



IOM International Organization for Migration

BURUNDI

INTEGRATED POSTAL PROJECT FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Many of the most highly qualified and skilled Burundians now live and work abroad and send money on a regular basis to their country of origin.

However, analyses show that Burundi – and in particular its rural populations – is affected by numerous issues: expensive informal remittances; financial exclusion; communication difficulties; and lack of economic opportunities, all of which hamper potential economic and social development and poverty reduction for migrants’ families and rural populations.

IOM, the Régie Nationale des Postes (RNP) and the Universal Postal Union (UPU), conscious of the close links between migration and development, recently launched an integrated project using the

different components of the postal sector to actively contribute to the formation of a virtuous circle to assist Burundi’s migrants, their families, and communities in rural areas.

Objectives

This project will contribute to enhancing the opportunities for socio-economic development in Burundi for the rural population as well as for the Burundian diaspora.

The project will do so by studying the physical, electronic and financial dimensions of the postal network in Burundi and using it to boost the incomes of migrants and their families, and providing economic opportunities to the country’s rural populations.

Expected Results

- 1) Previously excluded populations access communication services in Burundi, particularly for the rural Burundian population.
- 2) Burundian migrants have access to a secure and affordable money transfer service.
- 3) Improved financial education, in particular for the rural and female Burundian population, facilitates economic and social development.
- 4) Increased access to financial services contributes to financial and economic stability.
- 5) Enhanced access to international markets contributes to economic development.

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