



Youth Led Organization

# 10 YEARS CELEBRATION ANNIVERSARY REPORT

12th, August, 2018



## The Agenda, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 @ Solace Ministries Kacyiru, Kigali-Rwanda



- ♦ Welcome note by Samuel MUHINDO, the President of Institutional Relations -SUN, “background and 10 years key achievements”
- ♦ Panel discussion (MIGEPROF, WIF, Gisimba Arts School. and SUN), “Role of youth in sustainable development of country”
- ♦ Speech by Xavier HABINEZA, Co-founder and Country Director of SUN, The Next
- ♦ Guest of Honor speech, Elly NTIRANDEKURA, Social person-MINIYOUTH.
- ♦ Poem-Youth message by SUN members
- ♦ Celebration and entertainment.



## Attendance



More than 600 people attended the event, including SUN members, friends, youth, parents, partners and guests.



## Welcome note



Dear guests, partners, parents and SUN members, It is really a pleasure seeing you around for this amazing day of celebrating the joy we have had all along the past 10 years in serving our community.

I want to especially recognize, the Social Person from MINICYOUTH, Mr. Elly Ntirandekura, the Information, Education and Communication Specialist from MIGEPROF, Mrs Pamela Mudakikwa, the representative from Gisimba Arts School, Mr. Robinson, the representative from Esther's Aid, Mr. Eric and the Founder, CEO and President of World Investment Fund (WIF), Mr. Alain Shumbusho, and finally our parents who are always with us all along the journey, your presence strengthen our passion and vision in serving our community and overwhelms our joy for today's celebration. We thank you so much, may God bless you!

*You are all mostly welcome!*

Samuel MUHINDO, The president of Institutional Relations.



**Mr. Elly NTIRANDEKURA,**  
Social Person - MIGEPROF



**Mrs Pamela MUDAKIKWA,**  
Information, Education and  
Communication Specialist -  
MIGEPROF



**Mr. Alain SHUMBUSHO,**  
Founder, CEO and President -  
World Investment Fund, WIF



**Mr. Robinson,** Representative -  
GISIMBA Arts School



**Mr. Eric,** Representative - Esther's Aid

## Background



**Seven United (SUN)** is Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), established in 2008, by and for youth of Rwanda as developing country to promote quality education by providing to children from low income families; school fees, materials, shoes, uniforms, and domestic animals as capital of future self income generation; and community services in Rwanda through renovating old and building new houses for most vulnerable families, vegetable gardens and giving domestic animals to low income families with significant life problems.

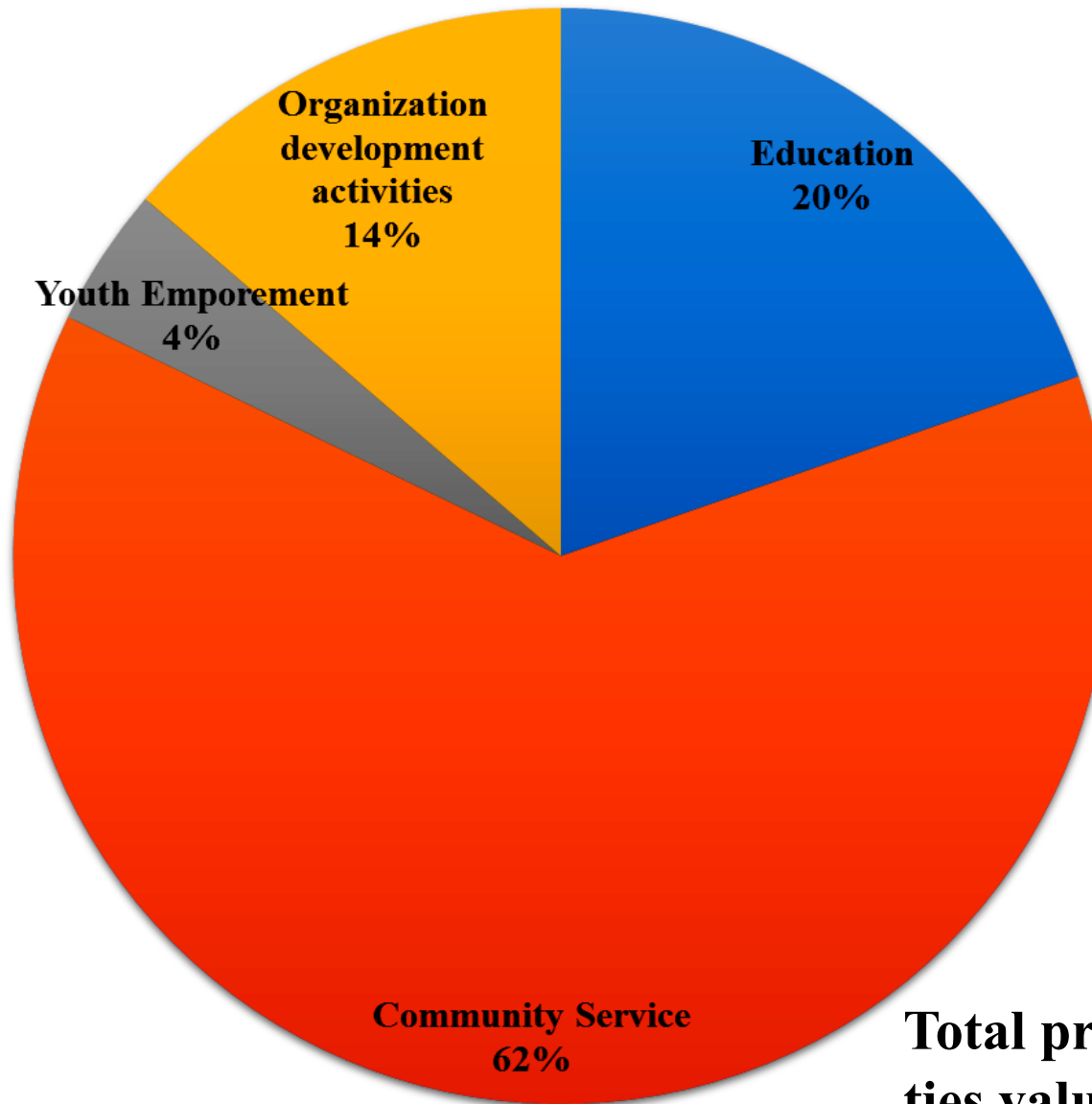
Seven United is a large youth network in Rwanda with more than 1000 members (2017) located in different areas of the world, where we put together our effort to promote quality education and eradicate poverty in our communities. The Organization in Rwanda works in **8 high schools** namely College Saint Andre, ET. SAVE, NDP Karubanda, Gashora girls' academy, IFAK, ETO Nyamata, APA-RUDI, and Kagarama secondary school;

**7 Universities:** University of Rwanda(CBE- gikondo campus, CST - Nyarugenge compus, CASS-Huye campus), AKI-LA Institute of women, Kepler University, Adversity University of Central Africa (AUCA), University of Tourism and Business (UTB), University of Gitwe, and Kibogora Polytechnic; **1 Community:** Kamonyi community, and Abroad it has **Friends of Seven United** in KENYA, USA, and CHINA whose role is to support the organization's mission and objectives.

The organization also promotes capacity building through connecting youth with skilled and experienced people in different sectors to learn on different subjects like leadership and entrepreneurship, human rights, health, culture, peace building and patriotism.

Our Mission is to encourage youth to be key players in their community's economic and social transformation.

## Key Achievements for the last 10 years budget allocation



**Total projects and activities value for the last ten years : 36, 480,000 RWF**



## Education



- ♦ The organization put and pays school fees for 8 primary school students, 3 high schools students and 6 Vocational trainings dropped out students.
- ♦ The organization gave school materials, shoes, uniforms, health insurances to more than 450 students in primary and high school
- ♦ “Save for our children project” was started to plan for future education expenses
- ♦ The project of building Mayange Community School was started by the acquisition of 1 ha land.



## Community outreach

- ♦ The organization renovated 8 houses of 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi survivors
- ♦ The organization built 5 houses of most vulnerable families and renovated 9 houses in our communities.
- ♦ Tunga Project: 2 cows, 6 pigs, 5 goats were given to the needy.
- ♦ Imirire myiza project: Building vegetable gardens in promoting healthy diet.
- ♦ Visiting patients at hospitals in different times with a message of hope and also paying for them the medical bills out of their capacity, health insurance and gave clothes, food, etc.
- ♦ The organization helped some of its members to start small businesses in fighting against unemployment problems which is among the most pressing issues in our community.
- ♦ With help of community leaders, Seven United members did community works known as “Umuganda” several times in different locations of the country, Rwanda
- ♦ Seven United members visited different disabled children organizations to share with them a message of hope and better future regardless to their present circumstances.





## Youth empowerment



- ♦ Girls empowerment
- ♦ Trainings on entrepreneurship and leadership.



## Plans for the next five years



- ♦ Creation of new opportunities for Seven United members and organization's beneficiaries.
- ♦ Encourage and support business ideas among youth
- ♦ To reach youth countrywide.
- ♦ Organization will increase the number of children that it supports for education.
- ♦ Start construction works of Mayange Community School.
- ♦ Increase community outreach activities.
- ♦ Reinforcement of project based activities.



## Panel discussion



From left Ms. Vanessa Uwase - panel discussion moderator, Mr. Robison, Gisimba Arts school Representative, Alain Shumbusho- World Investment Fund, Mrs. Pamela Mudakikwa-MIGEPROF, Ms. Kamikazi Aurore - Seven United.

## Panel Discussion Views

### *“The role of youth in sustainable development of the country”*



**Mme Pamella Mudakikwa**, in her speech she emphasized that the youth, should look for all the information regarding their opportunities, because the information is there, and it is waiting for people to harness it, so as to attain the sustainable development. He also mentioned that, It is very essential to the youth to find out your potential and base on it to build yourself and hence the country.



**Mr. Allain Shumbusho**, explained that the country is made by individuals and when those individuals strive for their development, we can see the country being developed, he said that as the youth we should cross our eyes barriers and plan for broader and sustainable projects. He said again that as the youth we don't have time to wait but start now with what we have As Seven United for the Needy, SUN did.



**Mr. Robinson**, highlighted on the goal setting as the youth, that still have more time to bring change to this world.

He also pointed on the role of the youth in the sustainable development of the country by giving the example of what Gisimba Arts school as well as Seven United for the Needy are doing in providing a platform to enhance education and nourishing the talent of the youth.



**Mrs. Aurore Kamikazi**, said that as the youth, we should know how to use our social medias in the benefit of our projects, because our projects should be online and be updated for their sustainability. She said also that we should never loose the heart of lifting up others in need of us. She winded up in encouraging the youth for the opportunities they get because most of them are set for their sustainable development.



## Take a way notes



**Xavier Habineza,**  
*Country Director of Seven United, SUN.*

We started this organization as Seven Kids in 2008, while we were in secondary school at College Saint Andre-Nyamirambo, in year 2 and now we are young men, grown up in age, knowledge and status with clear life direction.

We have experienced the immediate effects of Rwanda genocide of against the Tutsi where some of us lost their parents, family members and friends but that doesn't discourage us, because we live, we can go far as possible and achieve more we can. Our visionary and Founder Justus Uwayesu was a street kid after loosing his parents and family in the 1994 Genocide against Tutsi but now he graduated from Harvard University and we are all giving back to our community through Seven United, SUN in making quality education accessible, involving youth in community services and doing advocacy for most vulnerable people in our communities.

From 2019, we are starting a new program of

linking SUN members with private sectors for mentorship and support in constructing their business ideas and implementation, we plan to add more than 2,000,000 Rwf in our annual budget to support this program and it will increase depending on how it will bring positive changes in youth employment and new businesses creation among members.

As youth, we have got all necessities to live fully our potential. Our government supports us in different program especially for youth, the hope of our nation is in our hands, we should play our part to harness such opportunity but this will need also the collaboration between us and other experienced people; parents, businessmen, leaders, investors, ministries, company owners and other more who influence and understand what it takes a country to be developed. Remember, The great thing is not done by one person but a team that put together its efforts.

Listen to your parents they had been where we are now, maybe to us because of technology (internet) and modern infrastructure we have an opportunity to access information world wide, take advantage of that, their advices within our plans are highly needed. I think the parents, private and public sector representatives who are here also believe in that and are ready to give anything to us, We thank you for your collaboration and support within this amazing work we do towards our country development. We really appreciate it, Thank you!

Have fun and enjoy the amazing work we have done together, Our journey continues.



**Elly Ntirandekura,**  
*Social Person at Ministry of Youth (The guest of honor)*

We really appreciate the work that Seven United for the Needy, SUN is doing and I am wondering how we didn't know you long time ago.

It is the most valuable thing to see the youth such as you taking part in the development of the country because **“we the youth, we are the strength of the country”**.

We assure you that the Ministry of Youth is ready to support you whenever you will be in need. Moreover, we would appreciate our partnership in fighting against the use of drugs mostly among the youth because it is one of challenge we are facing nowadays and most of our youth is being spoiled by drug abuse.

We thank you and encourage you for the good work you are doing, keep that commitment and passion.

Thank you, I wish you a Happy Anniversary! Enjoy your day!



## Celebration and entertainment



*Cake cutting*



*Traditional dance*



*Shining Stars Performance*



*Photo time*

*, and many more...*



# Thank you

We are humbly expressing our gratitude to organizations and individuals who have supported Seven United during the past 10 years. Each and every stakeholder, supporter, partner, donor, School and volunteer has been an integral part of the positive changes Seven United continues to make in our community.

We could not continue to fulfill Seven United's mission without the gifts that each of you offers through your ongoing dedication and commitment.

## GRATITUDE

*can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.” -William Arthur Ward*

Special thanks to our 10th Anniversary Event Sponsors and Planning Committee,

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