AVSI RWANDA

As of December 2020, AVSI Rwanda has become a registered local organization

Mission: AVSI Rwanda mission is to implement projects in various sectors with a focus on education. Each project is conceived as an instrument to promote awareness of the worth and dignity of every person and of everyone involved. Each person has in itself a need for communication and sharing, and creates an impact capable of generating positive change.

Approach: AVSI builds on the long experience gained during its presence in Rwanda, the good relationships with the various stakeholders and the physical presence on the ground. AVSI continues to build on ongoing interventions, especially using the community-based approach PACOME (Partnerships between PArents/ Families, COMmunity and Schools (Ecole)). AVSI programs use a holistic approach where interventions are organized around parents and caregivers, community volunteers taking care of 1,500 children and family members, 400 girl-mothers and their children, 2,400 children 0-6 years and 1,600 vulnerable households.

Presence: AVSI works in 18 Districts: Gatsibo, Nyagatane and Kirehe (East); Gakenke, Gicumbi and Burera (North); Kamonyi, Nyanza, Nyamagabe, Nyaruguru, and Ruhango (South); Karongi, Nyabihu, Ngororero, Nyamasheke Muhanga, Rusizi and Rutsiro (West). Headquarters are in the Gasabo district, Kimironko sector.

Donors: AVSI has received funding and has experience implementing and working with many donors including USAID, UNICEF, EU, FDH, GIZ/EnDev, Mastercard, EKFS, FAO, WFP, PRM, Raskob Foundation, Humanium and other private funds.

Four axes of interventions:
1. Ensure equitable access to quality education, based on the values of traditional culture, solidarity, sharing, integration, social cohesion and respect
2. Build families capabilities through poverty reduction approaches to meet their basic needs
3. Foster the emergence of a favorable environment for child protection and family in collaboration with all stakeholders
4. Mitigate climate change through actions in agriculture, environment and renewable energy that may also foster economic development in collaboration with private sector and institutions.

We are born from the international branch, AVSI Foundation, started its operations in Rwanda in 1994 after the genocide with emergency operations. In 25 years, AVSI Rwanda transitioned to long-term development interventions, carried out in 18 districts.
AVSI Rwanda’s activities focus on 3 cross-cutting sectors:

**Socio-educational**: to ensure equitable access to quality education for preschool and school-aged vulnerable children, to support out-of-school youth through technical and vocational training, business and entrepreneurship trainings, and to improve adult literacy.

**Families’ economic empowerment**: to build communities’ self-reliance through improved nutrition and health awareness, livelihoods and business development, entrepreneurship and income generating activities trainings, the creation of savings and loans groups and through partnerships with micro-finance institutions, as the Catholic Microfinance RIM and the Farmers’ Federation Imbaraga.

**Child protection and the fight against Gender-Based Violence**: to promote and ensure the respect of children and women’s rights, and to create a safe environment for them, free from violence, exploitation, neglect and abuse. AVSI works to strengthen local capacities in the identification of such risks, through community awareness sessions and psychosocial, medical and legal support to survivors.

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