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First Lady Mrs Jeannette Kagame was elected OAFLA Vice President (Organization of African First Ladies against HIV/AIDS) for a two year mandate. Mrs. Kagame was OAFLA's president from 2004-2006.

Elections were held during OAFLA general assembly in Addis Ababa Ethiopia in May 2013. where Mrs. Hindo Deby Itno, First Lady of Chad was elected President of OAFLA, replacing Namibia's First Lady, Mrs. Pohamba Senehupifio.

Earlier in the year First Ladies renewed their commitment to HIV/AIDS at OAFLA's 10 year anniversary celebration.



First Ladies Mrs Kagame and Mrs Tesfay before the General Assembly elections.

Special points of interest:

- Ten promises - Youth Connekt dialogue
- Celebrating Young Rwandan Achievers Awards coming up 20th August 2013

Michel Sidibe UNAIDS Executive Director visits Rwanda

Michel Sidibe, UNAIDS Executive Director and Mrs. Kagame toured Kacyiru Police Hospital during his visit to Rwanda.

The tour included Isange One stop center for Gender-based violence and Imbuto Foundation's Family Package program which promotes prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV/AIDS. (PMTCT)



First Lady Mrs Kagame with Michel Sidibe at Kacyiru Police hospital

Family Package is a comprehensive program that provides PMTCT services, counseling, nutritional support, training on income generating activities to families infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. So far the program has benefitted over 8,000 Rwandans.

The Family Package program is now evolving to address elimination of mother to child transmission of HIV/AIDS.

UNAIDS and LANCET commission meeting on sustainable health

"We can consider AIDS as an entry point for improving entire health systems; we should take advantage of resources available for HIV/AIDS, think long-term and reinforce our noticeably fragile infrastructure"
Mrs. Jeannette Kagame



"We are still here because people like you, medical professionals, activists, scientists, grandmothers who looked after children whose parents had died as well as many unsung heroes in our communities put up a strong and steady fight"
Mrs. Jeannette Kagame

"Africa should be ready! The worst is behind us. Now we know how to prevent, how to treat and how to care. We should move to the next step and do it yesterday."
Mrs Jeannette Kagame

First Lady Mrs. Jeannette Kagame speaking at UNAIDS and LANCET commission meeting in Malawi, June 2013.

"If we can create sustainable health systems and a society with healthy people, then there is no limit to what we can achieve and how fast we can achieve it"
Mrs. Jeannette Kagame

"Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader"



Imbuto Foundation conducts an annual "Reading day" campaign under the "Rwanda reads" campaign led by the Ministry of Education and other partners to raise awareness on the importance of reading among children, teachers and parents.

This year's Reading day took place in the Northern Province (Gicumbi district) where 200 children and 100 parents participated.



Minister Mitali rewarding reading competition winners

20 girls graduate with IT Essentials



Pascal Gatabazi, Tumba College Director speaking on Graduation day

Every year, the Chairperson of Imbuto Foundation Mrs Jeannette Kagame rewards Best Performing Girls from primary and secondary school. The secondary leavers are rewarded with laptops and a 3 week training conducted in partnership with CISCO and Tumba College of Technology.

This year 20 girls graduated from Tumba College of Technology equipped with IT essentials.



Girls demonstrating how to assemble a computer

Malaria awareness campaign



Urunana edutaining public on malaria awareness

A Malaria awareness campaign was conducted in 6 districts: Nyarugenge, Gasabo, Kicukiro, Muhanga, Kamonyi and Nyanza. The campaign aims to promote behavior change towards malaria prevention and control.

Imbuto foundation rewarded 18 Health centres and 18 sectors for their outstanding efforts in fighting . They received flatscreen televisions and dvds describing malaria prevention strategies.

4,011 community health workers and more than 18,000 community members have been reached with malaria prevention messages.

Mubyeyi! Tera Intambwe launch

Under the Innovation for Education project, Mubyeyi! Tera Intambwe (Parents, step in) was launched in Musanze, Gasabo and Ngororero districts in partnership with the Governments of Rwanda and the United Kingdom.

The project aims to prevent school drop outs in rural, semi-urban and urban districts.



Community Education Workers during the Mubyeyi!, Tera Intambwe! launch

Imbuto Foundation introduced an innovative strategy that involves identifying and training volunteers to become community education workers.

214 community workers will be empowered to conduct outreach activities in the community and strengthen community involvement and accountability.

“The promise of a post genocide generation”

A Youth Connekt dialogue themed “the promise of a post genocide generation” was organized to stimulate open and responsible expression, with the ultimate goal of creating trust among Rwandan youth and accelerating the unity and reconciliation process.

Various speakers inspired and challenged almost 800 youth on Rwandan history, the cost of bad leadership, forgiveness and the struggle that set us free.



President Kagame and First Lady at the Youth Connekt dialogue

HE President Kagame and Mrs. Jeannette Kagame spoke from the heart as they applauded the youth for having the courage to ask for forgiveness, set their minds and hearts free, and build a country based on trust.

The youth promised each other and Rwanda to protect and defend what is true and right. The ministry of Youth and ICT and Arts for Peace were key partners in this youth dialogue.

10 promises made at Youth Connekt Dialogue

1. *To work hard and build a Rwanda that rejects ethnic divisionism.*
2. *To work towards the same vision as youth.*
3. *To support the elderly widows and widowers of genocide and take care of them like they took care of us.*
4. *To refuse to be dragged into darkness and to fight against injustice.*
5. *To fight against genocide and its ideology.*
6. *To work for peace and security.*
7. *To use technology in telling positive stories about Rwanda and teaching younger ones about our history.*
8. *To change Rwanda's image and ensure it is not identified with evil.*
9. *To teach our parents to forget about ethnic divisionism.*
10. *To keep a watchful eye on our Rwanda.*

Trainings

In May, Imbuto Staff attended project cycle management training organized by CAFS (Centre for African Family Studies). The main outcome was 2013-2014 organizational action plan.

CAFS has continuously supported Imbuto to be a more effective organization.

Donor activities

- Imbuto Foundation received \$100,000 from Rwanda's honorary consulate in Israel to support the Foundation activites.
- Liquid Telecommunication supported Imbuto with \$100,000 which will train young genocide survivors.

Upcoming activities

- CYRWA (Celebrating Young Rwandan Achievers Awards) will be held on 20th August
- Youth Connekt dialogue continues at district level