



## IKIRARO CY'ITERAMBERE PROGRAMME

### About program

The Rwanda Multi-Donor Civil Society Support Programme is a five year programme (2015-2020) funded by the UK, Sweden, USA and Switzerland. In Kinyarwanda, the programme is referred to as “Ikiraro cy’Iterambere,” which means building bridges for sustainable development.

Ikiraro contributes to a more prosperous, inclusive and resilient Rwanda by supporting citizens, civil society organizations, the private sector and Government to build bridges on issues that matter for Rwanda’s development. We aim to deliver tangible results that make a difference to the lives of the Rwandan people, while fostering transformative change that can contribute to Rwanda’s economic, political and social objectives over the long term.

Ikiraro takes an issues-based approach to supporting constructive engagement between citizens, civil society and Government. Rather than working on engagement across the board and in the abstract, we work on those specific and tangible issues where there is likely to be interest and traction. We define issues as problems that affect the quality of life of the Rwandan people that can be addressed by public policy actions.

### Our components

- Civil society and Government partners are supported to identify and address key issues together concerning accelerated growth, poverty reduction and social inclusion
- Partners' capacity to engage constructively and effectively on issues concerning accelerated growth, poverty reduction and social inclusion is strengthened
- Mechanisms for consultation and accountability more effectively enable constructive engagement between the Rwandan Government and civil society
- Research and learning is developed and used to support constructive engagement between Rwandan Government and civil society.

### The bridge

Ikiraro works on both sides of the bridge as well as on the bridge itself. Ikiraro works with Civil society non-state actors including private sector bodies and Government bodies at National and local level and also bridging mechanisms for consultation, oversight and accountability.

### How do we add value?

#### **Bridging mechanisms**

Ikiraro supports government-led mechanisms that encourage consultation and collaboration between citizens and the state (e.g. RGB, JADF, Im ihigo) as well as other forums that bring citizens, civil society and the state together on specific policy issues.

#### **Facilitation:**

Ikiraro staff work take a hands-on approach to facilitate collaboration. We work to bring civil society & government partners together to promote constructive policy engagement on specific identified issues

#### **Research and Learning:**

Ikiraro conducts and commissions policy relevant and actionable research and analysis that:

- explores Rwanda's context,
- identifies issues on which the programme can support issues-based collaboration ('bridge building'), and
- Provides evidence or advice for policy influencing and collaboration.

#### **Capacity cultivation**

Ikiraro partners with civil society organisations combining financial support, capacity cultivation, technical assistance & mentoring. The aims is to support civil society to engage constructively in policy, planning, monitoring and public accountability processes. So that Civil Society can:

- Better analyse their context and build partnerships with others on issues of common concern;
- Better manage themselves so that they are healthy, well-led and able to deliver results (Organisational resilience)

Where requested, Ikiraro works with relevant government bodies to support their strategy development, their technical capacity and their approaches to citizen engagement and policy making. We do this through financial assistance, technical assistance and capacity cultivation.

#### **GESI**

Gender equality and social cohesion are central to Ikiraro’s approach. Ikiraro supports gender equality and social cohesion by:

- Supporting an inclusive approach to citizen participation in policy dialogue and accountability
- Supporting women’s organisations and other partners to address women’s issues
- Supporting its partners in adopting and implementing gender equality and social cohesion in their organisations
- Working on specific issues related to gender equality and social cohesion (e.g. reconciliation processes, GBV, social protection, women’s economic empowerment)
- Assisting relevant GoR institutions and their non-state counterparts in implementing GESI policies and programmes

## Who do we support?

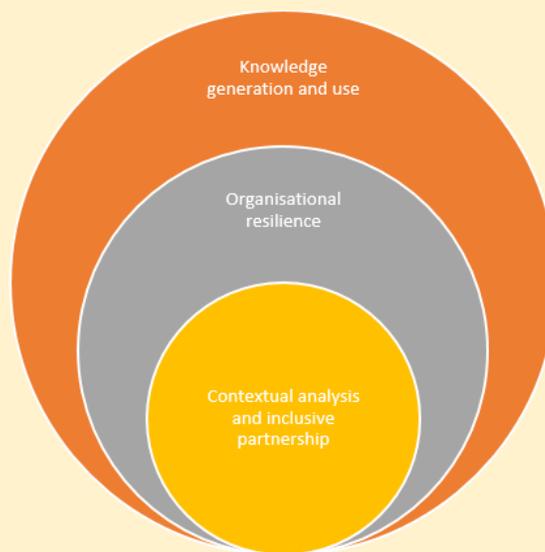
Ikiraro provides targeted support to Civil Society Organizations and engages with government bodies at the national and local level that are responsible for channelling citizens' voice and feedback and with joint mechanisms for policy consultation, oversight and accountability. Specifically, we bring these stakeholders together through constructive engagement to identify issues and relevant solutions.

- 7 Issue Based partnerships in Agriculture, Gender based Violence, Reconciliation and Social Protection thematic areas
- 5 Research partnerships in VUP, Citizen Participation, Girinka program and Agriculture
- Supporting 4 International NGOs, 2 local umbrella organisations, 9 local NGOs and 39 co-operatives in bee keeping and coffee farming

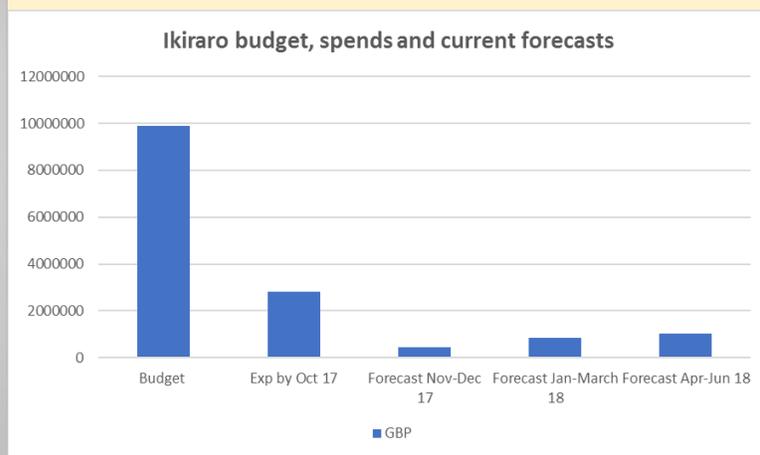
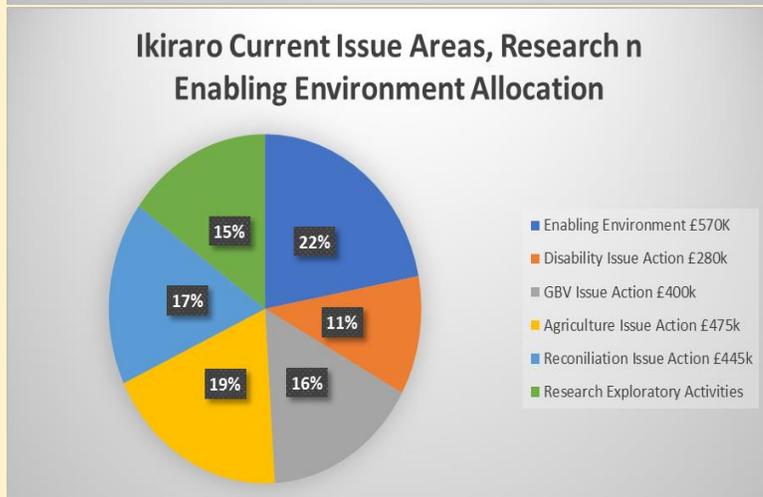
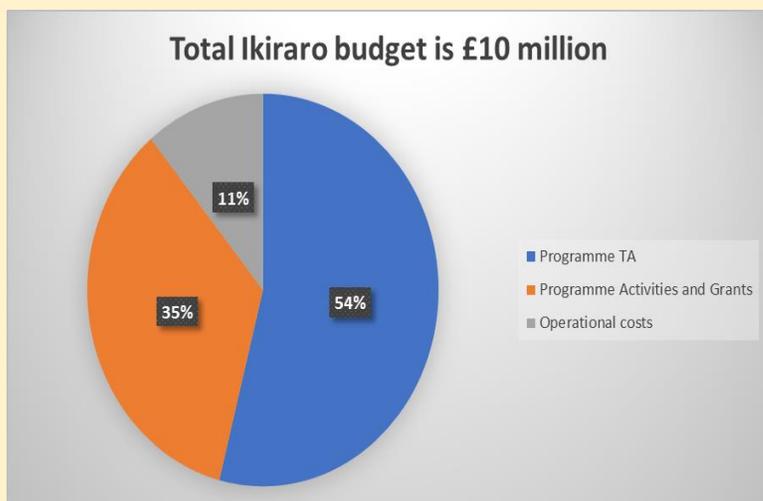
## Our areas of Capacity cultivation

Ikiraro has capacity cultivation/development at the heart of its areas of investment. It does this through a process from self-diagnosis to actual interventions to improve areas identified. The purpose of self-diagnosis is to help the CSOs 'soul search': to own their strengths and prioritise where they may want to be stronger, reach consensus about where they want to grow, and how so that Ikiraro can in turn customise support and track progress over time, on whether the right support is provided.

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## Our budget



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