



PROFILE

CLUB RAFIKI YOUTH CENTER



Club Rafiki is located at Abatarushwa Village, Rwezamenyo I Cell, Rwezamenyo Sector, Nyarugenge District in the City of Kigali, plot no 531; UPI 1/01/10/03/531, the plot surface area is 4,167 square meters.

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BACKGROUND

Club Rafiki is a community-based organization, officially registered by the Rwanda Governance Board (RGB) under legal number No 07/08.11 on 18/04/2011. Its focus is on helping young people, especially those living in the Nyarugenge District, through a wide range of programs.

Founded in 1974 by the Dominican Brothers, Club Rafiki works to meet the needs of the local community, especially young people. The prime goal of the Club is to support the growth of youth in many fields—social, sport, culture, education, health and more. We are a strong voice for young people, helping them develop their talents, improve their health and work towards a brighter future for themselves and for their country.



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VISION, MISSION AND VALUES



“Sport is a teacher of values. Focus, sacrifice, humility, teamwork and honesty.” H.E. Kagame



MISSION

Empowering young people with knowledge, skills and opportunities to grow, thrive and contribute to their communities and nation.



VISION

A generation of empowered, informed, and skilled youth shaping a better future.



CORE VALUES

- **Empowerment** – Unlocking the potential of youth.
- **Integrity** – Upholding honesty and responsibility.
- **Inclusivity** – Creating equal opportunities for all

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OBJECTIVES

The objectives that align with its mission, vision, and activities:

1. Empower youth through education and skills development

- Provide access to ICT training, English literacy programs, vocational skills, and career guidance to enhance employability and self-reliance.

2. Promote health and well-being

- Offer Sexual and Reproductive Health education, HIV/AIDS and pregnancy testing, and drug abuse prevention programs to ensure a healthier youth population.

3. Support talent development and cultural preservation

- Identify and nurture young talents in sports, music, dance, arts, and media while promoting Rwandan cultural values and heritage.

4. Enhance community engagement and volunteerism

- Encourage civic engagement through community service initiatives, environmental awareness activities, and leadership training for youth empowerment.

5. Expand access to sports and recreational activities

- Provide structured sports programs, coaching, and competitions in various disciplines, fostering teamwork, discipline, and physical fitness.

6. Strengthen partnerships and sustainable development

- Collaborate with government institutions, local and international organizations, and youth initiatives to enhance program impact and long-term sustainability.



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CLUB RAFIKI'S ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Law No. 058/2024 of June 20, 2024, regulates non-governmental organizations in Rwanda. In accordance with this law, the organization of Club Rafiki, provides for including a Legal Department, Secretariat and Volunteers:

1. Legal Department

- **Supreme Organ** – The highest decision-making body.
- **Executive Organ** – Responsible for implementing decisions and managing daily operations..
- **Conflict Organ & Audit Organ** – Ensures transparency, accountability and conflict resolution.

2. Secretariat

1. **Center Manager** : Oversee all Club Rafiki operations, ensuring effective management and coordination of activities.
2. **Programs Coordinator** : Manage and coordinates arrange of programs, ensuring their successful execution.
3. **Programs Support Officer**: Assist in the planning and execution of programs, providing necessary support, including facilitation of the English Corner.
4. **ICT Officer**: Oversee technology and digital activities, ensuring smooth technological operations.
5. **Finance Officer**: Manage financial operations, including budgeting, reporting and resource allocation.
6. **Community Engagement Officer**: Oversee library, social work, Our Girl program and cultural initiatives.
7. **Support Staff Officer** : Assist with youth customer care, health services, security and cleanliness.
8. **VCT Counselor**: Provide Sexual and Reproductive Health education, testing, counseling, and facilitates youth access to health facilities.
9. **Lab Technician**: Conduct medical tests and analyze results for accurate diagnosis.

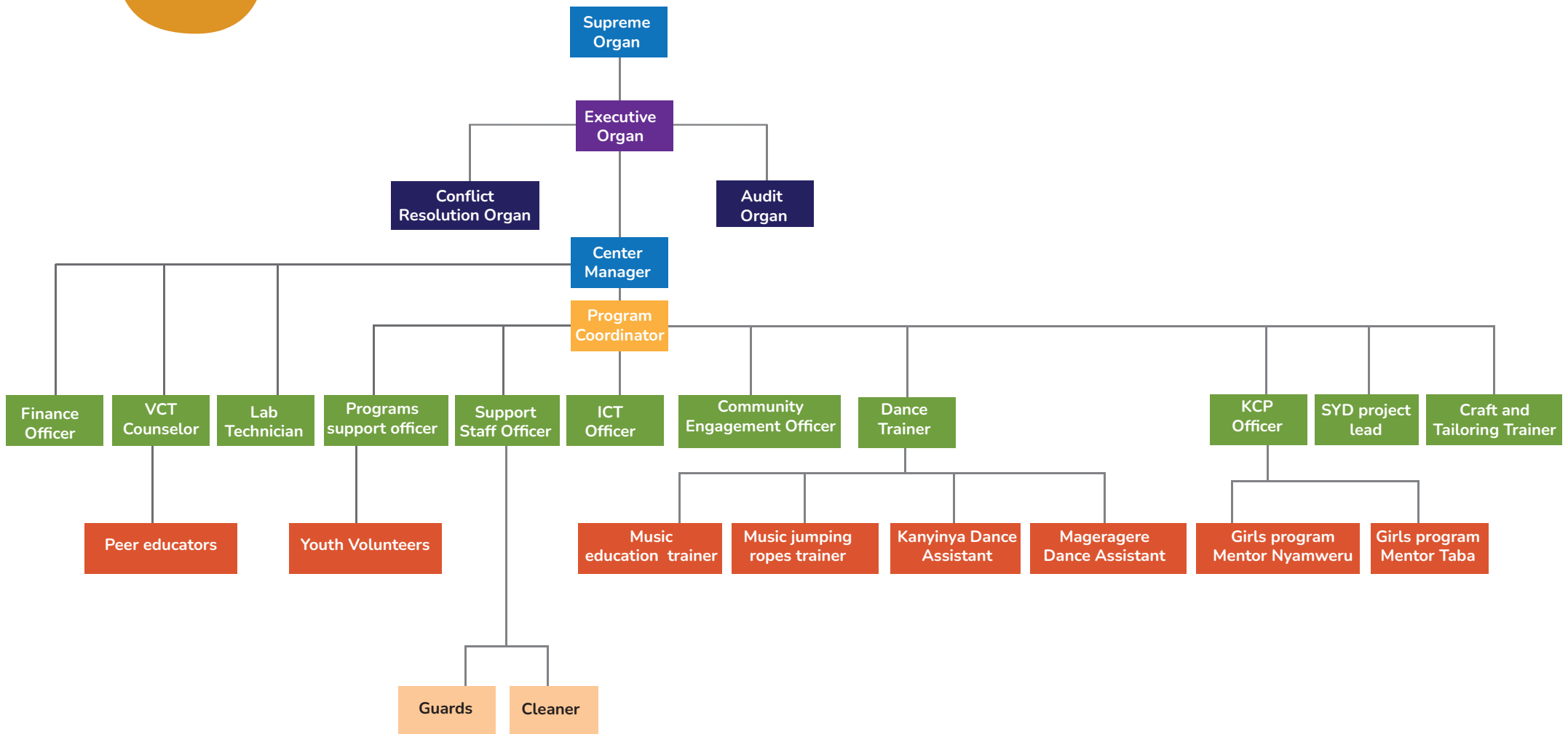
3. Volunteers

Total: 40 Sports & Activity Volunteers, including:

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| 1. Basketball (3) | 9. Draughts (2) |
| 2. Badminton (3) | 10. ICT (2) |
| 3. Chess (1) | 11. SRH Education (12) |
| 4. Music (1) | 12. Fashion and Modeling (2) |
| 5. Jumping Ropes (1) | 13. English Corner Workshop (4) |
| 6. Kung-Fu (1) | 14. Kanyinya Community Project (2) |
| 7. Karate (2) | 15. Urban Dance School in Rural Areas: (2) |
| 8. Dancing (2) | |

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OVERALL STRUCTURE OF CLUB RAFIKI'S PROGRAMS



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ACTIVITIES

HEALTH PROMOTION

Provides SRHR education, voluntary HIV/AIDS and pregnancy testing and drug abuse prevention through community mobilization, peer education and training. Produce communication materials including educational videos and flyers.

TALENT DETECTION & PROMOTION

Help youth explore career opportunities and identify their talents by connecting them with successful professionals, including athletes, artists and media practitioners.

PROMOTE RWANDAN CULTURE

Educate youth on Rwandan traditions, values, music, dance, storytelling and theater to preserve and celebrate cultural heritage.

SPORT & RECREATION

Offer daily youth-friendly sporting activities, including basketball, volleyball, table tennis, badminton, karate, kung-fu, music, dance and traditional games such as Igisoro. Young people are given coaching, practice and participate in competitions.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND PREPARATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

Enhance youth employability through training, workshops and advocacy for job opportunities. Programs focus on job readiness, business creation and vocational skills.



ICT SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Equip youth and the community with ICT skills, including digital literacy, cybersecurity and safe social media use, to enhance both their studies and job opportunities.

ENGLISH CORNER WORKSHOP

Promote English literacy and improve communication skills through debates, storytelling, writing, spelling competitions, school trips and book publishing.

COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Provide a space for children, youth and adults to explore literature, conduct research, play chess, borrow books and participate in reading competitions.

ARTS AND CREATIVE EXPRESSION

Use painting and drawing to help children express themselves and preserve cultural heritage. Activities include their developing painting techniques, color mixing and creating children's booklets.

KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Provide early childhood education program designed for young children, typically aged 3 to 6 years old, to help them develop basic skills before entering primary school.

YOUTH AND ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM

Offer literacy programs for those who missed formal schooling, focusing on reading, writing and numeracy skills.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND VOLUNTEERISM

Club Rafiki promotes civic engagement and volunteerism by organizing and participating in community works (Umuganda), where young people clean neighborhoods and collect plastic waste. We engage in mass sporting activities such as Car-Free Day to promote health and environmental awareness. Additionally, we support vulnerable community members by providing essential aid and empowerment programs. Initiatives like Our Girl Program, Girls' Voice (Sauti ya Dada) and SMART goal training, equip youth with leadership skills to drive positive community change.

OUR APPROACH

At Club Rafiki, we collaborate with youth in planning, designing and implementing programs, ensuring their voices are heard and needs addressed. By involving them at every stage, we foster ownership and responsibility. This inclusive approach creates a welcoming space where young people feel valued, empowered and inspired to drive positive change.

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OUR NETWORK AND PARTNERS

Club Rafiki Partnerships

Club Rafiki collaborates with a variety of government institutions, international NGOs, local NGOs and youth initiatives to further its mission. These partnerships include:

- **Government Institutions:** Ministry of Youth and Arts (MoYA), Ministry of Sports (MINISPORTS), Ministry of ICT and Innovation (MINICT), Ministry of Health (MoH), City of Kigali/Nyarugenge District, National Youth Council (NYC), Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC).
- **International partners:** Giants of Africa (GoA), indigo foundation, Rafi 'Kids', Friends Of Rafiki, Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), Y-LABS, United States Embassy.
- **Local partners:** Society for Family Health (SFH), Faith Victory Association (FVA), Rwanda Basketball Federation (FERWABA, Kigali Public Library, Children's Voice Today (CVT).
- **Youth Initiatives:** Youth Clubs for Fighting AIDS and Drugs, Youth Companies and cooperatives.

Such collaboration enables Club Rafiki to provide diverse programs and resources to develop young people and engage with our community.

