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ONE COMMUNITY FOR ONE GOAL



Providing accommodation to visitors, Hall for conferences and socio events and to ensure financial funding for church activities is one of the main sustainable development projects that are currently being conducted in the Anglican Diocese of Rutana. Though the Diocese is at its early age, evidences of restoration of hope in communities to overcome challenges have been recorded.

Regularly, the Anglican Christians and their fellow Christians from other religious confessions support the community works on the construction site of a building that will provide rooms for visitors and a Hall for meetings and events.

In addition to the Gospel that is being preached to communities in Rutana, the Anglican Diocese is also addressing many other unresolved issues that hinders community well-being.

The positive aspect of what the Diocese of Rutana has already achieved is the value of human assets. As Bishop Pontien says: « The Diocese has people committed to bringing changes in their community. Though the resources at their disposal still limited, our people have good will, an open heart to join their efforts for common good and this is our main asset we build on. We value the support of various friends and people who are helping us to carry on the work ».



In different communities, hundreds of people are engaged in community development by promoting climate and agriculture resilience activities and community health. People participating in development programs implemented by the Diocese across the province of Rutana are aware of the necessity of ensuring food security and improved health to reach sustainable development. These communities appreciate the support from friends and

communities and still relying on their commitment and prayers to achieve more.

In the area of Rutana Province, the Anglican Church is actively involved in the intensification of new agriculture resilience technics that enable community to address food security related issues.

COP28 – SADC BELIEVES IN COMBINED EFFORTS TO REDUCE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE.



Intensifying environmental protection activities, coaching and strengthening the capacity of communities to cope with climate change and initiating disaster response mechanisms remain among the priorities of the Anglican Church of Burundi at this time. As effects of climate change increase day by day, the enhancement of actions and community mobilization is mandatory.

During his participation in COP28 held in Dubai, Bishop Aimé Joseph KIMARARUNGU, Chairperson of Board of Directors of Anglican Service for Community Development (SADC), who represented the Anglican Church in the delegation from Burundi, reiterated the determination of the Anglican Church of Burundi to continue and within the limits of its possibilities to promote community resilience against climate change. Through its development agency “SADC”, the Anglican Church of

Burundi has for several years supported efforts of Burundi in protecting the environment and reducing the effects of climate change.

According to Bishop Aimé Joseph the gathering of international actors engaged in environment protection is a particular opportunity for local actors to learn from others, understand current initiatives conducted around the world but also to discuss the best ways for advocacy for concrete actions.



Regularly Burundi is affected by climate change. The predominantly rural population living from subsistence agriculture and people living on the coasts of rivers and lakes are the most affected. Every year, SADC actively participates in the intensification of environmental protection activities by planting several hundreds of thousands of trees, supporting farmers in the adoption of new resilient agriculture techniques soil protection and intensification of initiatives aimed at ecosystem restoration.

In Burundi, the reduction of agriculture production, landslides, floods, the destruction of infrastructure and homes and the precarious living conditions of populations forced to move to temporarily safe places, are the main effects caused by climate change.

PRAYER REQUEST



Burundi is currently facing an economic crisis caused by a persistent fuel shortage which is negatively affecting lives of Burundians. Since many weeks ago normal life has been disturbed particularly in Bujumbura Town where, attendance of work and school activities becomes difficult for many people and church gatherings are affected. Families struggle to satisfy the needs as prices of food and non-food items keeps increasing. The situation is getting more difficult for people who have planned to celebrate Christmas with their families as now transport is almost impossible for many. Your prayers for Burundi are highly appreciated



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL



The Province of the Anglican Church of Burundi wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.