



Program title: **Human Rights and Access to Justice Program**

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Location: Eastern Province -Nyagatare and Kayonza District

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Background

AJPRODHO plays a key role in promoting and defending Human Rights in Rwanda. The aim of this thematic area is to empower citizens of Rwanda and build capacities with state institutions to both acknowledge Human Rights and ensure that these rights are respected, protected and fulfilled. Rights need to be protected through a fair, efficient and accessible justice system for everyone. A fair and efficient justice system not only holds individuals and state officials accountable, but also sets the norms of behavior for all citizens enshrined in the national legal frameworks. The Human Rights and Access to Justice Program focuses on enhancing empowerment of people with legitimate claims, and accountability of those who are mandated or able to respond. Article 8 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that "Everyone has the right to an effective remedy by the competent national tribunals for acts violating the fundamental rights granted him by the constitution or by law."

About the Program

The Human Rights and Access to Justice Program enhances mechanisms to promote and protect Human Rights and ensure equitable access to justice for children and vulnerable youth. The Program consists of a Youth Awareness on Gender Equality and Violence Free Families (YAGEVFA) component and a Rights Awareness and Legal Aid to Vulnerable Youth component.

Main Activities

AJPRODHO's main activities in the Human Rights and Access to Justice Program are

- Human Rights education for youth
- Monitoring, Reporting and Advocacy on Human Rights violations affecting vulnerable youth and children
- Advocating on behalf of vulnerable youth and children to access quality legal aid
- Combating gender based violence via gender focal persons in villages, conducting mediation and sensitization
- Sensitizing of paralegals, gender focal persons in facilitating rights to rights-holders and claiming rights

Target Group

The rights-holders targeted in this program are youth and vulnerable women. To reach them more effectively, AJPRODHO cooperates with selected gender focal persons, human rights activists and AJPRODHO also works with local authorities and district officials on fulfilling their role as duty-bearers. On national level, AJPRODHO collaborates with MIGEPROF and MINIJUST.

Partners

Activities within the program are financed by the International Rescue Committee, German International Cooperation and Norwegians People's Aid.

About AJPRODHO



AJPRODHO-JIJUKIRWA is a non-governmental organization working to improve the rights of disadvantaged youth and children in Rwanda through human rights promotion, protection, research, advocacy, economic empowerment and civil society strengthening. AJPRODHO's vision is a peaceful society where there is youth participation for social justice and decent living conditions for all. Its mission is to empower disadvantaged youth and women for their rights and to advocate for socio-economic development.