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# Access to Justice project

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Implemented by the IRC in partnership with the  
Ministry of Justice

## ABOUT US:

- Active in Rwanda since 1994
- Past experiences in governance, reconciliation projects
- Current community health project in Kirehe and Ngoma districts
- In pipeline the nutrition and decentralization project
- Collaboration with the IRC Burundi program to develop areas of expertise

# Access to justice project

## Overall Goal:

**Promote reconstruction, development and human security through improved citizens' access to justice and security at community level**

# Expected results

1. Citizens are better informed about the national legal framework, their rights and how to access them through conflict resolution mechanisms at local level
2. MAJ and Abunzi capacities are built to improve the provision of mediation and legal aid services
3. Local security forces are sensitized on rights and protection principles

# Activities:

## 1. Legal information

Through LAF member associations in collaboration with local authorities

At cell level

- Awareness-raising sessions including specific session for women and youth
  - land law, property law, inheritance law, family law, legal services available
- Printed materials (brochures, etc), radio broadcasts

## 2. Capacity building for MAJ and Comprehensive capacity building for Abunzi

Training of MAJ on priority national laws, mediation techniques...etc

Support to MAJ for transportation and training materials

Through MAJ, in collaboration with Legal Aid Forum and district representatives

At district and sector level

➤ Training on national laws (*land law, property law, inheritance law, family law, etc*) mediation/conciliation techniques, ethics

## 2. Capacity building for MAJ and Comprehensive capacity building for Abunzi( continued)

- Monitoring of Abunzi decisions(by MAJ and Low courts)
- Coordination and accountability meetings between citizens and Abunzi

### 3. Local security agents are sensitized on rights and protection principles

Through LAF member associations, in collaboration with local authorities

At village and cell levels

- Awareness-raising on national laws (procedures) and human rights
- Community dialogues between citizens and local security agents (performance, respect of human rights)



# Key Partners & Stakeholders:

## *At national level:*

- Ministry of Justice
- Ministry of Interior Security
- Legal aid forum (LAF)

## *At local level:*

- Local Governments( administrative, security authorities, JADF)
- MAJ
- Legal Aid Forum member associations

## Selection process for implementing partners (LAF member associations):

- Competitive call for proposals
- jointly managed by the IRC and LAF
- with participation of Local Governments & JADF

## Facts & Figures:

- Duration: 3.5 years (*November 2012 – December 2016*)
- Total activities budget : 600 000 \$
- Areas of intervention:  
  
Kayonza District (7 sectors): Murundi, Mwiri, Ruramira, Rwinkwavu, Murama, Kabare, Ndego),  
Ngoma District( all 14 sectors)
- Estimated number of beneficiaries: from 15,000 to 17,000 per district



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Thank you.