INDASHYIKIRWA TRAINED COUPLES

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Indashyikirwa project aims to change community social norms and behaviours that perpetuate gender inequality and thus Gender Based Violence. The expected Impact of is: Rwandan communities free themselves from GBV through social change and an enabling environment.
This impact connects the approach of individual behaviour change with positive change at the family and community levels to ultimately prevent GBV.

Using VSLAs as an entry point, the project includes women’s economic and social empowerment, alongside synchronized interventions to support individuals to pro-actively address gender power imbalances to create more equitable gender relations within their own relationships, households and communities.
THREE DOMAINS OF CHANGE

Domain of Change 1:
If vulnerable women increasingly use socioeconomic opportunities and quality services

Domain of Change 2:
If the social environment allows and encourages vulnerable women to participate in decision making and claim and enjoy their rights

Domain of Change 3:
If duty bearers ensure and vulnerable women take up an appropriate and operational legal framework that protects their rights
• If WOMEN ARE EMPOWERED SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY, and if men are facilitated to change their behaviour they will experience improved gender power dynamics

Families enjoy positive relationships and equitable gender dynamics

Engaged AWARENESS AND BEHAVIOUR CHANGE their household relationships and power dynamics will become more equitable

• If communities receive positive messaging and have safe spaces for women to facilitate COMMUNITY ADVOCACY FOR LOCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Communities engage in sustainable social change

Prevention of GBV

• Effective community-based model for preventing GBV

Positive individual behavior change and promotion at family and community levels
Godfrey & Beatrice of Gacaca Sector, Musanze District.

This is the SACCO book account of the family of Geodefroid & Beatrice. This was a surprise to Beatrice because one morning the husband decided to add Beatrice on the account as a new signatory.
Godfrey & Beatrice of Gacaca Sector, Musanze District.

- As of 15th May 2018, the family of Godefroid & Beatrice deposited 200,000 Frw from the agriculture products sold on the market day.
- Godefroid has entrusted Beatrice of the responsibility of depositing the money to their account. This has never happened before they joined the training.

This is the savings book of Godfroid & Beatrice’s page showing the money deposited at SACCO
As the training went on, I started filling well because I could see changes taking place with my husband. I started taking shower, put on clean clothes when coming for training and look clean like other women in the training room. At home change processes started taking place. As of today, Godefroid & Beatrice has a saving on their SACCO account 200,000 FRw deposited on 15th May 2018.
“When the training started, I was not convinced but on the 4th day during the take home exercise practice, I started to recognize that I was a GBV perpetrator. I was very ashamed. This is the time I decided to start the change process. Because my wife had no access to my bank account and other properties, once I made a surprise to her and her to give me her passport photo urgently, in the following morning I had added her name on my bank account as signatory.”

Godfrey said
The family of Joseph & Gaudence attended the training on the couple’s curriculum starting November 2015. “Since then I started to open up my mind and value how sharing power between me and my wife has helped the family save and value money. My wife and me joined a village VSLA after the training. Since then, I started to realize my role in economic development of my household. We started a small business of selling farm products & crops. As a result to day we have bought 2 cows, 2 sheeps and land worth 250,000 Frw. The family of Joseph, Gaudence & one of their children.