



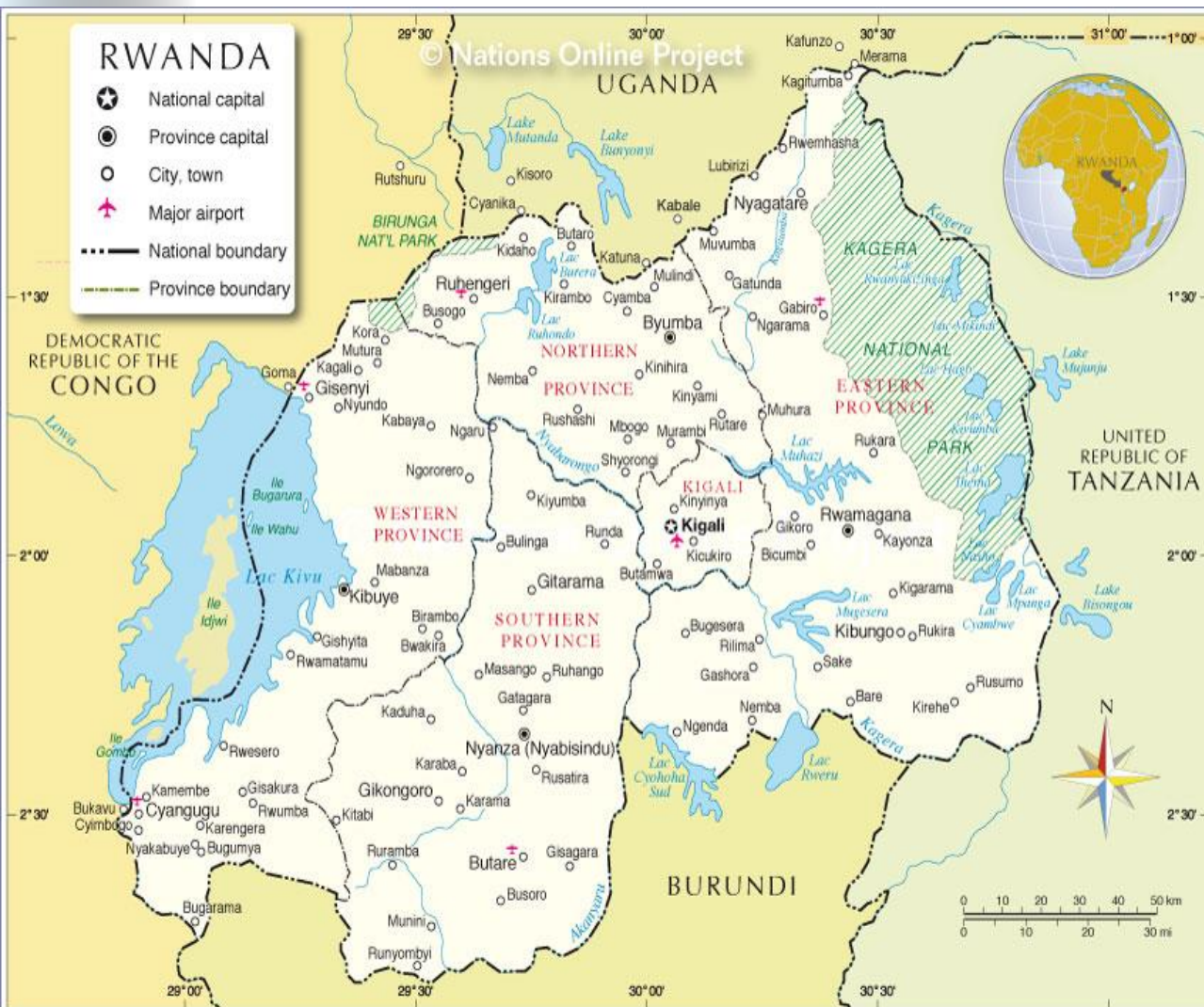
  
**UN  
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United Nations Entity for Gender Equality  
and the Empowerment of Women

# Sustaining & Advancing Gender Equality Gains in Rwanda

# Introduction

## Rwanda Map and key country indicators



**Surface Area:**

26,338 Sq Kms

**Population in 2017 (Projections)**

11.8 Millions

Female: 51.8%

Male: 48.2%

**Urban Population:**

17%

**GDP Per Capita in 2016:**

720 US \$

**Total Fertility Rate:**

4.2 children/ woman

**Women owned businesses**

26%

- Conducive environment for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: constitution grants a 30% quota) , laws and policies are gender responsive
- Four institutions “gender machinery” and strong gender focal point system to lead the agenda
- Leading country in HeforShe campaign – changing mindsets
- Excellent collaboration with government and all national partners

- Programme aligned with national priorities: Vision 2020, Economic Development Plan, Beijing platform for action, Agenda 2030, Africa Agenda 2063
- Leadership and political participation, women's economic empowerment; ending VAW. (data, GRB and humanitarian)
- Main partners: Ministry of Gender, Finance, Agriculture and Justice); National Institute of Statistics, civil society organizations, academia, media, private sector, SDG centre for Africa.



# UN Women Donors in Rwanda

Sweden and Netherlands

Other donors: Norway, Switzerland, Spain, China



- Strengthened legal framework: discriminatory laws repelled; 10 laws amended (access to land, equal inheritance, paid maternity leave)
- In 2013 **legislative elections** 64 % women elected (up from 56%). In 2016 **local elections** (women were 54% voters, 46,6% of candidates and 36.5% of elected officials)
- 45,000 elected members of the National Women Council trained to promote gender equality in plans, budgets and decision making at the local level
- All public institutions produce gender budget statements: 13 out of 17 Ministries increased allocations for GEWE; 15 out of 30 districts increased allocations for GEWE by 10%

- Rural women economic empowerment: 17,363 rural women directly supported with greenhouse technology, income generating activities and nutrition programmes
- Buy from Women pilot project 3200 farmers supported. 25,000 targeted over the next 5 years
- Safe cities initiative: mini-markets constructed for former women street vendors (scaled-up to 10 markets by city of Kigali)
- GVB response: 23 Isange One Stop Centers fully equipped, approximately 8220 assisted per year and 2513 victims provided with legal assistance in 2015

- ✓ + 45,000 women supported on Leadership and Participation
- ✓ +21,000 women farmers supported under RWEE and Buy from Women initiatives
- ✓ 6000 women supported in business and income generating activities
- ✓ Increased availability of gender statistics; A gender responsive refugee response and refugee livelihood strategy produced



# Climate Resilient Agriculture

## “Buy From Women Project”

- Initiative targeting 5000 women farmers accessing training, inputs and markets
- Leverages technology to empower women farmers by linking them to information, markets, and finance
- Facilitated linkages between farmers and buyers through forward contracts
- Improved post-harvest storage and handling for farmers (drying sheds and storage bags)



# Climate Resilient Agriculture

- Conducted trainings to mainstream Gender Equality in the entire agricultural value chain
- **3200 farmers registered on the platform; maize production increased from 60MT in 2015/2016 to 155MT in 2017 and income increased from USD 16,000 to USD 65,000.**
- Proposed programme to reach 25,000 women farmers over the next 5 years



- Capacity of national partners and institutions to implement the gender-responsive laws and policies, especially at district levels
- Need for stronger accountability mechanisms and incentives
- Mindsets, social norms and gender stereotypes
- Resources

- Positioning gender in key policy frameworks and processes: Vision 2050, EDPRS 3, UNDAF 3, SDG domestication
- **Investing in women and girls:** economic empowerment especially through support to women farmers and greater financial inclusion; STEM education and ICT for young women
- Strengthening GBV prevention and access to justice
- Working with men and boys
- Moving beyond numbers to achieve substantive equality: quality of participation; fostering behavioral change and WEE.

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# Rural Women Economic Empowerment RWEE

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