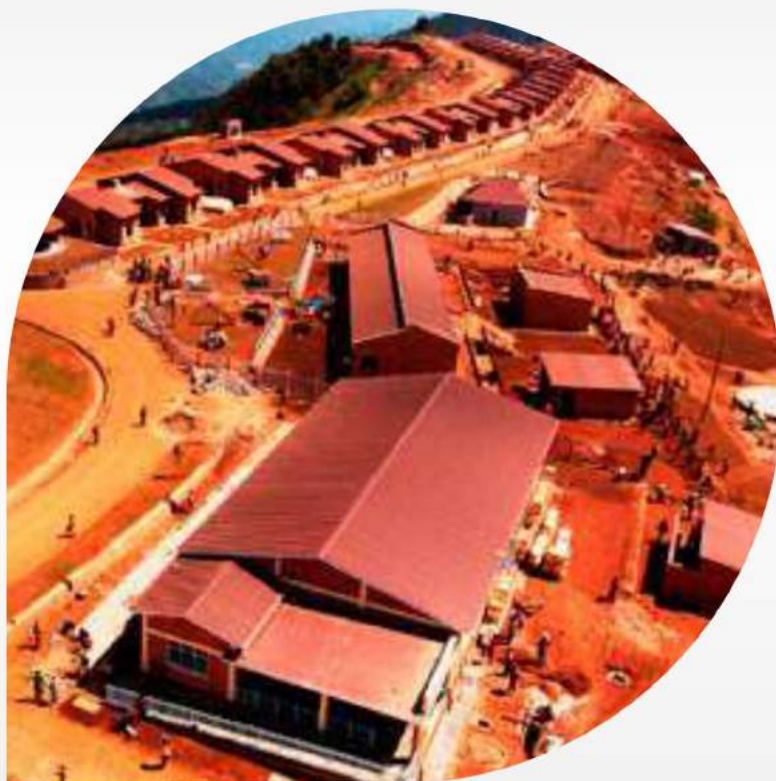




**RWANDA DEFENCE FORCE (RDF)**

THE BEDROCK OF NATIONAL TRANSFORMATION



**RDF**

**SOCIALLY &**

**ECONOMICALLY**

**TRANSFORMING**

**RWANDA**

2017-2018  
**EDITION**



“

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**H.E Paul Kagame**  
Commander In Chief

Quote from  
**H.E President Paul Kagame** speech  
on 4th July 2016 at  
Rweru IDP model  
village, Bugesera  
District



**Photo Credit:**  
Urugwiro Village



## RDF SOCIO-ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES 2017-2018

### Achievements Highlights



**74,523**

Patients Treated



FRW **161.8Bn**

Total Cost of Major Activities



**865** KM

Roads constructed



**3,407**

Homes Built



**19**

Bridges constructed



**3,407**

Family - Home Beneficiaries



FRW **14.2Bn**

Money saved



**4**

Helipads constructed



## RDF Mission Statement

### The Rwanda Defence Force's mission as provided by the law is:

To defend the territorial integrity and the national sovereignty of the Republic;

To collaborate with other security organs in safeguarding public order and enforcement of law;

To participate in humanitarian activities in case of disasters;

To contribute to the development of the country;

To participate in international peacekeeping missions, humanitarian assistance and training.



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## FOREWORD

### BY THE HON. MINISTER OF DEFENCE

**T**oday, 4 of July 2018, marks the day when Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPA) overthrew the notorious regime that perpetrated the Genocide against the Tutsi, ruined the entire political, economic and social structures of the nation. This day also marks the beginning of yet another era of ensuring and consolidating a real sense of liberation of our nation. The post-genocide efforts by some individuals, nations and organizations to prop up the enemy evil intentions against Rwanda were made futile because the liberators had accorded defence and security of Rwanda a high priority index. This was intended to achieve the prevailing peace and stability Rwandans enjoy today.

Beyond the liberation war, the liberation struggle continues focusing and dealing with the prevailing real national security threats. Rwanda is free from conflicts, insurgence, war, discrimination and any kind of physical harm to its citizens. However, the protection of Rwandans from fears and insecurities of probable physical harm do not by themselves mean freedom from insecurity. The Ministry of Defence recognizes that human security forms the basic foundation of the entire national defence and stability.

This forms the rationale for the Defence intervention in various areas of human security

that continue to pose life threats to people and impede the entire human life advancement. The Defence intervention for the past years has been in the fields of health, education, agriculture, habitation, infrastructure, and other poverty alleviation policies. The expected outcome is to erase or mitigate the threats of and ensure safety from hunger, diseases, malnutrition, and harmful disruptions occurring in the daily life patterns of the citizens due to natural hazards or those occurring due to destructive human activities.

To further expand the scope of the contribution by the Defence sector in the field of social economic development, more partnerships and extensive cooperation with other stakeholders shall be sought. In the last 24 years of cooperation with different stakeholders in this sector, an incredible work has been done which is an indication of the possibility of greater achievements in the years to come.

The commitment of the Ministry of Defence to defeat and defuse any existing and potential spoilers of the achievements made shall remain unshakeable. Additional efforts in regard to enhancing human security by the Defence shall be employed and the defence policies and strategies shall among others be incorporated in the above vital aspects to ensure total and meaningful liberation.

As I wish the Rwanda Defence Force and the Rwandans a happy liberation day, I pledge continued commitment in this endeavor.

**Gen. James KABAREBE**  
**Minister of Defence**



## MESSAGE FROM CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF

**T**oday 4 July 2018, Rwanda is celebrating the 24th Anniversary of National Liberation when the despotic regime was disarmed of the power to perpetuate evil that characterized it for decades and culminated in the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi. This struggle was a fundamental phase that significantly paved way for a new face of the country.

Several years after the liberation struggle, the defence of the country, ensuring peace, security and stability formed part of the core priorities of the nation. The achievements of these invaluable outcomes required high level-commitment, effort and resilience all anchored -n the vision of the Commander-In-Chief of the Rwanda Defence Force stated far back during the liberation war. Understanding that the liberation struggle is a long process other than military victory and toppling the genocidal regime forms the rationale for the continued strides and effort by the Rwanda Defence Force in the various spheres of national life. The prevailing peace and security in the country has continuously offered valuable opportunities for the RDF to intervene in other vital social sectors such as alleviating human and food security situation in the country to enhance an apt and reliable Defence and Security architecture.

It is in this regard that Rwanda Defence Force has regarded partnership with other government Institutions in the pursuit of national development initiatives crucial not only as part of its mandate but as a share of its contribution to the realization of the entire National vision. Direct participation in construction of homes for genocide survivors, vulnerable citizens, habitation of High Risk Zones occupants, assistance in agricultural activities, extension of medical services to citizens in rural areas, the One Cow per Poor Family program and many others are all meant to enhance the wellbeing of our people.



Rwanda Defence Force continues to enjoy insurmountable support from the Rwandan population that has enabled the achievement of the set targets. RDF shall continue to seek cooperation with beneficiaries of the services intended and extended to them in a bid to fully realize the national vision.

On this note, RDF leadership, strongly appreciates and commends the cooperation effort by the other government Institutions in the journey to emancipate Rwandans from misery, poverty, hunger, disease and other problems that holdback human life advancement. No effort shall be spared by the Rwanda Defence Force in the struggle for the meaningful liberation of the country, for which the force was born for. Happy Liberation Day.

**Patrick NYAMVUMBA**  
**General**

Chief of Defence Staff  
Rwanda Defence Force





# INTRODUCTION

*Launch of RDF COP 2018 in Nyabihu District on 20 April attended by Hon MOD. Irish potatoes farming*

Rwanda Defence Force (RDF) mission as provided in article 10 of the law determining the force's mission, organization and powers is; to defend the territorial integrity and national sovereignty of the Republic; to collaborate with other security organs in safeguarding public order and enforcement of law; to participate in humanitarian activities in case of disasters; to contribute to the development of the country and to participate in international peacekeeping missions.

As the primary responsibility of defending the territorial integrity and ensuring national sovereignty is increasingly becoming assured, the RDF has therefore seized the

opportunity to focus on contributing to human security and national socio-economic development.

The RDF mission is therefore in line with the 1992 strategic guidance of the then Chairman of High Command who stated that "Jeshi letu ndilo litakuwa msingi wa mabadiriko ambayo atakuwepo kwa inchi yetu..." loosely translated in English as "Our Army will be the bedrock of national transformation and development of our country...".

Speaking at Rweru IDP Model Village on July 4, 2016, H.E Paul Kagame the Commander-In- Chief of the RDF stated "The first phase of liberation struggle was meant to remove bad leadership that led to suffering and



genocide in Rwanda. The next phase that we undertook is to engage in activities geared towards liberating Rwandans from another evil, poverty and social distress."

It is against this background that the RDF undertakes both routine and annual Citizen Outreach Programs/activities that collectively contribute to national economic transformation. As we celebrate 24 years after liberation, this booklet highlights the activities carried out by RDF in the 2017/18 fiscal year with the aim of supporting the socio-economic development of Rwanda and her citizens.

Beyond the lawful mandate of protecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity, the RDF philosophy is one that puts into consideration the fact that liberation would be meaningless if it does not translate into the sustainable wellbeing of the citizens.

At Vunga Model Village, on 4 July 2017, H.E The President commended the work done and directed to scale-up similar activities. As such, activities in the Financial Year 2017/2018 increased by 50% compared to previous financial year.

In partnership with other stakeholders, RDF conducted these activities throughout the year in line with the provision of healthcare services for Rwandans, infrastructure development, supporting the agriculture and education sectors –all with an aim of fostering development. The impact of RDF activities is tangible, qualitative and quantitative as the numbers in this booklet will show.

Special thanks to different government ministries which partnered with RDF this year including the Ministry of Local Government (MINALOC), the Ministry of Education (MINEDUC), the Ministry of Health (MoH), the Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources (MINAGRI) and the Ministry of Gender & Family Promotion (MIGEPROF), Ministry of Infrastructure (MININFRA) among others.

This booklet specifically demonstrates how much was saved on each of the activities, which the government can invest in other areas of priority.

**Happy 24th Liberation Anniversary!**



**Construction of storied 12 Classrooms at  
Groupe Scolaire Kagugu, Gasabo District**



## SHELTER

### BUILDING IDP MODEL VILLAGES

During the 2017/18 financial year, RDF continued to support the government efforts to ensure that Rwandans live in planned and organised settlements which make it easy for them to access services. This is done through the implementation of the Integrated Development Programme (IDP) model.



# 2,080

Homes constructed in 22 Model Villages in 7 (seven ) months

Under the country's Vision 2020, the government intends to make a proportion of at least 70 % of households living in rural areas settle in integrated viable settlements which come with economic opportunities, favour rational land use and management and accelerate servicing with basic social economic and physical infrastructures in rural areas.

As the Commander-In-Chief once stated that "We are the first of generations charged with the responsibility to rebuild post-genocide Rwanda. This is our promise to posterity and to the world," RDF believes that the military can play a pivotal role in the socio-economic transformation of the country.



**This year saw RDF construct 166 IDP units, the most outstanding ones being Horezo and Kanyenyeri Model Villages.**





As such, this year, the army continued to work with different government entities with the aim of reshaping rural settlement in Rwanda through an all-inclusive model that focuses on providing access to clean water, electricity, health facilities, common marketplace and smart classrooms for each IDP as part of the government vision.

This year saw RDF construct 22 IDP Model Villages, the most outstanding ones being Horezo and Kanyenyeri, homes for disabled demobilized soldiers (88 houses) and Genocide survivors (1,324 houses). The homes constructed will benefit 2,080 families.

The IDP 22 model villages built consist of modern 8-in-1(112), 4-in-1 (556) housing units, multipurpose halls (3), classrooms (30), Early Child Development (2), Health post (4) and Art & Craft shops (4) among other facilities.

Most IDPs also have common cowsheds and consolidated farming activities which makes it easy for people to embrace modern agricultural practices and easy access to extension services. This leads to increased yields from valuable arable land.

The construction and furnishing of the 22 IDP Model Villages cost FRW14.7Bn, which is less than half the amount the activities would have cost based on existing market rates.

These facilities make it easy for residents to access services in one place and engage in income generating activities.



**FRW 14.7  
Billion**



***Early Child Development school in Nyabihu District***

RDF has implemented IDP Model Villages in all corners of the country. IDP Model Villages are typically made up of self-contained houses along with schools, recreational centres and hospitals among other facilities as mentioned earlier.

IDP Model Villages provide the environment to transform the livelihood of the rural Rwandan populations through the provision of the basic services much needed to spur social satisfaction and economic empowerment.

The IDP model ensures improved transportation and communication and facilitates trade from one community to another which in turn helps to increase household incomes.



***Kitchen Garden in Kanyenyeri in Ngororero District***



## HOUSES FOR GENOCIDE SURVIVORS



***Munyinya village constructed for Genocide survivors in Muhanga District***

As we celebrate 24 years of liberation, it is worth mentioning that RDF, together with different government institutions, continued efforts to ensure that survivors of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi have decent shelter over their heads.

The 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi tremendously affected Rwandans with over a million people lost in a space of 100 days. July 4th is a significant date for the country and Rwandans in general because that is when Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF-Inkotanyi) stopped the genocide.

Liberation would be meaningless if genocide survivors continue to struggle with basic needs such as housing. The government has over the last 24 years invested in the wellbeing of genocide survivors through different initiatives aimed at improving their socio-economic welfare.



**1,324**  
Homes for Genocide Survivors

In the past, government entities charged with ensuring the welfare of genocide survivors used to contract private entrepreneurs to undertake the activities to provide shelter for genocide survivors.

As years went by, the programmes encountered challenges, the quality of houses deteriorated and funds were mismanaged. It was at this point that it was decided that the responsibility to construct houses for genocide survivors be given to RDF to implement.

During the 2017/18 financial year alone, a total of 1,324 houses for genocide survivors were built and will benefit 1,324 families. The units were built in a period of 6 months at a minimal cost of FRW15.5Bn.



*Senior Citizen Retirement Village constructed by the RDF in Bugesera District*

## ENSURING THE WELLBEING OF VULNERABLE FAMILIES



*Genocide widows homes built by RDF in Mukura, Huye District*



FRW **15.5**  
**Billion**

Spent on  
construction of  
homes for Genocide  
survivors in  
2017-2018



In another annual initiative to date, the RDF Citizen Outreach Program (COP) has so far constructed 1,327 housing units for vulnerable people.

In the same program, RDF rehabilitated 240 houses of vulnerable people, benefiting 960 families. The work was done at a cost of FRW72m. The work done would have cost FRW120m. This means that RDF helped the government to save FRW48m.

Over the years, RDF, in close partnership with other stakeholders, has contributed significantly in infrastructure development and housing for vulnerable people.

The RDF was at the forefront of the government initiative to eradicate grass thatched houses, locally known as 'Nyakatsi' and it continues to do so.

RDF has over the years been involved in activities to build and rehabilitate houses for ex-combatants, especially those who lost their limbs and other body parts during the struggle to liberate the country.

This year, a total of 1,324 vulnerable families has so far benefitted from the housing projects implemented by RDF COP. About 85,059 modern houses have so far been constructed for vulnerable people since the beginning of the program back in 2009.

# 85,059

Modern houses constructed for vulnerable people since 2009

As part of the efforts to ensure the wellbeing of these households, this year RDF constructed 584 toilets at a cost of FRW11.6m – which is less than half the estimated market cost of FRW29.2m.



Beneficiary Families

## HOUSING

**FRW 143.7Bn**

Actual Cost

**FRW 150.9Bn**

Market Rate

**FRW7.2Bn**

RDF Saved the Government





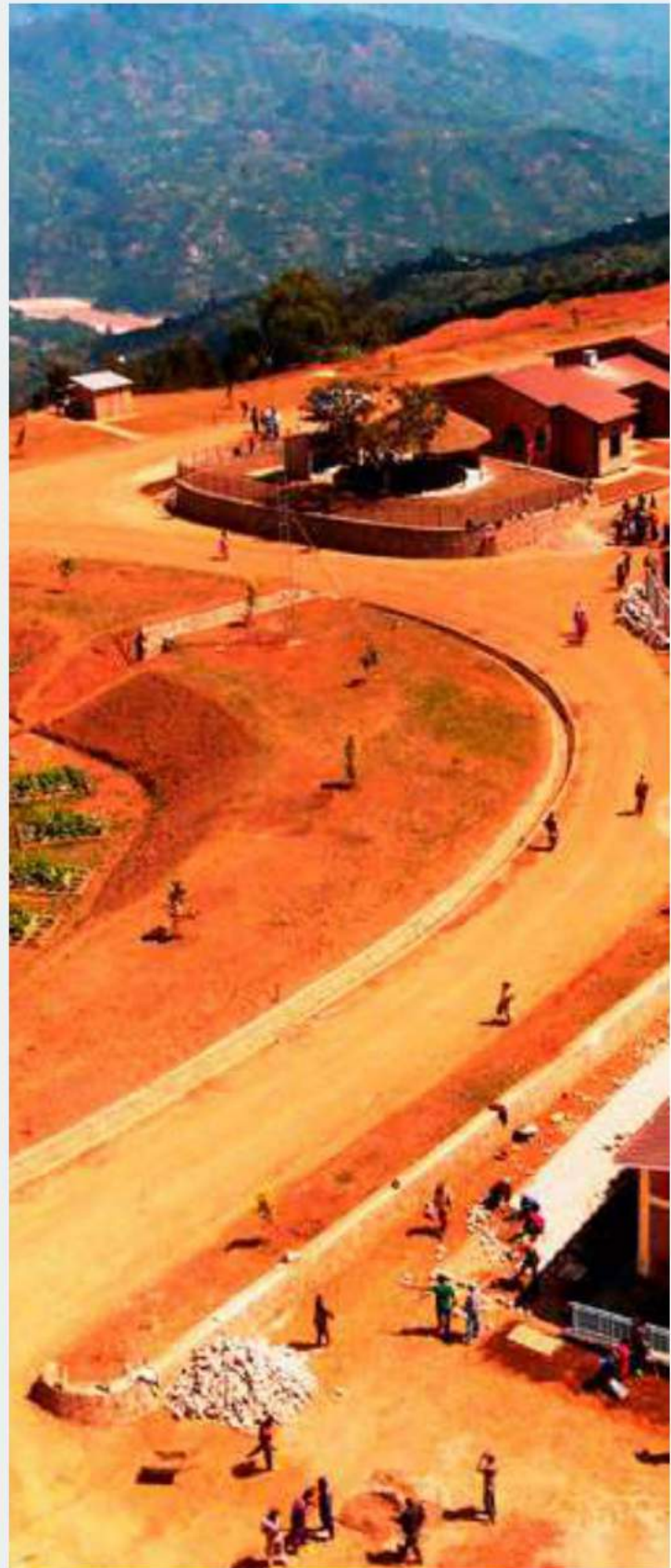
## ABOUT HOREZO & KANYENYERI MODEL VILLAGES

Located in Muhanga and Ngororero districts respectively, Horezo and Kanyenyeri Integrated Development Programme (IDP) Model Villages are the ideal examples of the model villages the Government of Rwanda seeks to build.

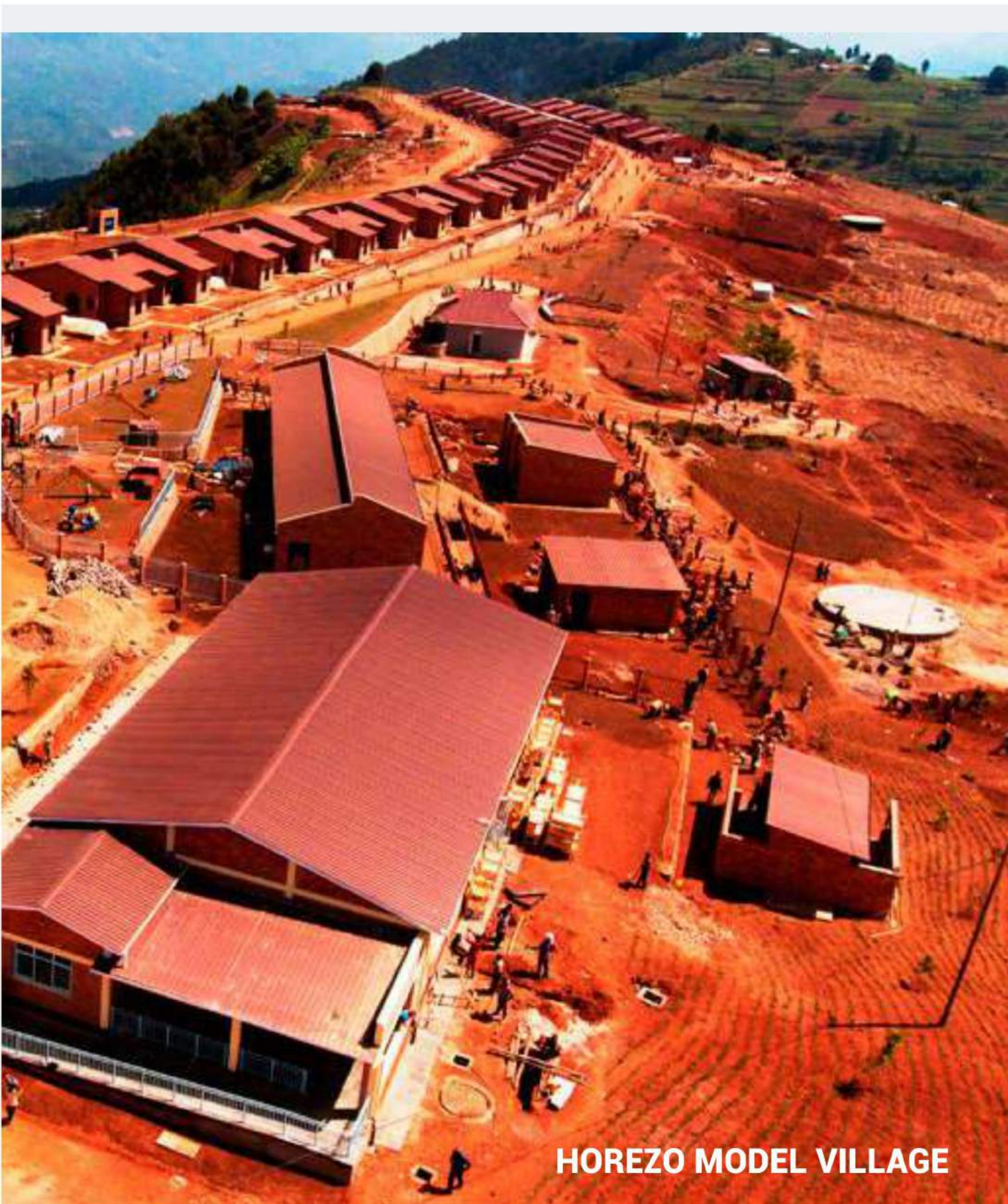
The two model villages built and completed this year will be inaugurated by the Commander-in-Chief H.E Paul Kagame. They consist of two 8-in-1 units, 17 4-in-1 housing units, a multipurpose hall, two health posts, 3 dumpsites and 6 lightning protection systems.

The two model villages also have a total of 21 biogas plants and kitchen gardens, 2 early childhood development centres, a dining hall, playground, an administration block, a school and rain water harvesting drainage channel.

The RDF also built 13.5km of roads within the model villages and one helipad. Horezo and Kanyenyeri Model Villages were built at a cost of FRW19.2bn and will benefit 68 families.





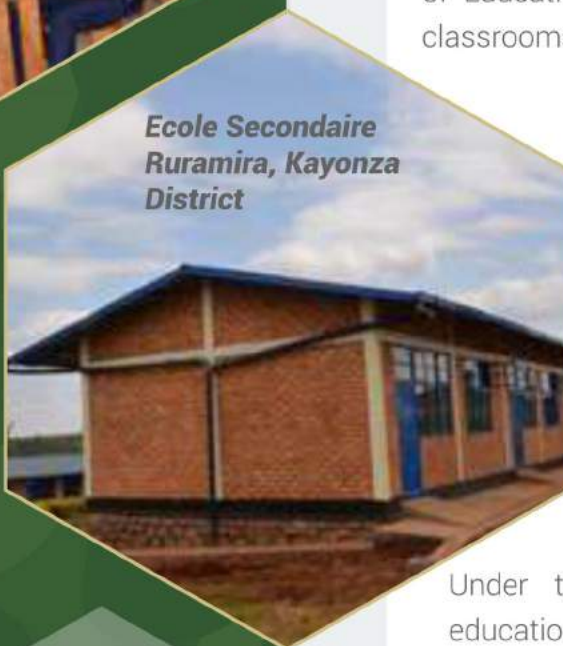


**HOREZO MODEL VILLAGE**





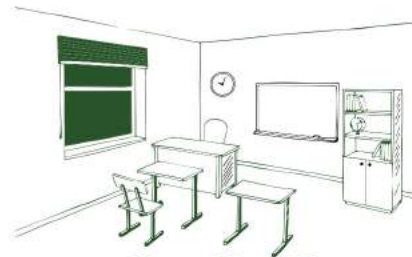
*Ecole Secondaire  
Ruramira, Kayanza  
District*



# EDUCATION

## BUILDING CLASSROOMS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

For any society to be fully uplifted, education is a key element of human development. Proper human settlement in itself is not enough. It is against this background that RDF together with different partners including the Ministry of Education, took up the task of building classrooms across the country.



# 203

Classrooms constructed

Under this year's RDF support to the education sector, 203 classrooms have been constructed in different parts of the country to the benefit of 9,135 students. These classrooms were built at a cost of FRW2.5Bn – which is way below what they would cost on the standard market.

RDF started constructing storied classrooms in compliance with Rwanda's government policy of saving land for other developmental uses.



Construction Completed

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**RWANDA DEFENCE FORCE**





**FRW 2.5Bn**

The progress of houses, classrooms and toilets construction is analysed in the following levels: Levelling plots is estimated at 05% of the whole construction, Foundation: 10%, Elevation: 60%, Roofing: 80%, finishing 90% and 95% completed.



## Education

**Market cost  
2.625Bn**

**Actual cost 2.5Bn**

**Money saved: 125M**



## INFRASTRUCTURE

As we celebrate 24 years of liberation, RDF has continued to support infrastructure development. Infrastructure is a pivotal part of development and an enabler of socio-economic progress. In the infrastructure sector, RDF constructed 865km of roads (both asphalt and unpaved) in 19 districts during the 2017/18 financial year in order to support the country's efforts to make 95 per cent of the road network in a good condition by the end of this year.



**865<sub>km</sub>**  
Roads constructed

Worth mentioning is the 15km Ndera asphalt road and the 14.7km road linking Zindiro-Masizi-Birembo-Gasanze. All the roads built by RDF this year in 19 districts are worth FRW59bn. A total of 112.3km of roads were maintained by RDF in 8 districts.

Apart from roads, RDF in collaboration with line ministries and districts built 19 key bridges connecting different parts of the country, facilitating the movement of people and goods.

The 19 bridges include fully enforced standard bridges linking asphalt roads

**RDF has continuously supported infrastructure development. Infrastructure is a pivotal part of development and an enabler of socio-economic progress.**





# 19

## Districts

benefitted from roads constructed

like the one in Gashora and Bailey bridges connecting feeder roads similar to the one in Mukungwa Valley. All these were constructed in a period of 12 months at a cost of FRW10.6bn and more will be built.

## HELIPADS



As part of the plan to ease movement of people and resources, this year RDF embarked on the construction of helipads in 4 districts. These helipads are located near key settlements and focal points where not only RDF helicopters can land but also emergency helicopter services.

The helipads will be important whenever there is a need to airlift people, resources or any other logistical and operational activities.

A total of 4 helipads will be built in 4 districts at a cost of FRW342m. Several have already been completed in the last two months,



**Borehole  
constructed by RDF  
in Kamonyi district**

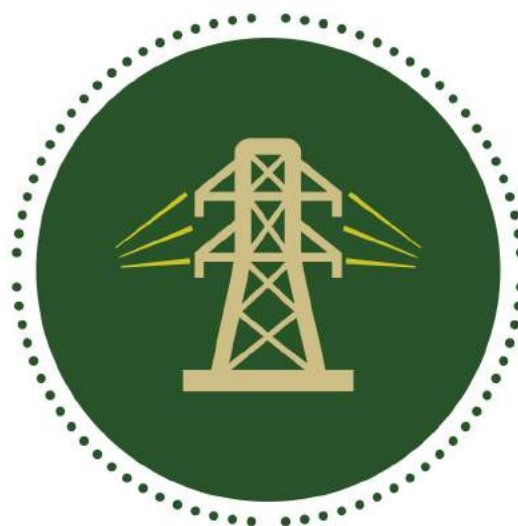
including in Nyamagabe and Nyamasheke while elsewhere work is still ongoing.

Also constructed this year includes 20 boreholes and 3 water supply units in 4 districts, electricity distribution lines benefiting 104,103 families, and 7 Genocide Memorial Sites in 6 districts. RDF also constructed Gatsata Health Centre in Gasabo District.



*TVET Nyabihu constructed by RDF*

## INSTALLATIONS ON IMPORTANT NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE



**Nyabarongo Hydro Power Project**

RDF was also involved in the construction of other important facilities, like a security

post in Mushishiro near Nyabarongo Hydro Power Project, a key national infrastructure.





***Feeder road constructed by RDF in Gako, Bugesera District***



***Genocide memorial site constructed by RDF in Nyamata Bugesera District***



## AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK & ENVIRONMENT

The RDF conducted activities in the areas of agriculture, livestock and environment sector were worth over FRW19.86Bn, which covered different areas including crop production, soil erosion control and livestock distribution.



# 25,418

Hectares cultivated

Activities in agriculture, and environmental protection covered 25,418 hectares. Some 3,525 Cows worth FRW1.5Bn were distributed under One Cow per Family (Girinka).

The RDF has been at the forefront of establishing radical terraces not only to avert soil erosion but also to increase land productivity.

Over the last 9 months, a total of 17,898 hectares of terraces locally known as 'Amaterasi y'indinganire' were developed



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In the area of environmental conservation, 3,441 hectares of trees were planted at a cost of FRW1.3Bn while Wetland management covered 131 hectares at a cost of FRW212M. Riverbank protection was done on 1,400 hectares at a cost of FRW945M.




**3,525**  
Cows distributed



**17,898**  
Hectares of terraces developed

**112.2**  
Hectares of wheat





*River bank protection along Nyabarongo river with bamboo*

## CROP PRODUCTION

Food crop and vegetable production countrywide covered 1,701.9 hectares and 324.5 hectares respectively, at a cost of FRW1.9Bn, compared to FRW2.8Bn the activities would have cost on the standard market cost, saving FRW929M in the process.

Crop production included 108.4 hectares of the bush bean, 203.4 hectares of cassava, 1,172.7 hectares of Irish potatoes, 107.5 hectares of maize, 73.6 hectares of Rice, 102 hectares of soybean, 399.9 hectares of sweet potatoes and 192.5 hectares of Wheat (192.5).

The activities also included urea application on 112.2 hectares of wheat and 3 hectares of pineapples. In regards to vegetables production a total of 324.5 hectares were cultivated for the production of tumbleweed (dodo), beetroot, cabbages, carrots, cucumber, courgette, eggplants, green



beans, hot pepper, onions, poivron, tomatoes and watermelon. These were produced at a cost of FRW539M while the standard market cost was estimated to have been FRW646M, translating into savings of FRW106M.

Other successful agricultural activities conducted by RDF this year includes the continued eradication of the Fall Armyworm, covering 1,972.3 hectares, rejuvenation of 1,230.1 hectares of banana plantations and combating the deadly banana weevil, locally known as "Kirabiranya" on 467.2 hectares of land.





***Protection of catchment by establishing hillside progressive terraces***



***Environmental Protection through planting of trees by RDF***

RDF also planted 2,548 hectares of coffee and tea at a cost of FRW2.4Bn, coffee maintenance was done on 1,146.9 hectares and 68.8 hectares of Tea were maintained. Mechanisation was implemented on 1.5 hectares.

Agricultural activities conducted this year were worth FRW2.4Bn but worth FRW5.1Bn, meaning that RDF saved FRW2.7Bn on Agriculture alone.

**Market cost  
25.81Bn**

**Actual cost 19.86Bn Money saved: 5.96Bn**



*Gatsata health center*



## HEALTH

### A HEALTHY MIND IN A HEALTHY BODY

The RDF Citizen Outreach Programme among other things focused on providing medical services to Rwandans in different parts of the country. So far 74, 523 people have benefited from medical services provided by RDF since April 2018.



# 74,523

Patients Treated since April 2018

During RDF COP, medical personnel covered different areas including ENT (Ear, Nose & Throat), Gynaecology-Obstetrics, Ophthalmology and Orthopedics, Dental, General Surgery, Dermatology and Male circumcision, among other services provided. A total of 46,422 patients benefited from clinical services this year while 28,101 males were circumcised during the exercise.

The entire activity has so far cost at least FRW147M but the work done has a market cost of over FRW1Bn. In doing so, RDF helped to save FRW856M and this program is scheduled to go until end of July 2018.

Among other things, RDF builds health posts, early childhood development centres where citizens learn about balancing diet, drinking boiled water, visiting health centres for check-ups and other health related practices that help them to be disease free.



The RDF Citizen Outreach Programme 2018 expects to provide free medical services to an estimated 113,000 patients by the time it comes to its conclusion this July.

Medical outreach services provided to the public, particularly in rural areas, are not only to help them improve their health but also to improve their lives in different aspects.

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# 438,371

**Patients benefited from medical outreach Program since 2009**





***Launch of RDF COP 2018 in Rwamagana District***

RDF COP has also built health posts, Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres where citizens learn about balancing diet, visiting health centres for check-ups and other health related practices that help them to be disease free. Since 2009, over 438,371 people have benefited from medical outreach services.

The Citizen Outreach Programme seeks to have meaningful impact on the lives of Rwandans with a fundamental target of increasing the role of the Rwanda Defence Force in socio-economic transformation of the people and ensure human security.







## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

In Healthcare since 2009

# 438, 371

Patients have so far received medical care in dental, dermatology, ophthalmology, internal medicine, gynecology, urology, Ear Nose and Throat (ENT), and general surgery.

# 6

Hospital and Health Centres constructed

# 55

Health posts constructed

# 114

Rooms for health counsellors constructed

## COP Health expenditure 2018

Market cost  
1Bn

Actual cost 147M

Money saved: 895M



# TESTIMONIES



As we celebrate the 24th Liberation anniversary, Rwandans can testify about the impact of the work of RDF the year past. During the ongoing COP 2018 or other activities implemented by the Reserve Force or the Engineer Brigade.

## EPIPHANIE MUKAKIMENYI

Epiphanie Mukakimenyi is a 51-year-old mother of 4, from Ntongwe Sector in Ruhango District. She is one of the patients who testified to RDF Media at Ruhango Hospital, following the intervention of RDF medical personnel. She suffered from a Rectal Polyp disease that she developed 12 years back and was not able to afford





treatment. During RDF COP, Mukakimenyi got relieved after she was operated on and she expressed gratitude.

"RDF medical doctors gave me the treatment I needed. I feel much better. I hope that the pain I feel now is the effect of operation and I am sure will be better soon". She added that "I had no hope for treatment because I did not have the resources. When I heard about RDF medical personnel coming here, I registered and I benefited from free treatment... I am thankful to RDF. This goes to show that they care for us not only by ensuring our security but also our health as well".

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## THERESIA MUKANDEKEZI

In Rulindo District, local farmers in Mbogo sector are expecting a good harvest of sweet potatoes due to RDF Citizen Outreach Programme 2018 (RDF COP 2018) agricultural activities.

Theresia Mukandekezi, One of the farmers said during RDF COP 2018 that joint effort is a strong motivation to them as farmers and adds value to their activities.

"Having our forces here cultivating with us is really very encouraging. We are discussing our about our lives here while cultivating and we feel they are very close to us.

They have become our very good friends. We are very grateful for this relationship and together we are fighting food insecurity".



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## JEAN BAPTIST HABANABASHAKA

**D**uring the ongoing RDF Citizen Outreach Programme 2018 (RDF COP 2018), RDF in close collaboration with other Government Institutions and Local Citizens started efforts to address the challenge of overcrowded classrooms with some schools accommodating 60 to 80 students in one room.

Jean Baptist Habanabashaka, the Director at Groupe Scolaire Kagugu in Gasabo District, testified that the joint initiative between RDF and citizens to construct classrooms is very timely. He said that GS Kagugu had hit 80 students per class and had resorted to morning and afternoon shifts to deal with this problem.

Currently 12 modern classrooms are under construction at the School. "This will reduce overcrowded classrooms and impact on quality of our education. RDF is doing right because the development commence with these young students" he said.



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**This will reduce overcrowded classrooms and impact on quality of our education. RDF is doing right**



## PREVIOUS RDF COP ACHIEVEMENTS IN NUMBERS

### INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

- 85,059 modern houses constructed for the vulnerable.
- 408 bridges constructed.
- 385.6km of feeder roads constructed/rehabilitated countrywide.
- 36,434 family pit latrines constructed.
- 80,516 clean water points constructed.
- 158, 831 Rondereza Cooking Stoves constructed.
- 7,028 Biogas plants constructed.
- 01 modern market Constructed in Gishambashayo, Gicumbi District.
- 3,400 solar panel units distributed countrywide.
- 33 IDP Model Villages Constructed

### RDF SUPPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

- Cows worth FRW214,148,155 distributed under One Cow Per Poor Family (Girinka)
- FRW2, 113, 410, 700 contributed to Agaciro Development Fund.

### EDUCATION SECTOR

- 1,380 classrooms and associated 1,126 pit latrines constructed.
- 168 houses for teachers constructed.

### AGRICULTURE

- 6,459 ha of land cultivated.
- Fall Army Worm (Nkongwa) eradicated on 5,879 hectares.
- Banana Weevil (Kirabiranya) eradicated on 1,011 hectares.
- Cassava Mosaic Virus eradicated on 113 hectares.
- 08 water dams constructed.
- 20.5km of water canal rehabilitated.
- 41 Irrigation machines donated to the local population.

### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

- Tree plantation on 12,410 hectares of land.
- 30 hectares of radical terraces constructed.
- 83 hectares of anti-erosive trenches constructed.



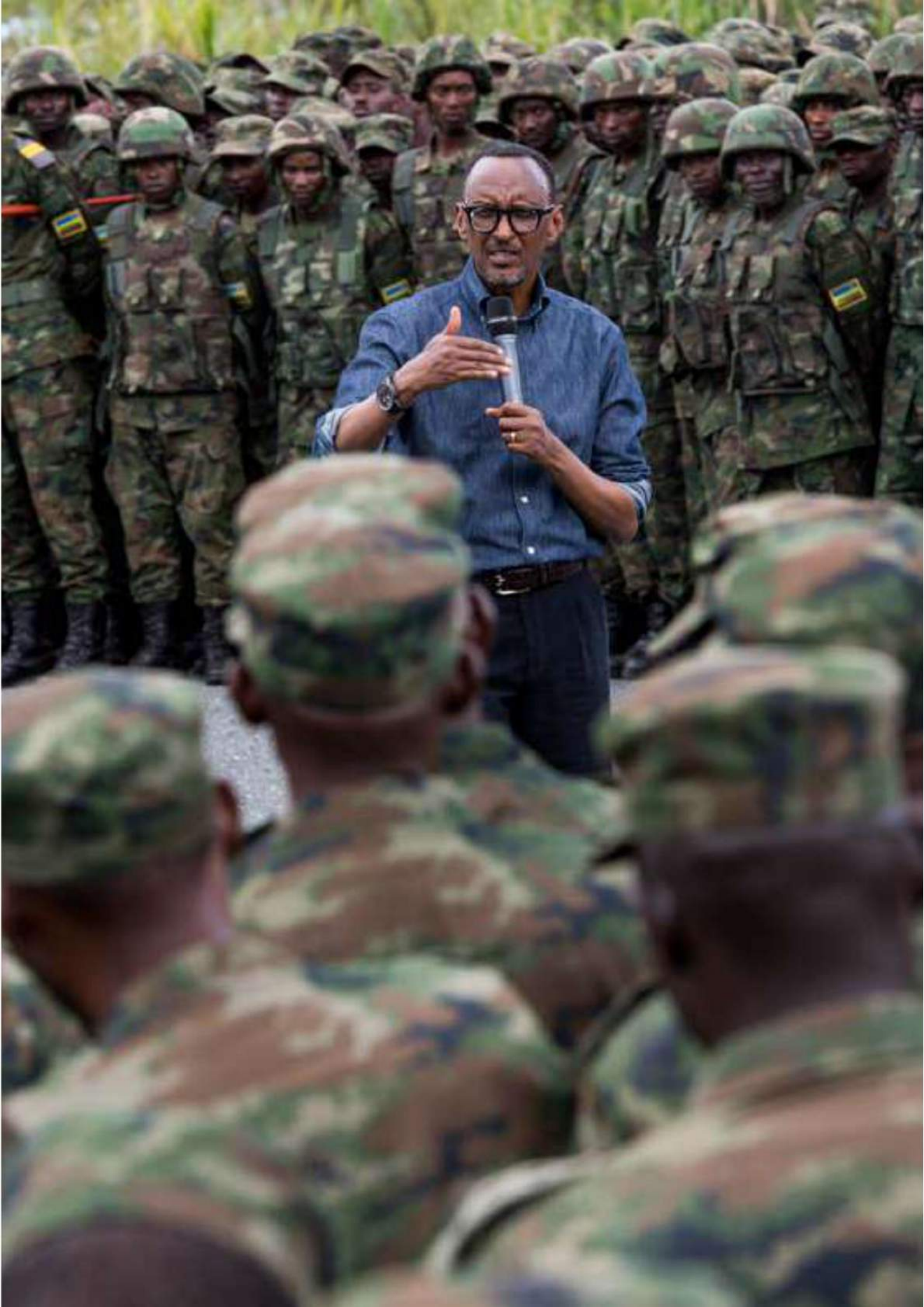


## SUMMARY OF RDF SOCIO-ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES IN NUMBERS 2017 - 2018

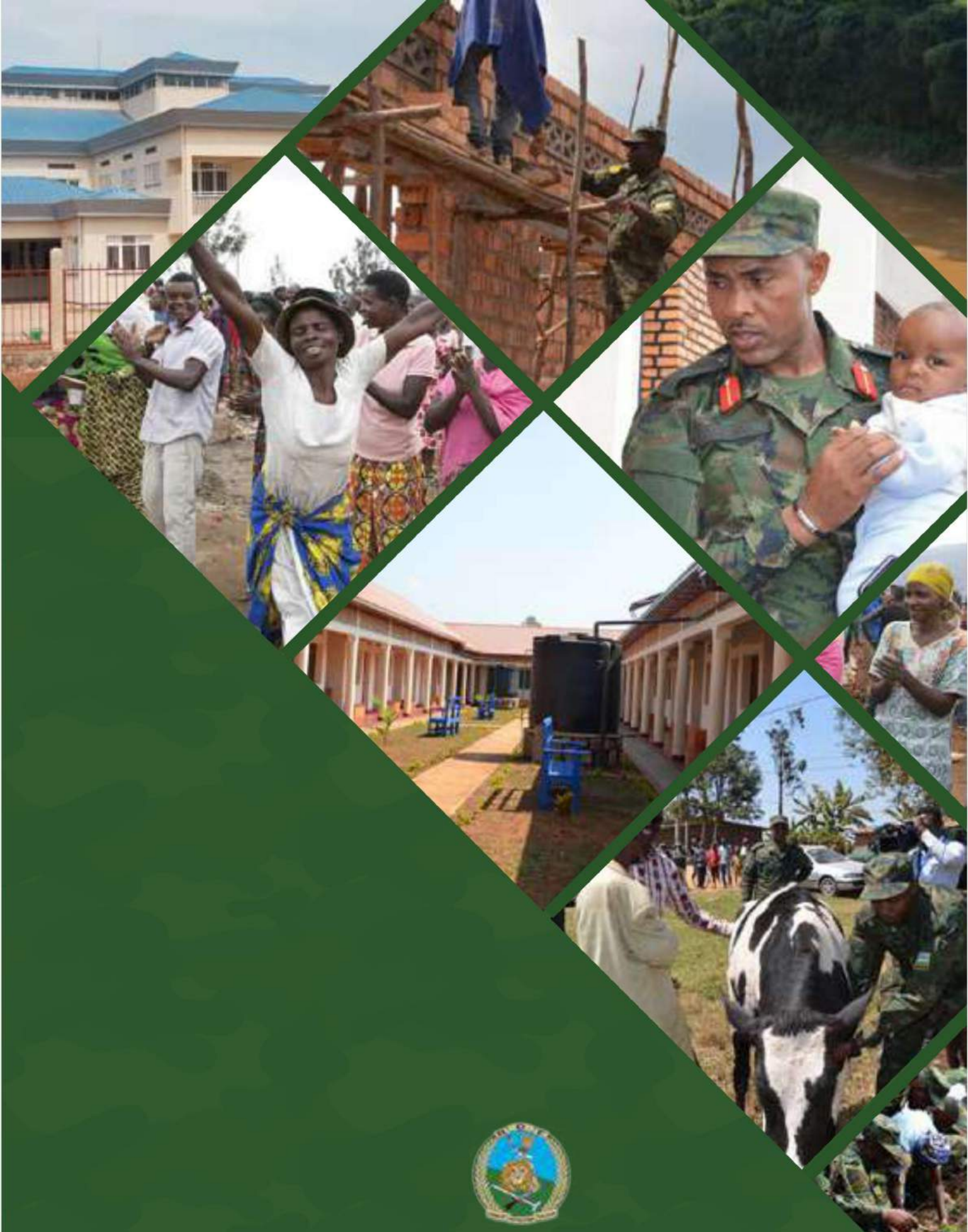
ACTIVITIES	NUMBERS
Houses constructed/rehabilitated for the vulnerable people	2,323
Houses for Genocide survivors	1,324
Classrooms	203
Bridges	19
Roads	865 Km
Clean Water distribution	17 Boreholes
Electricity distribution	104,163 Homes
Agricultural & Environmental Protection Activities	25,418 Ha
Patients treated	74,523
Helipads	4
Other housing projects (Health Centres, Milk & Potatoe Collection centres, etc)	134 projects

## NOTES









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