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Brief outline of RECOVI's Vision, Mission and Objectives

RECOVI is a Burundian nonprofit organization founded in 2010 with the aim of supporting victims of war and reviving communities. RECOVI focuses on community development through countering small-armed violence, conflicts, GBV and youth unemployment. RECOVI aims to assist different groups in accordance with the rate of victimization.

Millions of people become crime victims every year.

The rights of Victims are every bit as important as those of alleged criminals are, and in recent decades, government agencies have strengthened services to crime victims. RECOVI's research has supported efforts to guarantee the rights of victims and assist them in a variety of ways.

Victims of crime may be any gender, age, race, or ethnicity. Victimization may happen to an individual, family, group, or community; and a crime itself may be to a person or property.

The impact of crime on an individual victim, their loved ones, and their community depends on a variety of factors, but often crime victimization has significant emotional, psychological, physical, financial, and social consequences.

Who is a Victim?

A victim is a person who suffers direct or threatened physical, emotional or financial harm because of an act by someone else, which is a crime.

Mission:

To build a better and a peaceful world in which poverty and violence are reduced through local initiatives of preventive sensitization and victims assistance

Vision:

A peaceful world without conflict and an establishment of a sustainable and developed community.

Overall Goal:

The overall goal of RECOVI is to contribute in building a more peaceful world.

Specific objectives:

- To coordinate and assist to victims of conflicts;
- To support schooling of children domestic victims;
- To help in Medical care of victims and orphans of conflicts,
- To promote entrepreneurial initiatives among the unemployed youth;
- To work against proliferation of small armed violence;
- To provide assistance against GBV towards vulnerable groups such as children living with disability, women and young girls.

Beneficiaries:

Street children, victims of different violence issued from different conflicts, orphans, victims of trauma, Youth and vulnerable women.

Foreword

Recovi has done several activities that frame in its mission and strategic plan (2019-2022) during this year of 2021. In different areas where it operates its activities with beneficiaries, Recovi operated many events mostly for assistance and sensitization on different themes related to fighting against small arms proliferation and gender armed based violence. Recovi has also bound relationships with other organizations, state institutions that share the same mission and some of them have contributed in the Recovi 2020 achievements. Recovi participated in different meetings, which enhanced its professionalism improvements. We acknowledge our partners, friends, beneficiaries, donors and volunteers 'participation at all levels and our warm thankfulness is directly addressed to them.

1st activity

It was the 5th day of February 2021 when the Vice representative of Recovi with employers of CNAP participated in the campaign of sensitization for fighting against small arms and light weapons proliferation in the Province of Bubanza. Received warmly by the Governor of the Province, they became aware of Bubanza and informed about which area is mostly required to sensitize. Then, in Rugazi Commune, with its administrator, a message of fighting against small arms was delivered to the crowd around and some prizes were given to the champions of the question related to how to prevent arms proliferation.



Second activity

The same activity was held in Cibitoke Province where around 156200 people were directly touched. It was a bright occasion to launch such activity in that Province because as the proliferation of small arms may be a matter of borders, the Province of Cibitoke is at the border of DRC.



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Third activity

RECOVI has received a small grant from Search for Common ground to assist young people in their different activities of development. Between March and May of 2021, through the partnership with SFCG, four communes of Bubanza province experienced the assistance of the project TUYAGE. Here, it was in Gihanga Commune where we were received by the administrator of that commune and 25 young people received trainings about how elaborate the best projects and well manage their incomes.



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Fourth activity

In Mpanda Commune, where 29 young people were awaited for RECOVI staff to get trainings, the administartor of Mpanda was also there to welcome them. We have to mention there that each commune has each themes to be developed throughout the trainings. In Mpanda Commune, subjects like *“Infrastructure and the B to B as marketing rules”* were to be taught to increase young people’s level of making business with a rentable profit. Another objective of TUYAGE project was to put together different groups of entrepreneurs of different communes in a whatsapp group so that they may interconnect each other about their opportunities and hindrances so that they may find how to improve and overcome.



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FIFTH ACTIVITY

At 23 April 2021. It was the same goal, same objective to young people of Rugazi Commune where around thirty young people were summoned to acquire some instructions which were not far from what is familiar to them. They all have with managing some activities in their way but they all need the professionalism in each area to perform firstly what they understand better, secondly manage and stay equipped. Economical competence disability may also be one of the hindrances of the youth economic stability and growth. In that regard, the theme “**Access to Finance**” and “**Corporate Governance**” were debated among young entrepreneurs of Rugazi Commune. The current and financial crisis is not favorable to the development of small businesses and in particular those whose markets are international. Millions of these companies, often seen as the backbone of an economy, have gone bankrupt. Among these Small and Medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in developing countries have suffered the worst consequences and have seen their exports markets shrink by 40% to 50%, with the increase in unemployment and the resulting poverty.

SME managers often cite access to finance as one of the main obstacles to entrepreneurship and growth. The crisis manifests itself above all in an immediate shortage of financing for SMEs. The resulting tightening of risk exposure levels hit SMEs hardest, which financial institutions already viewed as higher risk. This guide offers SME managers key advice on understanding banking industry requirements, preparing bankable proposals and a solid business plan, better negotiating with banks, and making better use of trade finance to increase their competitiveness. The publication also describes how to establish a relationship between a new breed of bankers and SME managers. They are bankers ready to work closely with the SME community to understand their needs while offering innovative financing solutions.

To establish a favorable relationship with banks, SME managers must understand their mission and their exposure limits. They need to be proactive in their search for sustainable business ideas. Together, banks, trade support institutions and businesses should establish early warning mechanisms to limit non-performing loans. They must also create a climate of dialogue and trust.

Then, these themes were developed through the following subjects:

-**Corporate Governance** (*Macro framework, Operational Regulations, Taxation, intellectual property, licensing, contract enforcement, bankrupt, etc.*)

-**Access to Finance** (*seed finance, bank finance, venture finance, capital markets, etc.*)



Family photo

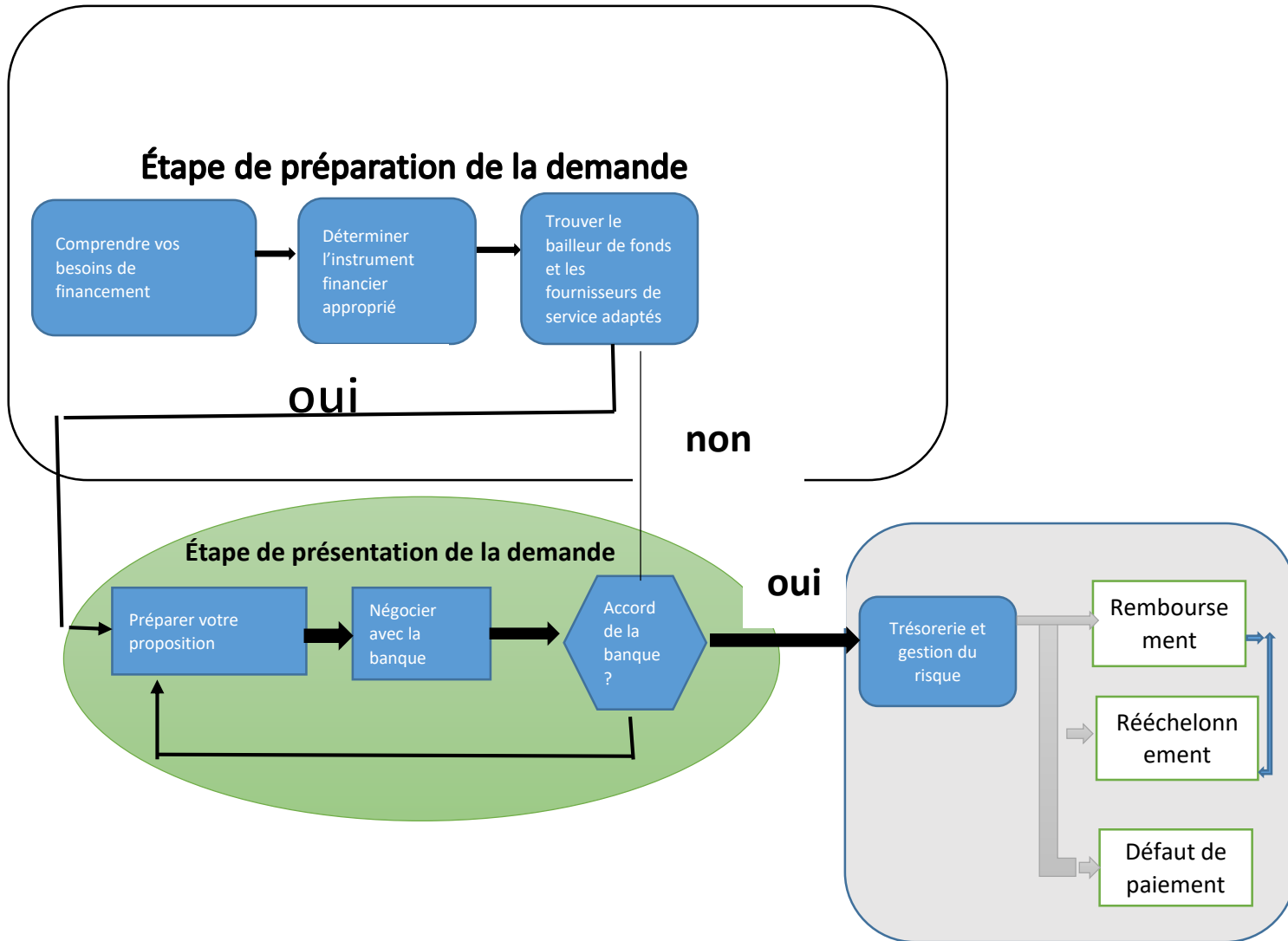


working group assistance



giving instructions

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Sixth activity

The sixth activity took place on 30th April 2021 at Bubanza Province and it was honored by the presence of the Governor and the administrator of Bubanza Commune.

The activity combined young entrepreneurs of that Commune with the rest of the previous visited ones. In his speech, the Governor of that Province, **Mr Cleophas NIZIGIYIMANA** welcomed the participants and insisted on the importance of such activities in the province, “it’s an honor to receive RECOVI in our province to provide these kinds of trainings because I cannot doubt there were other provinces which did not receive this favor, he said.” He also manifested his full support to the young people who would need any help from the administration in their generative activities. They will be facilitated in getting legal documentation so to ease their goods 'shipping and internal commercialization. Sited in front, watching and listening to young people experiences and presentations, Mr Cleophas NIZIGIYIMANA approved their competences and wished they should financially have been supported by national institutions and banks so to channel their effort for the National profit and the future generation via the national policy for development.

Themes of the day were typed like: The **culture** (Personal development, community support, networking enhancement, the Feminine entrepreneurship, etc.) and **Entrepreneurship**.

Why culture in entrepreneurship influences much in personal development? It has much seen by experts that every area of the life, people need a certain attitude to manifest so that things may come in a positive way as expected. Culture in other word, is a general behavior within one’s intelligence.

Entrepreneurship was the main cited word in the project towards young people for their common empowerment. It is the free enterprise where one innovates or incorporates and practice or exercise in his life hood to uplift his or her financial and social way of living.

After discussion and exchange of the debate, the activity enclosed in establishing the provincial youth forum in which young entrepreneurs will always communicate and transfer goods interchangeably.

They supporting hand of the administrator of Bubanza commune was also manifested when she accepted to provide communal documents for new youth cooperative groups. Miss Oliva NIYONKURU, the administrator of Bubanza Commune also mentioned the importance of young people in the Communal, provincial and National development. “Their strength is a national treasure and their knowledge is our capacity, stipulated Miss Oliva”.

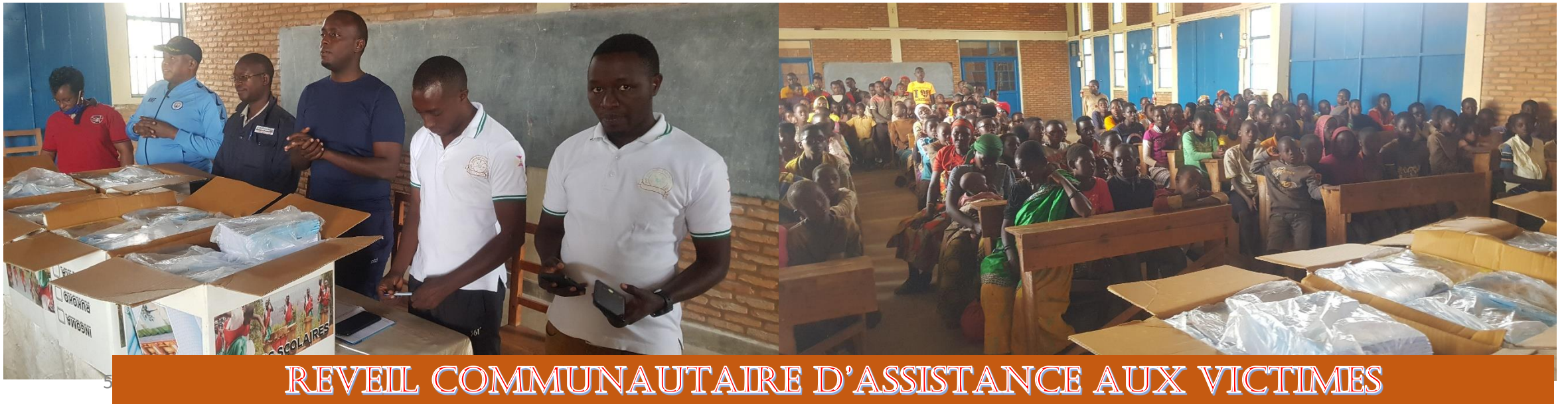


The seventh activity

It was on the 14th September 2021, when RECOVI in collaboration with CEPRODELIC, organized a charity event in Gitega Province. It was a privilege to assist more than 1300 vulnerable pupils with school materials composed by copybooks and pens.

Accompanied with the local administration and high national security officer, the atmosphere was tremendously interesting. Gitega administration through the administrator of Mutaho commune articulated that it is a honorable activity not only for those children but also a good action to God for believers.

As we always do, by supporting children, a word of peace and sensitization against the proliferation of small arms and light weapons. Then, the general specified diverse consequences of arms misuse and urge the administration to help in sensitizing for the common interest of the community.



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The eighth activity

Every year, RECOVI like many other international organizations celebrates the 16 days of activism against all kind of gender based violence. The 16 days each year starts on 25th November and end on the 10th December. This year Recovi has themed the campaign as follows: "Imply the gender aspect in the Country lifelihood even that of disarmament".



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