



# MINISTRY OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND REFUGEES (MIDIMAR)

## MITIGATING THE RISKS OF DISASTERS



## SUCCESS STORIES UNDER THE PROJECT “UNTFHS-STRENGTHENING HUMAN SECURITY BY ENHANCING RESILIENCE TO NATURAL DISASTERS AND CLIMATE-RELATED THREATS IN NGORORERO DISTRICT”.

### PROJECT BACKGROUND

**N**gororero District is prone to disasters like floods, landslides, droughts, windstorms, and lightning among others which hamper the development of the district Population.

The Ministry of Disaster Management and Refugees in partnership with ONE UN family in Rwanda crafted a two year Project “UNTFHS-Strengthening Human Security by Enhancing Resilience to Natural Disasters and Climate-Related Threats in Ngororero District” to support Ngororero Population from disasters’ Risks.

The project aims at supporting the population by relocating them from the high risk zone endangering their lives. It also enables them to re-

locate themselves after being lifted from poverty through strengthening their skills in Technical and Vocational Education and Training, provision of startup capitals and construction of health centers and provision of potable water facilities among others.

The Project funded by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) puts its emphasis on two sectors; Sovu and Kabaya identified as more vulnerable than others in this district.

Since its inception in January 2016, the project has accomplished a lot of activities benefiting Ngororero Population. Thus, below are some success stories under the accomplished activities.



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**Habineza Bernard, 40, a father of three who received one of eleven houses in Kimiramba model village.**

## Model disaster resilient houses to improve the wellbeing of relocated population

**U**TAMURIZA Philomene, 26, is a mother of one. She lives in the model village of 11 houses constructed in Kimiramba village, Nyenyeri Cell, Kabaya Sector. She lives in this model village after being relocated from the high risk zone she lived in since her childhood in Kimisagara cell, Kabaya Sector, Ngororero district.

She received one of eleven houses constructed under the project “UNTFHS-Strengthening Human Security by Enhancing Resilience to Natural Disasters and Climate-Related Threats in Ngororero District”.

The project is implemented by different stakeholders in Ngororero District. It is managed and coordinated by the Ministry of Disaster Management and Refugees (MIDIMAR).

- 11 houses were built in Kirimba Village and given to the population relocated from the high risk zone
- 6,000 iron sheets were provided to the people affected by disasters in Kabaya and Sovu sectors



**A modern Village of 11 model disaster resilient houses in Kimiramba built for the population relocated from the high risk zone**



houses equipped with digital television set, solar power energy equipment, water harvesting tanks, modern kitchen and wash rooms were constructed by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT); one of the project implementers.

Utamuliza after eye witnessing the disasters damaging their houses before relocation believes that the received model disaster resilient houses will contribute to their well-being.



*The houses are equipped with Digital Television set and Solar Power Energy*

“Some of our neighbors have passed on due to the landslide that fell on their houses. In Kimasagara high risk zone, we were always frightened due to the landslide and floods that should occur at any time in the rainy season. Sometimes rain water used to fill our houses. It was terrifying. Nowadays, we hope to improve our wellbeing due to these received houses,” said Utamuriza.

Nowadays they live in the Kimiramba model village, they feel at ease and working for improving their households instead of working for repairing their houses destroyed by the landslide and floods.

“Now I don’t work for repairing my house which was frequently damaged by the landslides and floods. I work for improving my family wellbeing,” said Habineza Bernard, 40, a father of three

who received one of eleven houses in Kimiramba model village.

“After getting this house, I managed to buy some livestock; 2 goats and a sheep. I plan to have a hairdressing house that I believe will effectively improve my family wellbeing,” he added.

Under the Project “UNTFHS-Strengthening Human Security by Enhancing Resilience to Natural

Disasters and Climate-Related Threats in Ngororero District”, the population who lived in the high risk zone has been relocated and supported to improve their lives through the Technical and Vocational

Education and Training. Apart from the training, they have been provided with necessary kits and startup capital.



*The Disaster Resilient houses are also equipped with water harvesting tanks*

**“After getting this house, I managed to buy some livestock; 2 goats and a sheep. I have improved my family lifestyle,”**  
**HABINEZA Bernard, 40.**



# Support in TVET to facilitate the population of Kabaya to move from the high risk zone

“*From my tailoring activities, I bought a plot of three hundred thousand Rwandan Francs and I am planning to build a house in a model village to leave the high risk zone,*”

**MUSABYIMANA Godelive, member of Tuzamurane Association**

In a house in front of the primary court of Kabaya, in the middle of Kabaya Centre, 9 women sitting behind the manual sewing machine are gathered in Association “Tuzamurane”. They work in tailoring as their daily activity.

They underwent a six months training in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) specifically tailoring. After this training, they were provided with manual sewing machines, Electronic Sewing machines and Zigzag sewing machines together with a startup capital of fifty thousand Rwandan Francs.

They were well selected to attend the training as

the population living in the high risk zone to enable them work and relocate from that life threatening place.

It is under the project “UNTFHS-Strengthening Human Security by Enhancing Resilience to Natural Disasters and Climate-Related Threats in Ngororero District” that they received all sets of facilitations that are expected to improve their wellbeing at the same time enabling them to relocate from the high risk zone.

Musabyimana Godelive, 32, a mother of 5 children is one of 9 “Tuzamurane” Association members. She lives in Mitabo Village, Gaseke Cell, Kabaya Sector in Ngororero District. For the last six months, she has been working in tailoring. Her family has financially improved. With her husband, they are planning to move from the high risk zone.





“From my tailoring activities, I and my husband have managed to buy a plot of three hundred thousand Rwandan Francs. We are planning to build a house in the model village that perhaps will cost us around one million and half Rwandan Franc,” she said.

**“After receiving all these materials, I am working tirelessly to be able to relocate my family from the high risk zone to the model village,” TUYISENGE Emmanuel.**



*Musabyimana Godelive, 32, in a tailoring workshop at work with colleagues*



*Some of the suitors tailored by “Tuzamurane” Association Members*

In her tailoring activities, she can earn between one and three thousand Rwandan francs a day.

She feels proud of the received support and expects to carry on her hard working spirit to reach her targets.

Apart from the support in tailoring, the project has also supported the youth who lived in high risk zone

to work on welding so as to be able to move for the better place.

Tuyisenge Emmanuel, 28, is one of 18 young men and women trained in welding. He received a startup capital of fifty thousand

Rwandan francs together with welding equipment. He expects to relocate his family from the high risk zone to the model village.

“After receiving all these materials, I am working tirelessly to be able to relocate my family from the high risk zone to the model village,” he said.



*Youth supported to work in welding*





## Potable water facilities to improve the health conditions in Ngororero district

**P**opulation in Gisebeya Village, Ngoma Cell, Kabaya Sector were used to walk up to one hour to reach the water well. Nowadays, they no longer do so. Under the project “UNTF-HS-Strengthening Human Security by Enhancing Resilience to Natural Disasters and Climate-Related Threats in Ngororero District” they received potable water facilities.

A 20 km long water pipeline was constructed by the United Nations Children’s Fund; one of the project implementers.

The population in Ngoma Cell, kabaya sector where the potable water flow without interruption hails this developmental initiative.

They expect to break with waterborne diseases like diarrheal diseases, including Cholera, and Dysentery among others.

With a white jerrycan in

hand, NYIRAMUHIRE Salah, 40, mother of 4 children is one of the portable water facility beneficiaries in Ngoma Cell, Kabaya Sector.

She said to have been using the water from the well near Gisebeya River. The water was not clean and frequently causing waterborne diseases.

“This potable water has been very beneficial for us. It has reduced the waterborne diseases in our community; moreover the time spent walking far away to fetch water from the well has been reduced. We are delighted for this activity,” said NYIRAMUHIRE.

To keep the water facilities safe for long, the population of Gisebeya village has selected a keeper and identified between 6h00-8h00 am and 15h00-18h00 pm the timeto fetch.



*Nizeyimana Pierre (L) who ensures the safety of the water facility locking the tap to avoid any accurence of the water facility damage*

## MABUYE Health Centre to contribute to the reduction of illnesses in Sovu Sector

The Population from Sovu Sector used to walk up to three hours from their Sector to Ramba Health Centre in Kavumu Sector, Ngororero District.

Their Mabuye Community Dispensary (FOSACOM; Formation Sanitaire Communautaire) was not well-equipped with up to date kits.

UN-Habitat under the Project “UNTFHS-Strengthening Human Security by Enhancing Resilience to Natural Disasters and Climate-Related Threats in Ngororero District” revamped Mabuye Community Dispensary for it to become a Health Centre.

Apart from revamping its building, the health centre has also been equipped with up to date health equipment.

Munyarukiko Fidèle, 48, a nurse at Mabuye community dispensary since 2005 expects the revamped facilities to contribute to the reduction of illnesses in Sovu Sector.

“The population used to stay at home even sick



*An improved Mabuye Community Dispensary in Sovu Sector, Mabuye Cell Ngororero District*

due to the long distance to travel towards Ramba health centre. Now we have an improved community dispensary, the population has opportunities to treat their illnesses,” Nsengimana said.

“With the old dispensary, we were able to carry out only five tests but with up to date equipment, we will be able to carry out more than 10 tests. The population of Sovu Sector is to benefit a lot,” he added.

Mabuye Health Centre inherited a new building and equipment with more capacities. Its maternity ward is believed to be capable of hosting 20 mothers-to-be in good conditions than the 5 it used to host.

## Conclusion

The Project “UNTFHS-Strengthening Human Security by Enhancing Resilience to Natural Disasters and Climate-Related Threats in Ngororero District” was due to conclude its activities in December, 2017.

However, with some big activities still ongoing, the project inherited an extension which will take it to end in June, 2018. Some of the bigger activities

in progress include the reconstruction of Musenyi Bridge in Ngororero District and the ongoing activities of revamping Mabuye Health centre among others.

At the end of the project, we expect to get more success stories of accomplished activities that are to be shared with project stakeholders.