

Voices OF HOPE

Burundi

When a landslide struck Bujumbura, Burundi in 2015, it destroyed homes, a health centre and a school as well as killing dozens of people. Those left behind had nothing, not even basic needs. Three years later, survivors arrived at a Displaced Person's Camp in Mayengo in the catchment area of PWRDF partner Village Health Works. VHW saw an increasing number of patients, many with malnutrition and implemented a kitchen garden project with households from the camp. They distributed seeds, sprayers, shovels and wheelbarrows to 94 households to start and maintain kitchen gardens.

“I would like to sincerely thank the Village for bringing us knowledge about the importance of building kitchen gardens,” says Rekatubane Annonciate, one of the 94 people who received vegetable seeds and the mother of eight, five of whom were malnourished.

“Now my meals are varied, and I do not come to the Kigutu clinic for food supplementation anymore. My kitchen garden provides me with enough food to harvest and feed my family. I have almost everything, including carrots, salads, cabbages, onions, tomatoes, radishes. I really do not know how I could thank the Village. It is like a parent who cares for us, he has saved us and our children from hunger.”




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