

### RAPPORT ANNUEL 2020

#### 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.

Types of Victimization we focus on

Sexual Misconduct <u>Rape</u> <u>Sexual Touching</u> <u>Sexual Harassment</u> <u>Stalking</u> <u>Physical Assault/Battery</u> <u>Dating/Relationship/Domestic Violence</u> <u>Theft</u> <u>Threat of Harm</u> <u>War victims</u> <u>Armed violence victims</u>

#### **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.

# 2020 Recovi Achievements Introduction

Recovi has done several activities that frame in its mission and strategic plan (2019-2022) during this year of 2020. In different areas where it operates its activities with beneficiaries, Recovi operated many events mostly for assistance and raise awareness of different themes related to fighting against arms proliferation and gender 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 professional 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020 when volunteers of Recovi of Bujumbura Province assisted orphans and different womens victims of sexual violence in Maramvya zone.

Recovi's volunteers distributed school materials to the vulnerables of the locality according to the rate of vulnerability. A message was given the the victims related to they should overcome their burdened sufferring. In the eyes presence of the local administration, Recovi assisted 423vulnerables of Maramvya zone

### **Second activity**



Muramvya victim assistance with our local a volunteers. Recovi collected data of different rates of vulnerability for future assistance projects.

### **Third activity**



Recovi participated in the conference organized by a local organization called CIAD and was held in the United Nations Information Center of Bujumbura Recovi was invited for its advanced experimentation in the theme of "peace building and conflict resolution". Our contribution on how youth should be the active contributors of peace building and keepers motivated the audience. The nice collaboration with CIAD has upgraded Recovi to another level in its commitments.

#### Fourth activity





Within recovi, meetings were held for capacity building and decision making for adaptive strategies and effective ways of working. Recovi encountered many problems related to covid-19 and flooded lake which overflowed the office and all office materials like computers, printers, photocopier, t ables and so on.... That handicaped our way of working and some projects have been postponed on other scheduled dates due to state measures for fighting against covid-19.

### **FIFTH ACTIVITY**



At 13 September 2020, RECOVI organized a charity event in Bujumbura province. It was the occasion for an official sensitization against small arms proliferation. Local administration was invited as well as the local police officer with two leaders of local NGOs. The message was not only for fighting against small arms proliferation but also to the humanity for to bring back the humanism, the attitude of kindness, benevolence, love and generosity. In our milieu, millions of victims suffer from different kinds of physical, mental, moral and economic disability but regarding to what this world is capable to, in this area, only love is missing.

Then, Recovi, with its volunteers and partners assisted children and vulnerable women in that area and invited all the goodhearted people to join us in this perspective to make our world a place of hope and joy.

During this activity, sketches and different demonstrations of armed violence in the community were held for also raising awareness for the small arms control and the urge to decision makers for a peaceful and developed community.

## **Sixth activity**



In Muramvya Province especially at Kiganda commune, victims' assistance was held in accordance with the rate of vulnerability. Soaps, pens, biscuits and rice were distributed to really awaken love between children and their poor mothers who struggle in feeding their children.

### Seventh activity



4th December 2020 at Bujumbura townhall, an event of sensitization against small arms and light weapons proliferation was held at NTAHANGWA Commune, Gihosha zone. Recovi supported financially by IANSA, in collaboration with CNAP (a state commission in charge of fighting against small arms and light weapons proliferation) and the ministry of National security organized an event for raising people's awareness on arms proliferation consequences and all related violence. A huge crowd of people were summoned in one place for being awakened about the great message of the year" cease the fire now".

Different commissioned groups (administration, security ministry, Cnap commission and Recovi's executive director) gave separate message. All the speeches were directly addressed to people who should have possessed the arms illegally that they should put back all the guns or ammunitions to the authorized state institutions. After revealing the history of small arms proliferation and all related consequences, Price were given to people who succeeded to give right answers to the questions asked by our team.

Different shows were demonstrated within a sign of gender equality by organizing a football match, which opposed two women teams of Gihosha and Kinama. Around three thousands of people were directly at the ground and received the message with enthusiasm.



The eighth event was held at Muha Commune with the same message. Recovi is now reaching new horizons with IANSA (International Action network on Small Arms) grants, in the field of fighting against small arms and light weapons proliferation.

With the partnership of other Organizations mainly CEDAC (Centre d'Encadrement et de Dévelopment des Anciens Combattants) and COB (Community Outreach Burundi), Recovi is improving by touching many state institutions in charge of security and arms control.

Jerrycans, soaps, loincloths, hoes and umbrellas were distributed to young people and women according to the right question answers.



In the ninth event, Recovi participated in the training organized by CNAP that gathered leaders and effective trainers for gaining further trainings in the field of Disarmament. Here we can notice that Burundi presides since 2014 a regional excellent Centre for disarmament that is why, for equipping its human resources; trainers have been trained for its efficiency and effectiveness. Different themes were developed during the workshop that took place in Palace Hotel from 14th-21<sup>st</sup> December 2020. The trainees will be trainers of the regional excellent center for disarmament in Burundi

The themes developped were arranged as follows:

- the history of Cnap and realization
- small arms proliferation and light weapons management during peace support operations
- management and physical security of arms, munitions and explosive storage
- risk management
- arms labelling
- ammunition compatibility
- internal physical security measures
- external physical security measures
- arms transportation
- small arms proliferation laws
- > Communication
- Applied Pedagogy

Let us mention that the beneficiaries of those trainings will be trainers of that Center.It was enabled by UNITAR support.

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