2023, Club has been honored with the visit of Jess & Scott Lake Foundation from Canada one of the donor's partners who supported financially the refurbishment of the basketball courts at Club Rafiki. During the visit Scott manifested a joy of being here at Club Rafiki, sharing a wonderful moment with children and youth beneficiaries of the courts.

CLUB RAFIKI FOUNDER HAD A DREAM

During this period as Club Rafiki reached its diamond Jubilee, it was blessed with the visit of Dominican Fr. IVON POMERLEAU, one of the Dominican Friars from Canada, founders of Club Rafiki in the late 1974. While established the center, they had a dream of seeing Nyamirambo community, especially youth detect and develop their talents in all the way possible and as we speak, Fr. Ivon was so impressed with the accomplishment of the center and the beneficiaries as well. Thus on his own testimony he quoted;



"I'm so impressed to be here today watch programs that we established in the past still existing and so many other was added in center, I praise your commitment and dedication" Said Fr. Ivon during his visit.

Gratitude

is a powerful tool that can help us appreciate the present, reflect on our past, and envision a brighter future.

I. INTRODUCTION

Club Rafiki has dedicated 50 years (1974-2024) to serving the youth and community of Nyarugenge District and Kigali. This longstanding commitment and valuable contribution serve as a source of inspiration for all of us in society. Over the years, the center has provided young people with the opportunity to realize the positive impact of pursuing their dreams, showing dedication, and contributing generously to their community. In this annual report for the fiscal year ending in June 2024 highlights the achievements of our youth and programs. Club has not only made a significant impact locally but also globally, earning recognition on an international level.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our partners, including individuals, organizations, and government entities, for their invaluable support. Your contributions have played a pivotal role in our success.

Additionally, the Club recognizes the dedication and enthusiasm of youth volunteers from various programs at the center. Their commitment has been a source of strength and support for the diverse activities carried out regularly.



David and Mandy enjoying to share an art session with children during the visit

"Change is inevitable. Change will always happen, but you have to apply direction to change, and that's when it's progress." — Doug Baldwin

II. ACHIEVEMENTS

Club Rafiki Nyamirambo is a youth friendly center located in Nyarugenge District that brings children and youth together to learn various disciplines that nurture their education and life skills. In addition, Club Rafiki develops the talents of children and youth, especially girls and young women, who are enabled to grow and be empowered through social, educational, cultural, and sports programs.



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1. THE CENTER'S PARTICIPANTS

Youth-friendly services are services that are accessible, equitable, comprehensive, efficient, acceptable, and appropriate for the youth.

Table 1: The number of youth visited the center

Male	Female	Total	Male %	Female %
514,555	232,888	747,443	69%	31%

The number of young people attending our inclusive youth-friendly services at the center increased from 523,177 in fiscal year 2022/23 to 747,443 in the current fiscal year ending in June 2024. We also welcomed many visitors from different parts of world and more youth friendly activities organized at Center.

Kanyinya:

In order to combat climate change, both locally and globally, girls joined their brothers in community works by planting trees.



“As key actors in sustaining families, building community resilience and responding to climate-related disasters, women and girls tend to make decisions for the utilizations of core resources in the interests of our next generation.”

INTERNATIONAL WORLD PEACE DAY

ART AS A MESSENGER OF PEACE

During the International World Peace Day on 21st September 2023, about 50 children between the age of 10 -15 years joined effort in the celebration of this day at Club Rafiki. Art work was used as tool to send a message of peace to the community in general, participants did draw different illustration depicting a message of peace by demonstrating that a peaceful community it's a healthy and prosperous community. Children who attended this celebration at Club Rafiki shared ideas and were inspired deeply that they have a role to play as younger generation to promote and spread a message of peace to the world in all the way possible, thus they believe that an illustration can pass a strong message than what words can't say and accomplish.



Children displaying illustration that promote a message of peace

2. VOLUNTARY COUNSELING AND TESTING (VCT) SERVICES

Through this Programme youth access the counseling, family planning, Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT), and information on treatment of sexually transmitted infection (STI) and other health services as defined by the World Health Organization (WHO).

Table 2: The number of youth accessed HIV Voluntary Counseling and Testing services

# Counseled and Tested (VCT)				# HIV Positive			HIV Prevalence		Condom distribution		
M	F	Couple	Total	M	F	Total	M%	F%	F	M	Total
1,935	2,471	354	4,406	13	40	53	1%	2%	31,455	26,473	57,928

The VCT services saw an increase in the number of youth served, rising from 4,041 in 2022/23 to 4,406 in the current year. The cases of HIV-positive individuals decreased from 72 to 53 this year. The annual prevalence also dropped from 1.7% in the previous year to 1.2% this year. Additionally, the number of condoms distributed increased from 50,238 to 57,928 in the latest report. These statistics highlight the importance of planning more community activities such as community mobilization, Inter Personal communication, and supporting youth-friendly health activities both in and out of schools to further reduce issues related to Sexual and Reproductive Health.



16 DAYS FOR ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)

with the support of GIZ: the girls were given training on reusable pads and they were given gifts of reusable pads.



3. PREGNANCY TESTING

Youth faces various sexual and reproductive health problems in developing countries. The major health problems like unintended pregnancy, unsafe abortion, and sexually transmitted infections are common among youth in Rwanda. Club Rafiki tested and counselled girls and young women as highlighted above.

Table 3: The number of young women and girls tested Pregnancy

Results	Age categories					Total	%
	-16	16-20	21-25	26-30	+ 30		
Total Negative	1	6	147	127	88	369	68%
Total Positive	0	2	66	61	42	171	32%
General Total	1	8	213	188	130	540	100

The number of girls/young women tested increased from 490 in 2022/23 to 540 in this report, but the percentage of pregnancy remain the same is 32%. It means that young women are always the victims, as mentioned in table 171 of positive cases from on 164 positive cases in previous report, who are young girls between 21 to 30 years. This is a serious issue to Rwanda’s plans to achieve sustainable development with the top participation of its young population.



Club Rafiki join world to celebrate *Menstrual Hygiene Day 2024* under theme “*Breaking Barriers and Shattering Myths.*” Menstrual Hygiene Day is a global initiative aimed at raising awareness and changing negative social norms surrounding menstrual health

Girls hygiene

FREEDOM IS TO LIVE WITH DIGNITY



About 25 girls between the age of 14 and 20 years, beneficiaries of different program at center partake in a weekly basis on education on sexual reproductive health and rights (SRHR). The program gathers the attendee which are divided in small groups and discuss various issues related to SRHR education, of course under a supervision of program facilitator and center peer educator so that participants can be well equipped to deal with the ignorance in this matter which has become a source of many undesirable circumstances that young girls encounter in their respective lives, problem that stand on their route to success and dreams achievement.

Among others, we saw many young girls drop school to become mother at early age because of lack of well based information and lack of knowledge on issues regarding reproductive health and much more. Thus, by providing regular session in this matter is a best approach to reduce the danger of early and unplanned pregnancy among girls, it also equip them with the knowledge to enable them to play a role of peer educators to their fellow friends and community in general.

“Participate in this session help us a lot to understand our body and reduce the risk of becoming pregnant unprepared” Said Nusra, 18 years girl from Nyamirambo

“My parent don’t talk to me about reproductive health, this is the only place I feel connected and where I can learn this things, it concern my future and it’s my right to know my body” Said Kelia, 12 years girl from Nyarugenge

NB Due to the increase of young girls between the age of 11 and 13 frequenting the center and willing to join our girl session on SRHR, we recommend that we establish special session and teachings for this category of age to prepare them adequately and satisfy their curiosity in this matter.

Kanyinya:

The Girls Initiative in the rural area of Kanyinya sector, supported by Friends of Rafiki through Club Rafiki, aims to empower girls and facilitate positive transformation within their community.



By focusing on areas such as ASRHR, hygiene education, economic empowerment through handcraft training, talent promotion, and providing opportunities for girls' participation, this initiative has already shown significant improvements in the lives of the girls involved. Clementine, a 23-year-old member of the group, highlighted the positive impact of the initiative, emphasizing how girls feel a sense of belonging and are able to freely confide in the project without any gender barriers.



4. BEHAVIOUR CHANGE COMMUNICATION (BCC) ACTIVITIES

Behaviour Change Communication (BCC) is an interactive process of any intervention with individuals, group or community to develop communication strategies to promote positive health behaviours which are appropriate to the current social conditions and thereby help the society to solve their pressing health problems.

Table 4: The number of youth benefited the outreach communication’ activities

IPC & Peer Education			Education video Screening			Community outreach activities (special events)		
M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
33,570	21,913	55,483	29,789	19,438	49,227	69,800	32,400	102,200

Interpersonal communication (IPC) refers to the exchange of information between two or more individuals. **Peer education**, on the other hand, involves teaching or sharing health information, values, and behavior with others who may have similar social backgrounds or life experiences. The **video show** aims to educate young people through film screenings held both at the center and within the community. **Special events** are organized to promote community engagement and enhance access to sexual and reproductive health and rights among adolescents and youth.



“You must always remember; the most important fashion accessory is the condom.”
-Lady Gaga.

25 Nov. to 10 Dec. 2023

16 DAYS FOR ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)

Club Rafiki contributed in 16 days of activism against GBV.

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is an annual international campaign that kicks off on 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs until 10 December, Human Rights Day. This year, we celebrated these days under the theme *"UNITE! Invest to prevent violence against women and girls"*.

Club Rafiki in collaboration with partners at the level of the city of Kigali, we organized a two-day campaign against violence against women and girls started on 2 to 3 December 2023, in this event, which was accompanied by the provision of health services that we provided in collaboration with different clinics, in addition to providing hygiene kits to girls and women. The young people who participated in this event were discussed a lot about the seriousness of the problem of violence against women and girls are called to avoid any kind of violence so that the future will be better. In this campaign, young people representing various programs offered by the agency participated in public sports held at the city level and attended by many people, and they had the opportunity to deliver a message related to these 16 days.

Youth participating in community sports day with aims to demonstrate the power of sports in eliminating other forms of violence.



YOUTH REACT

Youth expressed their appreciation for this event as follows:



Young people are ready to use their power to stop gender-based violence

“During this time, I was very grateful for the unforgettable gift of hygienic products that I received, especially the cleaning pads.” A girl said

“This event showed me that violence against women and girls can prevent us from many opportunities that we have achieved through the integration of women and men”

A young boy

“I am very sad, seeing my father abuse my mother is the reason for the sad life we are living with our family” A young boy mentioned publically

In this event, we also played a game prepared by the players of "Inzira nzima" which made the message easier to understand, and the children/youth were very grateful to German Cooperation in Rwanda (GIZ), who was a partner in this campaign, who gave them a special gift of Reusable sanitary pads after being taught how to use them.

Results of community outreach

Activity	CLUB RAFIKI		
	Dates >>>	12/2/2023	12/3/2023
HIV screening		77	88
NCDs screening		155	126
Family planning		24	35
Condom distribution		2,000	1,500
Number of people reached by GBV flipbook sessions (To be estimated if it's done while waiting for other services)		2,000	1,500

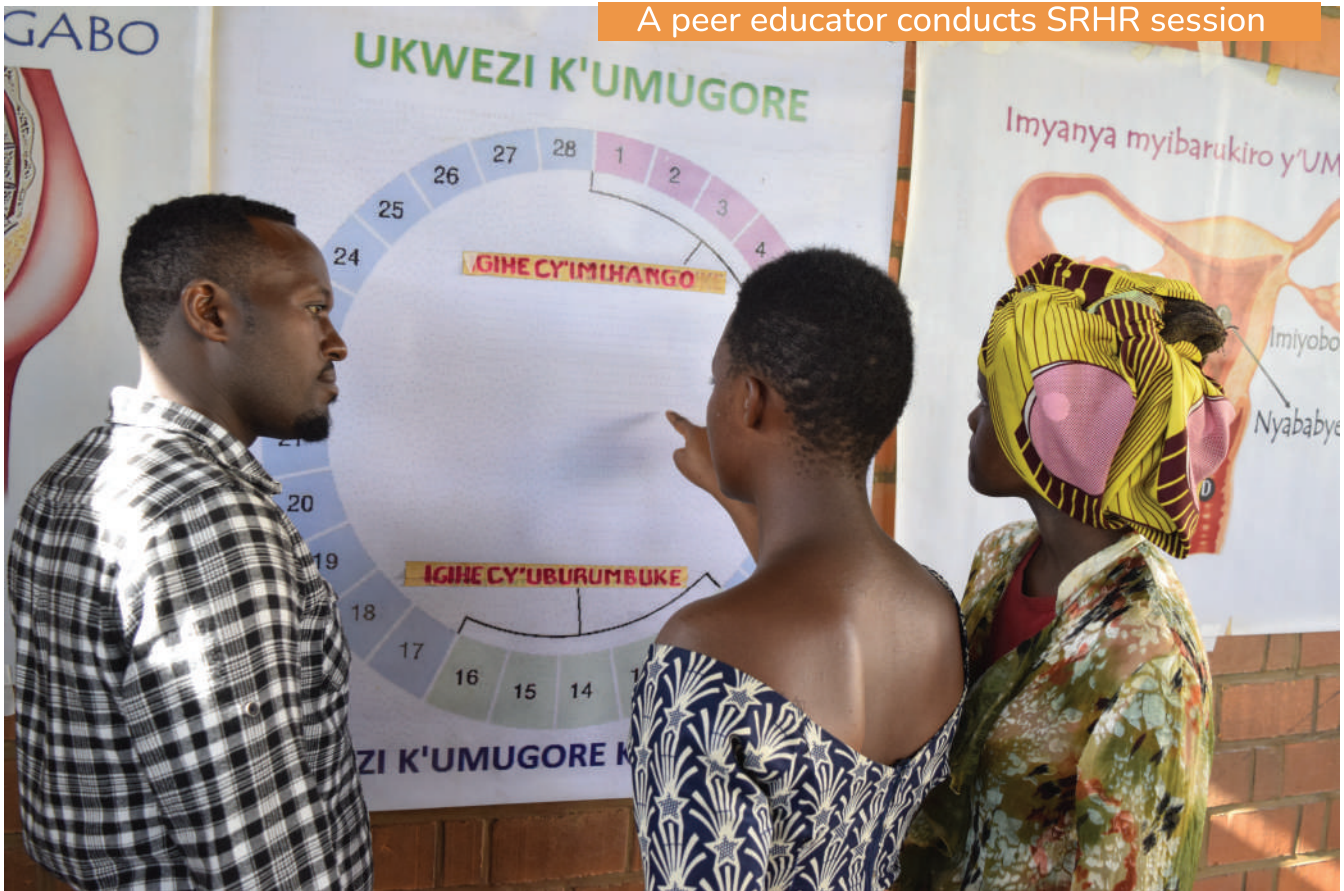


“ Women and girls can lead us to a fairer future...let us amplify girls’ voices, and recommit to working together to build a world where every girl can lead and thrive.”

– UN Secretary-General António Guterres



VCT OUTREACH ACTIVITIES REACH OUT THE COMMUNITY



A peer educator conducts SRHR session

In Collaboration with Ministry of Youth and Arts, City of Kigali and Society for Family Health (SFH) in this period. we conducted various voluntary counselling and testing (VCT) IDP model villages SRHR outreach activities in different areas in Nyarugenge District on comprising of Mageragere on 29/08/2023 and Kigali sectors on 30/08/2023 Rwesero cell and on 11/9/2023 Karama IDP model village. This approach as solution to contribute to the fight against HIV/AIDS, reduce unwanted pregnancy among young girl's, inform and educate youth from various community about the best method of different STD's prevention, the importance of condoms and how to use them and finally provide to them a well based information on issues of SRHR. Nevertheless, this outreach VCT mobile outreach attract several hundreds of youth and adults willing to learn more about reproductive health, being test without travelling long distances and receive free condoms and entertainment. In addition to that, during the events, Club Rafiki willingly donate different household items, school and sportive materials to encourage them and get them engaged in the common saying that say "Healthy nation, prosperous nation."

"as youth we need SRH education services in regular basis, we learn a lot through this special activity" one of a girl youth attended the event – Mageragere IDP village

INZIRA NZIMA SERIAL MOVIES FILM SCREENING EDUCATES OUR COMMUNITY



As we speak, Club Rafiki has already released 12 episode of the educative film Inzira nzima (the right way) through the funding support of Friends of Rafiki. This educational film as mentioned in the previous report was initiated with the objective to sensitize youth on the importance of well based knowledge on issues of Sexual and Reproductive Health, reduce the peer pressure among youth especially girls including encouraging them to be able to make right decision on their respective lives. So far, Club Rafiki plan to collaborate with different TV channel across the country to broadcast Inzira nzima on their channel in regular basis as many are able to watch the film on club Rafiki YouTube channel. However, the center aims to screening the film in different places and community where youth meet regularly including in rural areas. In addition to that, the film has been played as a theatre play at Club Rafiki on 2nd December 2023 during the anti AIDS campaign event.

“I have been watching Inzira nzima on you tube channel and it was so impressive, especially the message contains inside, but now I’m overjoyed to watch it live in a play with all the characters present”
Raissa, 19 years’ girl from nyamirambo

“As a community leader, I acknowledge the contribution this kind of film screening in the of quest of reducing bad behavior among our youth, especially young girls” Said Damien, member of Rwezamenyo community.



Link for watching the film on: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4q8h8rx9sK8>

THE YOUTH HAD SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT THE FILM

INZIRA NZIMA (The right way) Is an educational film realized by youth in collaboration with Club Rafiki through a financial support from Friends of Rafiki. Youth, let join our effort by addressing the issues of Sexual Reproductive Health, fight against drugs and others subsistence's abuse, including preventing unplanned and early teen pregnancy so that we may pursue the path that leads us to a better life.



Young people are watching inzira nzima Film at Kanyinya

Some comments from youth



"Well done, keep making more movies with good education that the youths need." Youtube follower

"Continue these teachings and continue to teach the young and the old, education is a journey in which everyone needs a partner so that we can finish it peacefully." Our friends on YouTube

"I think the movie is a good teacher, so when I play it, I feel myself learning before I teach others." Judith actor of inzira nzima

"We as rural children do not have much access to educational films like these, we wish there was a permanent way to show us such films." A girl from Mageragere

"We thank Club Rafiki for giving us the gifts of this beautiful film made by young people for the purpose of education, in fact, there are not many films like this that teach the youth, that's why we thank them." Vision Jeunesse Nouvelle youth center – Rubavu

"We thank Club Rafiki and its friends for thinking of such an activity, what should be done is to see how this film will continue to be brought closer to the youth to have educational content that will continue to help them." City of Kigali staff in charge of youth

Access to youth friendly health services by using Educational flims is vital for ensuring sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and well-being of adolescents



Inzira nzima actors are on the stage



Sandy one of main actors of Inzira nzima



III. YOUTH ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND EMPLOYMENT

Club Rafiki’s youth empowerment services continue to serve youth in their job search journey where we provide career guidance, secretariat services, online application, tips to interview and CV, application letter including Job desk.

Table 5: The number of youth benefited this program

Trainings on entrepreneurship and job creation			Job desk beneficiaries			Saving groups creation and follow-up			Amount saved by youth/FRW
M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	
489	301	790	10,611	5,786	16,397	1,239	746	1,985	1,109,300

During this fiscal year, youth empowerment and entrepreneurship services at center experienced a standardize attitude as youth continue to be empowered through training and job seek opportunity provided by these programs.



SPORTLIGHTS

A girl who stops fear, she achieved her dreams

We had a brief conversation with Zawadi 19, one of the girls who entered the city dance and found that there were more boys than girls who told us how she reacted.

“As a girl, I am happy and grateful to the club and its partners, who have seen that a girl who is supported can achieve her dreams and dare to do amazing things, I see this as a success and I see my future set an example for other girls.” Said Zawadi is former UDS beneficiares, She is fashion design, Dancer and Choreographer today she is working with various music/fashion famous designers.



TRANSFORMATIVE SOLUTION TO JOB PLACEMENT

Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator in collaboration with this organization, boasts five years of experience in the youth empowerment sector in Rwanda. Through workshops, they have been assisting young beneficiaries of the center in overcoming the issue of unemployment. With a mission to develop solutions and innovations to address global youth unemployment challenges, their partnership with Club Rafiki has proven to be highly effective. Many youth visit Rafiki seeking guidance on job opportunities, leading to Harambee conducting weekly workshops every Thursday since July 2023. These workshops cover topics such as crafting a strong CV, making a good impression in interviews, job applications, and writing motivational letters. The impact of these workshops on beneficiaries has been significant. Additionally, Club Rafiki's Job Desk services provide to both youth and adults in various domains on a daily basis, including weekends.

“Job desk services has helped me a lot in my quest to secure a job, all the information and training I have been receiving here has given birth of hope that very soon I will find work and became financially independent” Said Muhimbo, 25 years graduate in Media from Nyarugenge



Youth beneficiaries of HARAMBE listen to tutor during the weekly workshop.

CULTURE AND ART PROMOTION THROUGH CONTEST

On 1st February 2024 two programs comprising of Art and Traditional dance group from Club Rafiki participated in a competition organized by the District of Nyarugenge at Kimisagara Youth Center, the contest involved different youth groups in different artistic domain from various sectors in the District of Nyarugenge. Club Rafiki in the fields of traditional dance was represented by the group Impangazi, a dance group of 90 members comprising of 60 girls and 30 boys very talented in traditional and cultural dance, as result, Impangazi group won the first prizes in dance and was awarded 1.000.000Rwf as first runner in that category. On the other hands, Ramadhan, a 19 years' boy, Club Rafiki art facilitator won the second place and was awarded 600.000Rwf as the second runner winner, however in both categories only three first runners received the prizes and it's very motivating and inspiring to many youth frequenting the center who need to believe that various opportunities provided by youth center in different programs, may become a source of grow in term of income and sustainability for them.



Ramadhan displaying the paint that enabled him to win the second place in the art competition

"I feel blessed and motivated to the next level, I won this award not only for me but to my family and club Rafiki who has been very supportive to me. A part of this amount will be used to buy many painting and drawing materials so that a big number of art program recipients at Club Rafiki can benefit from it." Ramadhan, 19 years' boy from Nyamirambo



IMPANGAZI Cultural Troup – Winner

IV. ICT AND COMPUTER SKILLS

Youth frequenting the center acknowledge the contribution that our service is providing to them to make their life easier especially in this era when digital literacy is part of our daily lives.

Table 6: The number of youth advanced the ICT activities

Male	Female	Total	%M	%F	Computers with Good condition
16,502	8,141	24,643	67%	33%	46

ICT lab at Club Rafiki has been playing an impactful role to tackle unemployment among youth and majority of its beneficiaries during this year found opportunity to secure job placement in various domain. Comparing the report of last year and current report, the number of youth attended our ICT services reduced dramatically from 24,643 to 14,534 in this year due the unavailability of internet and free Wi-Fi.



Cyber security is the way we reduce the risk of becoming a victim of cyber crime

ICT IS BEST

EMPOWER YOUTH THROUGH DIGITAL LITERACY

During the summer holiday of this reported year, our ICT services reached out many beneficiaries, especially children and youth who benefited of this period to increase their knowledge in digital literacy through different training at various level offered by Club Rafiki ICT services. About 41 youth between the age of 15 and 30 years old comprising of; 28 boys and 14 girl's received a two months training in networking and cybersecurity provided by Club Rafiki ICT services and courses in document program for Job preparation provided by a young Korean volunteer IT specialist from KOICA Rwanda, recipients of this trainings after completion received certificate on 18th September 2023. However, due to the increase in numbers of children and youth frequenting the center ICT services, we continued to serves them accordingly during the holidays and continue deliver the services benefiting from the support in term of internet connection provided by the CoK.



“This training will help me increase my knowledge in digital literacy and pursuing very well my dream of becoming a software ingenieur”
Said Sonia, 19 years' girl's beneficiary.



Group photo of graduate exhibiting their certificates of completion

ICT IN RURAL AREA

TECHNOLOGY IS A BRAND OF LIFE

Technology in Mageragere and Kanyinya continues to change the lives of underprivileged youth and girls. After a few years, the young people of this area are approached with technology at least twice a month, and the Club brings them computers with internet connection. This activity lasts no less than two hours. The beneficiaries believe that it is an important activity and continues to develop their talents through the effective use of Social Media and also to develop knowledge about self-development and learn about the unique things that are done around the world.

“This program led me to open an account on Instagram, until now I have 500 followers. I post my best photos and my different dances. On social media, I get to know other people's news and see how far I have developed my talent.” Said a youth from mageragere

“I have just started knitting with yarn and I am learning how to knit clothes and other necessary materials using this opportunity to use technology, I feel that I will improve my living condition with the support of this opportunity.” Said a girl from Kanyinya

“I continue to be amazed at how these young people are becoming more interested in using technology. this activity is driving us to advocate for the youth so that they are brought to technology in this permanent way.” Said ICT trainer at Club Rafiki





SPORTLIGHTS

Girls need to be aware of cybersecurity

Zero Trust is not a product or a service, it is a strategy to guarantee safety in the digital landscape.



Club Rafiki ICT services has prioritized an approach of teaching youth recipients of various programs at the center online safety in order to equip and make them aware of perpetrator who use online offer to lure them in undesirable situation.

It started when, JESSY (Anonymous name), 20 years' girl student of Urban dance school received an Instagram message from unknown person offering her a Job to advertise and promote a clothing line in a fashion design company that doesn't exist. The so called entrepreneur, proposed Jessy a great deal in fashion industry with a huge salary in return Jessy must return him a sexual favor, by suggesting her to meet at an undisclosed hotel address to sign a deal.

Jessy become much suspicious about the deal and decided to speak to her friend who saw the gravity of stranger predator who use social media to lure innocent young girls on sexuality by promising them money or job position in exchange. Jessy friend reported the case to Club Rafiki which decided to introduce through it ICT services a program of teaching youth, especially girl's cyber security and online safety. As we speak today, countless number of youth are profiting from the online safety session provided by Club Rafiki ICT program and it proven to be a solution to many to avoid being a prey to many perpetrators that spent their time luring victims in their scam.

“My advice to other girls is to be careful when meeting stranger on social media, because many have been victimizing and end up raped or losing money because of using social media unaware” Said Jessy, 20 years' girl from Nyamirambo.

V. COMMUNITY LIBRARY, CULTURE AND ARTS

Community libraries, in particular, have demonstrated great potential in supporting literacy development and lifelong learning through diverse services and successful outreach activities.

Table 7: The number of youth attended the community library

Library services				
M	F	Total	M%	F%
7,413	4,117	11,530	64%	36%

NOTE:

In library services, 11,530 youth, including 7,413 males and 4,117 females, participated in activities like reading, studying, and using the e-library. The increase is due to extended hours and engaging activities. The community library also runs mobile library programs in various communities, including rural areas like Kanyinya and Mageragere, to promote reading among children and youth.



MOBILE LIBRARY

CHILDREN ENJOY MOBILE READING SESSION

About 40 children both boys and girls between the age of 8 and 14 years participated in the mobile reading session organized by Club Rafiki community library in the rural area of Kanyinya sector on 2nd March 2024. Participants were encouraged to pick any book of choice and read it to the attendee meanwhile facilitated by Club Rafiki librarian.



BOOKLET OUR LIFE IN OUR FAMILY



It is the title of a book that our library received which was written by children during the summer holidays that ended at the end of the month of September 2023, this book shows the lives of Rwandan children and their wishes to make their lives better. and you can find it on Club Rafiki's website through the following link :

<https://clubrafiki.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Rafiki-booklet-v3.pdf>

YOUTH IN ACHIEVING A MORE SUSTAINABLE AND HEALTHIER PLANET

On 18th November 2023, Club Rafiki in collaboration with National Youth council conducted a campaign of planting trees in the rural area of Kanyinya sector. The undertaking has the objective to sensitize community and youth of the importance of trees in our live and how it's beneficial to conserve and protect them. We acknowledge that the world today is facing a big threat because of global warming and environment degradation as well, thus it requires all of us as humanity to take action to preserve our planet for the future generation to have a better place to live.

So far during the special community work, member of the youth council and the community dedicated themselves to educate attendee about their role and responsibility in the protection of the environment, expert in climate change had an opportunity to pass a strong message to the community by highlighting them about the roots cause of climate change and which action to take to avoid further degradation.

“In the past when people used to talk about environment and climate change, I never take it seriously but it was because of ignorance, but now I understand the importance of educating the community this issues especially youth because majority of us are careless.” Said Jared, 19-year boy from Kanyinya



The Center Coordinator Mr. Omar Tony in this photo is planting a tree in the Nzove cell in Kanyinya Sector, through a special youth community work, young people are proud of the role of the youth center in advocating for them by helping them participate in various programs aimed at developing their communities.

VI. VOCATIONAL TRAININGS

Vocational training refers to instructional programs or courses that focus on the skills required for a particular job function or trade. In vocational training, education prepares youth/trainees for specific careers, disregarding traditional, unrelated practical subjects.

Table 7: The number of youth benefited the activities of the vocational trainings

Handcraft/Tailoring			Guitar and Music Class			knitting and crocheting		
M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
846	751	1597	1146	471	1617	0	129	129

The handcrafts, tailoring, music classes, and knitting and crocheting training programs continue to draw various young individuals, particularly girls and young women, who view them as a chance to acquire skills for establishing their own businesses or trades, enabling them to achieve self-sufficiency.



Tailoring is the art of shaping dreams into wearable reality.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

GIRLS EMBRACE NEW SKILLS

Club Rafiki's tailoring program empowering young girls through skills development, providing them with the opportunity to learn the art of tailoring during their summer holidays. A total of 14 youths participated, with some discovering their passion for fashion design. For Husna, an 18-year-old student, this program will enhance her journey towards becoming a successful fashion design entrepreneur. Josiane, a 17-year-old participant, encourages her peers to engage in productive activities during their holidays, emphasizing the value of learning tailoring. In a significant development, three program graduates took a bold step towards entrepreneurship by starting their own businesses with donated sewing machines, empowering their dreams of financial independence.



Sewing is my meditation

YOUNG GIRLS STARTED BUSINESS LIFE



Jeanine, 20 years graduate of tailoring training displaying the sewing machine donated by Club Rafiki.

On 17th July 2023, some of the beneficiaries of tailoring program who graduated in tailoring in 2022, three of them graduated and immediately started a business by renting sewing machines. they were given 3 sewing machines as donation for empowering their dreams and as tools to develop them financially and allow them to become self-reliant and independent economically.

Those who benefited from the donation are mainly young single mothers and vulnerable young girls who believe in the trade of tailoring.

STUDY TRIP

TAILORS LEARNED A LOT FROM THE CLOTHING FACTORY

After completing 6 months tailoring training at Club Rafiki, 8 graduate comprising of 7 girls and young women including one boy beneficiaries of the training accompanied by their teacher paid a visit to NEW DESIGN FACTORY, a clothing factory that is specialize in making different kind of clothes including making their own fabrics from the cotton product and others related materials. The purpose of the visit was to allow new graduate from Club Rafiki to learn more about new technology using in Clothing industry, understand more about tailoring trade and how to use different machines related to the clothing factory.

During the visit, Club Rafiki team were offered the opportunity to ask many meaningful question to master in the trade and the visit end- up become a source of knowledge and much understanding on how to develop their skills and promote their product in the clothing market. Moreover, new cohorts are following on the footstep of those who graduated before them and the center still assisting them on different way possible so that, their skills in tailoring become permanent source of income for them.

“Being allowed to visit a clothing factory like this has inspired me a lot, I believe by work hard and always learn I will end up become a good tailor and fashion design”
Said Maria, 22 girl beneficiaries of the training



Young girls and women graduate from Club Rafiki are learning tips about fabrics

RAFIKI BAND



REACH FOR THE SKY



Rafiki band on the stage

During the current year, the program saw an increase in young music enthusiasts especially during the summer school holidays as we added many days of practices. More girls aged 6-12 joined, leading to the introduction of two classes: one for ages 6-12 from 8-10 am and another for those above 12 from 10-12 pm. This schedule proved successful, so we continued it on weekends after the holidays. A Korean volunteer, Lee Myoung Hee, who with expertise in piano, flute, ukulele, and music theory also joined the program by teaching musical instrument from Monday to Saturday, that is attracting many eager young participants. Most girls prefer learning the piano and as summer school holidays approaches, we expect more youth to join and improve their talents with our experienced music teacher. In addition to that, we have a volunteering period of one year with her, and she is passing her skills to youth who will continue to teach their peers music after her departure in December 2024.



Kevin, a 20-year-old from Nyamirambo, overcame his mother's initial resistance to learning guitar in 2019. Now, he earns enough from playing in music bands to cover all his expenses.

Judith, a 17-year-old in the Rafiki band, is grateful to Club Rafiki for providing free music lessons to girls like her who cannot afford them elsewhere.

Assumpta, a 42-year-old single mother, was surprised when her 7-year-old daughter played a popular Rwandan song. She bought her a guitar to nurture her talent.

Husna, a 16-year-old from Nyamirambo, credits her music skills to a professional teacher and dreams of becoming one herself.



EMPLOYABILITY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP YOUTH TRAINING: THIRD COHORT TRAINING



PROGRESS

IS

A CHOICE

JOB CREATION

IS

A CHOICE.

In this year, 20 youth comprising of 10 girls and 10 boy's beneficiaries of Club Rafiki various program took part in a three months training provided by Akazi kanoze Access (AKA) in collaboration with Club Rafiki. This group is the third cohort to benefit from the trainings in the fields of entrepreneurship and employability since the center entered a partnership with AKA with the mission to equip recipients of the training with skills that are necessary in a working environment and can allow certificate holder to be able to secure a job position in different domain and produce services beyond expectation or to be fully equipped with entrepreneurship expertise's that will allow them to become self –employed and create jobs for themselves and others.

*“For the duration of 2 month I participate in this training, i believe I have learnt many tips that will help me in the labor market and being able to secure my position at work confidently”
Sylvia, 20 years' girl from Nyamirambo*

YOUTH ARE READY TO WORK

Diane is a 19-year-old girl, this girl comes from a poor family, as confirmed by the local government, this is the reason why she dropped out of school after successfully entering the 4th year of high school. This is one of the issues that raised Club and we started to advocate for her until we got support to take her to study at New Hope Institute with the support of Korean volunteers who worked at Club Rafiki, now she has finished studying that profession and She started working through the cooperation of Friends of Rafiki, now we helped her doing what she learned by doing braid hair of girls and women where she lives.

“Girls we continue to be proud thanks to Club Rafiki and its partners, God help me to earn money and I will have activities like this to serve others.”



Diane is proud of the profession she has learned, in the photo she is working as a hair stylist at the salon that hired her

INSPIRED BY FAMOUS

ALWAYS AIM HIGH, WORK HARD, AND CARE ABOUT WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN



On 15th October 2023, ALYN SANO a prominent famous female Rwanda singer, song writer and producer paid a friendly visit at Club Rafiki with the purpose to motivate and inspire youth especially girls frequenting Club Rafiki various programs. On her visit she paid a closer attention at Urban dance school, its accomplishment and the role it plays to transform the very lives of its recipients as she quoted the following words;

“Urban Dance School is one of a kind, do game changing raising such a great generation. I can’t wait for what is coming. I love you guys” Said Alyn Sano during her visit to Club Rafiki



PHOTOGRAPHY CAN CHANGE YOUTH LIVES



Young people who have completed their photography career find it a great opportunity to get a job

On 13th December 2023, 12 youth between the age of 18 and 25 years comprising of 4 girls and 8 boys completed a three months training in photography and storytelling at Club Rafiki provided by Photostart, an international organization based in New York city.

This was the third cohort to graduate the three months training provided by photostart since club Rafiki entered a partnership with the organization in 2022.

During the establishment of the partnership, Club Rafiki believed that such training has the power to transform the lives of it youth beneficiaries who's after acquired the skills in photography and storytelling, they can use that skills to create jobs for themselves and become self-reliant financially, as we speak today, about many of the recipients of the three cohort have already start to earn income in various occasion using the skills they have received in the training and on our side , we continually advocate on their behalf to find platforms where they can put that knowledge in use so that they may develop themselves financially.

"I feel much confident that I have achieved something of great importance in my life, I'm always passionate about photography but due to lack of funding, I couldn't afford in the past the cost of such training, thank you club Rafiki" Jalala, 19 years' girl from Rwezamenyo

VII. SPORT, LEISURE, TALENT DETECTION AND PROMOTION

Club Rafiki and its partners continue to join hands to protect and promote teens/youth from making wrong decision, but encourage them to make sound knowledgeable choice. The youth-friendly activities done for/by teens themselves are contributing in this process and build their future.

Table 8: The number of youth benefited this youth friendly services

Sports and Leisure			Talent detection and promotion		
M	F	Total	M	F	Total
542,500	234,744	777,244	49,777	31,348	81,125

The data shows that the younger generation has embraced this category well. Our progress this year is strong evidence of this. Youth participation in sports has increased from 410,970 to 777,244 in this year and 234,744 being females making up 30% of total participants. This improvement is commendable compared to last year.

TOUR DU RWANDA INSPIRED YOUTH

The Tour du Rwanda is one of Africa's most celebrated cycling events. Its route is across the length and breadth of the visually stunning country of 1000 hills.



NSHOBOZWA

IS COMMITTED TO SUPPORT HIS COMMUNITY

On 28th August 2023, about 800 children and youth between the age of 5 and 19 years participated in a closing of Ubuntu basketball camps organized at Club Rafiki youth center. The event was part of the closing events that started on 24th through a financial support awarded to NSHOBOZWA WILSON, the BAL Award winners of 2023 tournament held in Dakar Senegal in 2023, awarded by BAL President.

During the tournament in Senegal, Nshobozwa was nominated as Ubuntu awards winners 2023, and the prize money allocated to the awards was designated to an organization chosen by the winners. Consequently, Nshobozwa, a young athlete who grown-up at Club Rafiki playing basketball, realized that the center has played a pivotal role to uplift his talent and reach stardom, as the way of giving back to the community, he decided to donate the prize money to Club Rafiki so that, the fund can help promote and develop young talents at the center in basketball both boys and girls in the age category between 5 and 19 years old.

“As a single parent I feel fortunate to have my children took part in such activity here at Club Rafiki, my son behavior had changed completely and even at school he performs very well with good marks” Said Assumpta, 35 years’ single mother from Nyarugenge

“This kind of opportunity to participate in camp like this is important and benefit for our skills improvement, it give us also the ability to measure our potential as girls by contesting with our brother in the court” Said Divine, 17 years’ girl from Nyamirambo



Nshobozwa is distributing shoes and sportive items to Ubuntu camp beneficiaries at the Club Rafiki.

OUR COMMUNITY APPRECIATE

“When I look at our elders who has achieved more in basketball it gives me courage and strength to work hard and follow their footsteps. For me playing in the second division under 19 years it’s a big step ahead compare to where I was last years, I believe only the sky shall be the limit” Said Junior 17 years’ athlete from Nyamirambo

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**NSHOBOZWA DISPLAYING HIS TROPHY
AWARD WON IN DAKAR/SENEGAL
DURING THE BAL TOURNAMENT**



SPORTLIGHTS

Basketball changes lives of youth



On 7th January 2023, Club Rafiki youth center experienced a joyful moment to see that two team of Rafi's Kids Basketball Academy won the Elite league championship for Under 12 and 18 years old 2023- 2024. Elite league championship for U12 and 18 started in September 2023 to end January 2024 on the mentioned date above and it's was a basketball tournament that involved different Clubs from around the Kigali City in the category U12 and U18 years. So far, Games was played in a weekly basis during the weekend due to school term and continued during Christmas school holiday. However, hosting venue was Club Rafiki youth center, Lycee de Kigali and at other designated basketball court across the City of Kigali. For the duration of the championship, Rafiki's Kids demonstrated skills, discipline, team work and resilience which finally paid back. As we speak, some among Rafiki's Kids beneficiaries of U12 and 18 years were selected best players of the Elite league championship 2023-2024

"Winning this championship for under 12 and 18 years is a breakthrough for the team and club Rafiki in general, it shows that children and youth here at Club Rafiki are well taken care of and the result can testify itself." Rehema, under 18 Rafi's Kids coach.

"Being selected as best player of the tournament for under 18 years inspire me a lot to believe in team work and hard work as well, it wasn't easy but with resilience and commitment we can achieve greatness." Jonah, 16 years' boy from Nyarugenge

TALENTS AND EDUCATION GREAT DANCING ENGAGES THE HEART

On 26th December 2023, Urutozi Gakondo agency in collaboration with youth center organized a national dance competition at Rafiki. 12 dance crews from across the country took stand on one of the biggest dance contest at the venue and 6 groups was selected to pass on the next level of the competition and stand the chance to win the prize money of one million RFW designated as the jack pot in the final to be held at Kigali exhibition Center very soon when it will be announced by the organizer. In fact, three first winner will receive the prizes and we believe that this kind of entertaining activities has a power to transform the live of dancers positively and allow them to become self- reliant using their talent in dance to achieve great things in their lives. However, the competition allows also participant to test their ability and build self-esteem especially for young girls who found themselves compete with their male counterparts.



“Today I have learnt a lot from other crews, I understand the importance of taking place in such competition, it allows me also to test my ability and build self-esteem” Josh, 18 years’ boy from Rubavu district.

“We are fortunate that our group passed in the next level, we just need to work hard and prepare ourselves for the big day and win the first prizes” Nicole, 17 years’ girl from Urban dance



CLUB RAFIKI

APR BBC PLAYERS INSPIRE YOUTH



On 9th march 2024, professional basketball players from APR BBC conducted an outreach activity at Club Rafiki in which they met with children and teen from RafiKid'S Basketball Academy with the objective to motivate and inspire them about basketball as a tool that can transform their lives and allow them to become valuable asset by embracing basketball as a career. In fact, most of the players who visited the center on that occasion grown up practice and playing here at Club Rafiki, they believe so far their career in the game of basketball started here and acknowledge the role center court played to shape their lives to the point of becoming professional athletes and earning an honest living in basketball. During the visit, they played, inspired, and motivated children recipients of Rafikid's by showing them that they can achieve even greatness more than them through discipline, hard work and team play.

“Meeting and learning from our adult’s professional players is very inspiring and encouraging for us who wish to embrace basketball as the career in our lives.” Tonia, 14 years’ girl from nyamirambo

“Visiting our younger one is important for us and them as well, we also grow up here playing and this is the place which shape our destiny in basketball, and this is how we can give back to the community” Team APR BBC professional players.



MARTIAL ARTS

FOSTERING DISCIPLINE AND EMPOWERMENT AMONG YOUTH

Martial arts are practiced for a variety of purposes, including self-defense, physical fitness, personal growth, cultural preservation, and competitive sports.



BOXING

is one of the greatest sports on the planet

KARATE

aims to build character, improve human behavior, and cultivate modesty



Hard work and discipline are the keys to mastering

KUNG FU

CLUB RAFIKI

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ARE ABLE



On 10th February 2024, an inclusion sportive tournament at national level was organized at Club Rafiki youth center. Club from different provinces across the country gathered at the center in the contest and youth athletes with disability both boys and girls between the age of 12 and 18 years old participated in the tournament, a contest that attracted a big crowd that come from different parts of the country including those from surrounding community in the City of Kigali, who came to support their young athlete and show them compassion and love through unity by demonstrating that sport is for everyone and being disabled doesn't mean that you are discriminated in sport. In fact, we all believe that sport is a powerful weapon that can unite society and break the stigma that surround certain mindset and prove that people with disability are able like the rest of humanity, a principle which Club Rafiki promote and defend solemnly.

“Every times I come to play here I feel better and belong to this community, coming from the province doesn't stop me from feeling at home here at Club Rafiki”
Yolanda, 16-year girl from Musanze



Children with disability need everyone's support to encourage them to participate in sports activities.

OTHER YOUTH FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES



Do You Need Natural Talent to Play Piano? Join our daily class



Igisoro is one traditional game in Rwanda



Play with us Lodo board games



Kanyinya Traditional Dancing Class



Girls talent promotion: Basketball cheerleading program



Play Draughts board games with us

...Join our team and you will learn something new every day...

FASHION AND MODELLING KEEP ON PROMOTING YOUNG TALENT.



Being a model is about more than just beauty, they are wise, inspiring, and funny as well. Take it from these supermodels.

Five years now since fashion and modeling program was initiated in Our Girl Program at the center as means of promoting and develop young talent, especially girls at the center. Yet, the journey was not an easy path but with commitment and strong dedication the program produced some of the greatest talent in the fashion and modelling industry across the country. However, fashion and modelling program at the center experienced a considerable grow in term of participating in different events across the City, many beneficiaries embraced the program as a source of talent detection including generating income that allowed them to become self –reliant and valuable asset using their talent in this field as tool.

So far, in this period, the program recipients also had an opportunity to become much visible in the circle of greatest entrepreneur in the fashion and modelling industry at local level and their aim is to reach stardom level in the international circle.

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“In fashion and modeling industry there is many opportunities for young promising talent, especially for girls, all you need is to have your skill grow and use different opportunities available for your advantage” Samantha, 19 years girls from Nyarugenge.

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SPORTLIGHTS / Girls in sport

WE USE SPORT TO PROMOTE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER GIRLS AND WOMEN



"I'm so overjoyed to be selected to take part in Rwanda academy program, this is an opportunity to develop my professionalism and achieve my dream of becoming a professional athlete in basketball."
Anolia, 15 years

Club Rafiki basketball court continue to produce excellent coaches and athletes at impressive level as years goes on that is how during this period we saw REHEMA, a female coach who grew up at the center practicing, playing for teams and coaching basketball to children and young girls has been selected the best African academic coach for youth under 16 years 2023, the award was presented to her by the International Basketball Federation (FIBA).

Yet, the nominee experienced a second breakthrough when one of the girls she coached at Club Rafiki by the name of ZamZam was carefully chosen to play in the basketball national team under 16 years in this same period which is a breakthrough for both the coach and the girl; therefore, as we speak, the center basketball court beneficiaries have experienced a joyful deal of athletes when the Rwanda academy, an organ that has the main objective to promote young talent in basketball across the country, selected 15 youth from club Rafiki comprising of 5 girls and 10 boys among 50 youth who will take part in the program for years to come.

So far, this is a living testimony that basketball at Club Rafiki is a recommended tool used by many adults and youth to develop themselves emotionally, physically and financially as well.



"My sincere gratitude to Club Rafiki, this is the place that helped me to discover myself and my passion, I feel much honored to be awarded by FIBA a best coach, it will inspire me a lot and motivate me to keep working hard and contribute to my community meaningfully"
Rehema, FIBA nominee coach

VIII. VOLUNTARY: A PATHWAY TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Volunteering is a voluntary act of an individual or group freely giving time and labor for community service.



CLUB RAFIKI WAS HONORED WITH ITS SECOND AWARD from KOICA on March 20, 2024, as recognition for its outstanding cooperation. This award, "*Best Cooperative Institution*," was earned through the partnership established with KOICA to host Korean volunteers across various domains within the club. The first award was received on November 16, 2022. Accompanying this accolade was a \$500 grant, which was allocated towards enhancing security measures through the empowerment of security cameras.

RWANDA VERS KOREA: A vibrant cultural exchange

A vibrant cultural exchange took place between Club Rafiki and volunteers from KOICA Rwanda, delighting approximately 600 children and youth. The highlight of the event was a captivating Korea culture performance held at Club Rafiki. Attendees were treated to a diverse array of entertainment, including music and dance performances showcasing both modern and traditional styles from Korea and Rwanda.



THE STAFF OF CLUB RAFIKI RECENTLY UNDERWENT A TRAINING SESSION ON STRESS MANAGEMENT facilitated by Jihee Park, a Korean volunteer at Club Rafiki. Through this training, the staff gained valuable insights into the importance of effective work planning and joining relaxation techniques into their daily routines. By emphasizing the significance of creating structured work plans and taking breaks to relax during and after work, the training aimed to equip staff members with the tools they need to effectively manage stress and enhance their productivity. This training highlights Club Rafiki's commitment to supporting the well-being and professional development of its staff, ultimately contributing to a more positive and productive work environment.



SPORTLIGHTS Music jumping ropes

EMPOWERING YOUNG GIRLS AND OPENING DIALOGUES



Music Jumping ropes a girl friendly program initiated by a Korean volunteer at Club Rafiki, "Music Jumping Ropes" is making waves in promoting girls' participation in sports activities and fostering open dialogues among them. This innovative initiative is part of the "Our Girl Program" aimed at empowering young girls. Jihee, the Korean volunteer behind the program, expressed her enthusiasm for its impact:

"After one year of volunteering at the Club, I created this program and many girls participated in my weekly classes at Club and in the rural areas namely Kanyinya and Mageragere sectors, additionally I trained Diana for 3 months as a local trainer for this innovative program. Personally, I can't wait to see the sustainability of this program after my departure."

19 year old Diana shared her perspective: "As a girl, I feel the need to contribute to a brighter future for girls through activities like music jumping ropes."

Through the combination of sports and dialogue, "Music Jumping Ropes" is not only promoting physical activity but also creating a platform for girls to engage in meaningful conversations and support each other's growth.



KOREAN VOLUNTEERS ENHANCE YOUTH TALENTS



Jihee Park in the Jumping ropes practice

Club Rafiki volunteers from KOICA-Rwanda are continually playing pivotal role to promote and develop talent of children and youth recipients of Club Rafiki in various domain. So far during the quarter three (January to March 2024), beside our usual Jihee Park Korean volunteer who teach Korean language, culture and music jumping ropes, we received additional volunteer called Lee Myoung Hee, who support the center in promoting skills of the center children and youth both girls and boy's beneficiaries of music program. Thus we have a great expectation about students who did enroll for the program to learn accordingly from an expert in the domain and in return being able to teach their peers and earn an income also from the skills to be acquired in music sessions.

However, on our side we acknowledge the great contribution of volunteers from KOICA, who's from the past five years has been contributing meaningfully to promote and develop children and youth in all the way possible, without left behind the financial and material support we have been received from KOICA.



"I'm happy practicing music jumping rope here at Club Rafiki, it's fun and healthy sport to me." A girl, 13.

"I feel blessed to see that we have a permanent music teacher here." A boy, 15.

Lee Myoung Hee, Korean Volunteer in Music program at Club Rafiki

IX. CAPACITY BUILDING

CLUB RAFIKI collaborates

WITH MUSANZE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE CENTER



The 8-member staff of Club Rafiki, consisting of 3 females and 5 males, who are responsible for various youth programs, visited Musanze Youth Center on April 30th and May 1st, 2024. The purpose of the visit was to exchange experiences, learn from each other's achievements in different areas, and discuss ways to provide excellent services to the youth beneficiaries of both Club Rafiki and Musanze Youth Centers. The visit also aimed to explore methods to make girls and young women feel included in the centers through different programs and initiatives, and to establish a collaborative bond between the two organizations.

During the visit, the Club Rafiki team observed the potential of Musanze Youth Center to transform the community and positively impact the lives of youth, especially young girls and vulnerable single mothers. They also recognized the value of the daily programs at the center, which cater to the welfare of about 200 individuals each day. This experience has inspired the Club Rafiki staff to collaborate with Musanze Youth Center and provide a platform for the growth and development of youth from both organizations, encompassing mental, physical, emotional, and economic aspects. Furthermore, Club Rafiki, upon visiting the youth-friendly programs at Musanze youth center, introduced the center to its innovative programs such as ICT, community library, Urban Dance school, English corner, tailoring, health services, and more. As a result, despite the fact that some youth-friendly programs have not yet been implemented at the Musanze center, Club Rafiki and the center have pledged to collaborate closely in order to provide ongoing youth opportunities and remain a beacon of hope for our future.

“We have gained valuable insights from today's visit, and we are confident that this marks the start of a meaningful collaboration and partnership between Club Rafiki and Musanze Youth Center.”
- Omar Tony, Club Rafiki Coordinator.

X. STRENGTHS

We collaborate with public institutions, NGOs, embassies, and youth organizations, as well as friends worldwide, to support and promote younger generations. The efforts of all involved in Club Rafiki have greatly impacted the youth and community. Support from partners and friends has helped us overcome challenges and engage in impactful youth development initiatives.

CHALLENGES .XI

Club Rafiki is currently encountering various challenges that hinder its ability to fully realize its mission of empowering and nurturing the youth. These obstacles include a lack of adequate space to provide to the diverse activities desired by the youth, insufficient resources to effectively support the club's programs, and the need for rehabilitation of certain infrastructure within the centers.

XII. RECOMMENDATION

The future plan of Club Rafiki will prioritize the advancement of youth talents, the promotion and protection of girls, education on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, as well as the improvement of socio-economic development for young people. The club will continue to collaborate with its partners, including its friends and supporters, to achieve these objectives.

CONCLUSION. XIII

The Club Rafiki Board of Directors and management express heartfelt gratitude to all employees and youth volunteers participating in center programs for their exceptional dedication, which has led to outstanding achievements in safety, quality, and financial performance during this period. We also extend our appreciation to parents and caregivers for their support and collaboration throughout 2023/24. Looking forward, we anticipate continued success in our partnership in this upcoming year 2024/25.



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FRIENDS
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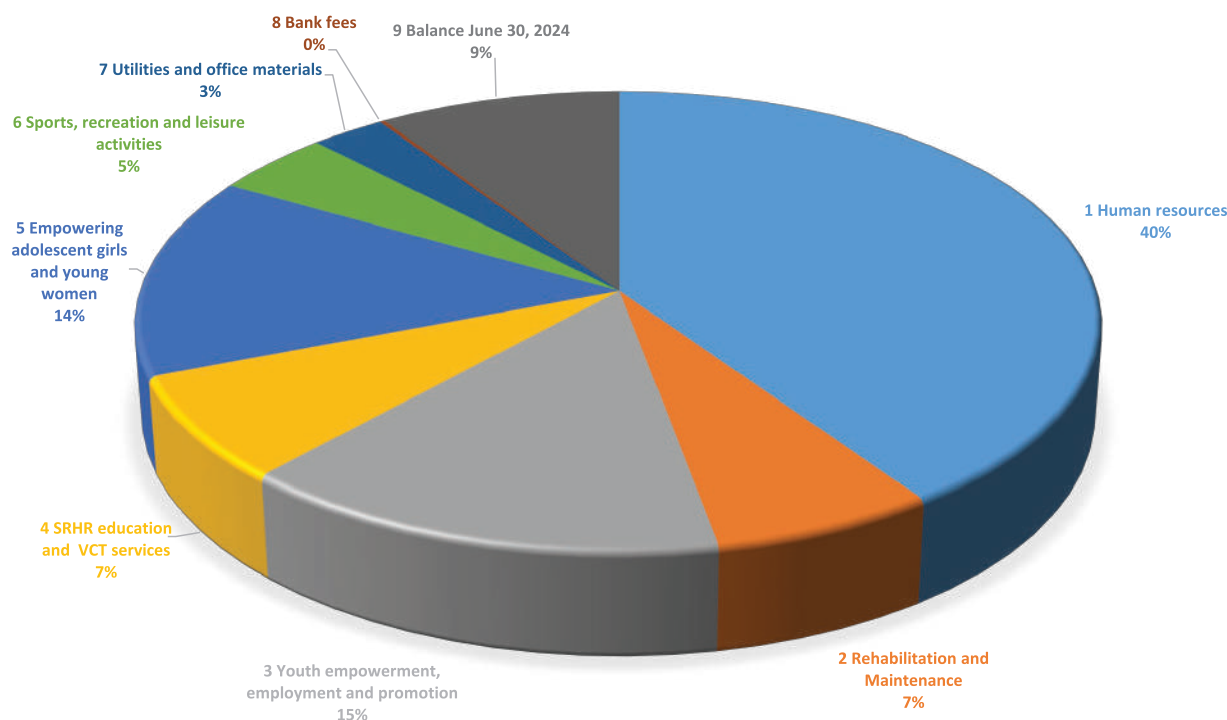
SN	OPERATING FUNDS:	USD	FRW	%
0	Opening balance FY 2023/2024	2,146.19	2,509,967	2%
1	Ministry of Youth and Arts (MoYA)	27,430.40	35,964,000	27%
2	Earmarked transfer from Ministry of Youth and Arts to City of Kigali - Nyarugenge District	3,759.11	4,928,571	4%
3	Grants from Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOIC)	1,002.97	1,315,000	1%
4	Funds from Indigo Foundation	25,773.25	33,790,996	25%
5	Creative Action institute/Sauti ya Dada	2,898.00	3,788,772	3%
6	Basketball Grants from BAL (Nshobozwa Award)	5,000.00	6,012,950	5%
7	Membership, friends of Rafiki, services, and rental infrastructure	29,284.55	38,394,980	29%
8	Funds from Kanyinya Community Project	4,706.25	6,179,273	5%
Total Operating Income		102,000.73	132,884,509	

EXPENDITURE				
SN	OPERATING EXPENSES:	USD	FRW	%
1	Human resources	41,230.53	53,714,312	40%
2	Rehabilitation and Maintenance	6,809.09	8,870,744	7%
3	Youth empowerment, employment and promotion	14,974.76	19,508,815	15%
4	SRHR education and VCT services	7,488.28	9,755,584	7%
5	Empowering adolescent girls and young women	14,455.15	18,831,884	14%
6	Sports, recreation and leisure activities	4,605.54	6,000,000	5%
7	Utilities and office materials	2,887.38	3,761,620	3%
8	Bank fees	168.49	219,500	0%
9	Balance June 30, 2024	9,381.51	12,222,050	9%
Total expenditure		102,000.73	132,884,509	
Exchange rate on 28/06/2024		1 USD = FRW	1,302.78	

G/Burn rate

91%

CHART OF EXPENDITURE



APPENDIX 2:

THREE- YEAR COMPARISON REPORT

SERVICES	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
1 Attendance	468,883 Male 64% Female 36%	523,177 Male 68% Female 32%	747,443 Male 69% Female 31%
2 HIV testing	3,552 Positive cases 46 % 1%	4,041 Positive cases 72 % 2%	4,306 Positive cases 53 % 1%
3 Pregnancy testing	501 Positive 27% Negative 73%	490 Positive 33% Negative 67%	540 Positive 32% Negative 68%
4 Outreach activities/SRH	65,517 Male 71% Female 29%	59,832 Male 64% Female 36%	102,200 Male 68% Female 32%
5 Condoms distributed	43,219 Male 67% Female 32%	523,177 Male 66% Female 34%	747,443 Male 54% Female 36%
6 ICT skills	27,534 Male 71% Female 29%	2,568 Male 70% Female 30%	24,643 Male 67% Female 33%
7 Employment services / Job Desk	11,980 Male 65% Female 35%	11,852 Male 64% Female 36%	16,397 Male 64% Female 36%
8 Vocational Trainings	2,996 Male 34% Female 66%	1,898 Male 31% Female 69%	2,896 Male 41% Female 59%
9 Education & Library services	20,716 Male 69% Female 31%	24,148 Male 72% Female 28%	16,467 Male 70% Female 30%
10 Sports & leisure	260,149 Male 73% Female 27%	410,970 Male 68% Female 32%	777,244 Male 70% Female 30%
11 Culture promotion	7,248 Male 61% Female 39%	12,688 Male 71% Female 29%	16,548 Male 69% Female 31%

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