

Project title: “Promoting Women Using English in Rural Areas”

1. Introduction

English is one of the key tools that assist successful careers and great achievements for the current generation. The current Burundi Constitution states that 40% of leadership should be women, but those positions require English as a tool in order to face global leadership responsibilities. In Burundian society, women are not empowered or encouraged to pursue higher positions and higher goals. **Education Watch Burundi** aims to empower women by equipping them with basic tools such as English and computer skills.

A short survey was done by **Education Watch Burundi** in the Southern side of Burundi in Bururi and Makamba, where the English clubs we support are located. The questionnaire was submitted to young women in high school and University - their main priority is to learn how to use a computer which can be used as a tool to attract as many women as possible to learn English.

2. Challenge

Women are not able to communicate using English.

3. Description of the results chain and implementation

3.1. Goals

3.1.1. Overall objective

Contribute to strengthening the socio-economic development of rural women and girls by promoting their participation in English language learning clubs.

3.1.2. Specific objectives

1. Promote the participation of women and girls in English language learning clubs in Bururi and Makamba provinces;
2. Multiply and strengthen the performance of English language learning clubs in Bururi and Makamba provinces.

3.2. Results

1. The percentage of women participating in the English learning clubs set up by **Education Watch** in Bururi and Makamba provinces increases from 2% to 40%;
2. The English learning clubs set up by **Education Watch** in the Bururi and Makamba provinces are performing well and are increasing from 4 clubs to 10 clubs.

3.3. Implementation

The implementation of this project involves two components - namely, to strengthen the mobilization of women and girls to join in English learning clubs and capacity-building clubs.

To enhance the mobilization of women and girls to join English learning clubs set up by **Education Watch**, the following actions will be taken:

- ❖ Conduct public lectures in schools and universities to educate students - especially women and girls - on the socio-economic importance of English;
- ❖ Conduct discussion sessions and debates on the importance of participating in an English club for a woman or a girl in different schools.

To build the capacity of the English learning clubs set up by **Education Watch**, the actions that will be carried out are:

- ❖ Equip the English language development centers with computers and books;
- ❖ Provide an internet network to the English language centers;
- ❖ Organize public English language-strengthening competitions for club members;
- ❖ Train exchange facilitators in English language learning clubs;
- ❖ Train club members on entrepreneurship - for all but particularly for women - in addition to other themes favorable to the specific needs of women in terms of socio-economic development.

To make implementation easier, **Education Watch** will enter into partnership agreements with schools and universities in order to host the

English language centers. Moreover, these agreements will create a favorable climate for the proper functioning of English clubs.

3. Budget

N°	Denomination	Unit	Quantity	Frequency	Cost Unit in US dollars	Total cost in US dollars
1.	Administration fees					5 000
		Transport	20	4	50	4000
		Accommodation	2	4	25	200
		Coordinator's premium	1	4	500	2 000
		Desktop computer	1	1	500	500
		Contribution to office rent	1	4	150	600
		Office internet	1	4	125	500
2.	Internet	Per month	2	12	125	3 000
3.	Computers	room	10	1	500	5 000
4.	Trainer on computer skills	Per month	4	1	250	1 000
5.	Monitoring and Evaluation	Per month	1	4	250	1 000
Total						22 800

We say twenty two thousand eight hundreds US dollars.

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