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1. Executive Summary

The Rural Development Inter-Diocesan Service is a non-Governmental Organization registered by Rwanda Governance Board as per N0 13/RGB/NGO/2015. It was established by the Anglican Dioceses of BUTARE, CYANGUGU, KIGEME and SHYOGWE and, later on, NYARUGURU Diocese was officially welcomed as member with the same rights and responsibilities.

The organization is striving for professionalism, performances and sustainability and, it works out a written action plan and budget. RDIS is fully committed to fulfill accountability standards as it pursues the benefits of the members of the communities it works with and for. Furthermore, the organization is assigned a clear mission “Safeguard environment, increase the production aiming at sustainable and holistic development”. The Rural Development Inter-Diocesan Service is always guided by its mission statement throughout projects and program design, implementation and monitoring to ensure that, the organization remains right to its mission.

Being committed to serve the communities through its identified key areas of intervention (Capacity Building and Development; Environmental Care and Disaster Risks Reduction; Hygiene Water and Sanitation; Crops value Chain and Saving & Credit for Rural Entrepreneurship) RDIS works hard to address issues faced by the members in the communities but also issues at global level. As a local non-governmental organization, it is tedious to release funds from either partners or investors to implement project identified, however, from the last 2 year (2023 to 2024) we won One investor (KIASI ENERGIES) and One Partner Organization (TERRAFUND AFR100). This has significantly contributed to the increase of organizational annual budget and helps RDIS remain competitive and meet its long-term goals in a dynamic changing environment.

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2. Introduction

Under this section, we would like to underline ongoing projects and program, and, briefly describe a bit the outputs and outcomes making changes in the life of the members in the communities where projects are implemented for and with the communities. The following projects were implemented:

a. Establishment of a Financial Institution

Five Talents Saving Cooperative launched and got its certificate

b. Carbon Emission Reduction for self-sustainable environmental care

Maintenance of improved stoves (6420 stoves) distributed under “carbon emission reduction for self-sustainable environmental care project.

The VVB/TÜV Nord onsite audit was successfully completed. This audit confirmed that all project processes complied with both regulatory and carbon project standards.

Monitoring and verification of three years of the project (The total amount of CREDITS that we are shooting for the period 17/08/2019 to 31/10/2023 is 64,275)

c. Improved Cook Stoves-Rusizi-Rwanda.

Cumulative figures from the start of the project are 36,967 stoves were distributed; 33,681 stoves are installed and 32,680 carbon transfer forms (CTFs) submitted

d. Climate Smart Agriculture

- ✓ Hingatugabane approach established and operates in both farm field schools (Mbayaya and Murangi).
- ✓ Continuous horticultural farming activities in both the greenhouse and the open field.

e. Environmental Conservation in western province of Rwanda and in Nyaruguru

The established and maintained five tree nurseries in Rusizi, Nyamasheke and Nyaruguru produced 152,672 tree seedlings which were distributed to farmers. 1,000 grafted avocados planted in Mubumbano Parish of Butare Diocese, an example of landscape restoration and community development efforts.

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f. Revitalizing Lake Kivu Basin in Nyamasheke and Rusizi Districts through landscape restauration

Job opportunities were generated for 240 individuals, for Nursery Managers, Watchmen and Planters. In addition to that, also, the 16 volunteers were engaged in collaboration with Rwanda National Police.

g. Provision of shelters to homeless families

Members of two families no longer have to worry about the high risk of their huts leaking every time it rained. They are very proud for owning a home. Peace and harmony flourishing in those families.

h. Biblical Understanding for in Service Leadership Development

14 Masters trainers were trained plus, two individuals (Rev Félix NDOUBAHIDI and Mr. Benjamin KIBARA) from Chad.

Two archdeaconries out of which 2 Parishes/ Congregations per each of them in each participating Dioceses.

RDIS collaborated with the following institutions to achieve remarkable accomplishments in this year 2024:

- 1. Brot für die Welt**
- 2. United Evangelical Mission**
- 3. Kiasi Energies**
- 4. Terrafund AFR100**
- 5. St. Paul's Anglican Church - Edmonton (the Parish)**
- 6. Rwanda Action**

3. REALIZED ACTIVITIES AGAINST PLANNED PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES' ACTIVITIES

Project Title	Planned activities	Realized activities	Comments / observations
Establishment of a Financial Institution	<p>Launching the Five Talents Saving Cooperative</p> <p>Registering the cooperative to Rwanda Cooperative Agency</p> <p>Submitting the request to National Bank of Rwanda to upgrade and work as deposit-taking Microfinance Cooperative</p>	<p>On 23rd February at the Head Quarter of Butare Anglican Diocese, Five Talents Ubumwe was launched</p> <p>Temporarily certificate issued by Rwanda Cooperative Agency “ICYEMEZO N0 RCA -MU-012460 RRA: TIN 122833122 CYO KU WA 10 JUIN 2024 CYEMERERA KOPERATIVE FIVE TALENTS UBUMWE GUKORA BY’AGATEGANYO”</p> <p>Not done yet 0</p>	<p>As a promotor, RDIS in collaboration with member Dioceses were able to win the hearts of 120 who are the founding members</p>
Carbon Emission Reduction for Self-Sustainable Environmental Care GS4823	<p>Organizing and conducting field visits to the end users of stoves</p> <p>Carrying out maintenance of stoves that have been in use for at least 12 Months</p> <p>CCER Staff meeting</p> <p>Production of project Design Documents</p> <p>Verification VVB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Field visits were conducted at all levels, and; field staff advised accordingly ✓ 6420 stoves maintained, ✓ Monitoring report produced and shared by Bridge Builders ✓ Verification report Produced and shared by TUV NORD ((The total amount of Credits that we are generated for the period 17/08/2019 to 31/10/2023 is 64,275) 	<p>Scheduled in the first quarter of 2025</p> <p>Well, completed.</p>

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Improved Cook Stoves - Rusizi Rwanda	<p>Organizing community meetings for cook stove project, within the following Sectors of Rusizi district: Gitambi, Gashonga, Mururu, Nkungu, Nyakarenzo, Nyakabuye, Gihundwe, Butare, Bugarama, Rwimbogo, Nkanka, Gihundwe by December, 2024.</p> <p>Distributing at least 25,008 stove liners by end of December, 2024.</p> <p>Installing at least 25,008 stoves liners (6525 quarterly), in the targeted sectors</p> <p>Signing an exclusive Memorandum of Understanding for the dissemination of improved cook stoves with Rusizi district, by March 2024.</p>	<p>The meetings were organized and held at sector level whereby local leaders and some representative of the communities participated in.</p> <p>January to December 2024; 18,900 were installed and, 21,771 CTFs collected and submitted</p> <p>On 25 February 2024, the exclusive MoU for the dissemination of Improved Cook Stoves was signed by both parties “RUSIZI DISTRICT AND RDIS”</p>	<p>The meetings and the commitment of local leaders had motivated the members in the communities to willingly avail their in-kind contributions, and, the installers were able to increase the number of installed stoves per day.</p> <p>The installation rate was 78.51%</p> <p>The investor: KIASI ENERGIES had expressed the satisfaction towards the signed MoU exclusivity of dissemination of cook stoves</p>
Climate Smart Agriculture to mitigate impacts of climate change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Training 100 farmers at Mbayaya Farm. ➤ Establishing Hingatugabane groups at Mbayaya Farm. 	<p>The two training sessions for 100 farmers were successfully conducted at Mbayaya Farm from April 29 to May 2, 2024. Hingatugabane groups were established and are currently functioning</p>	<p>So far, the improvement made in making use the greenhouse, water pumping system and open field proved that a farm can be sustainable and self-reliant.</p>

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and to increase farmer's productivity in Rwanda.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Maintaining and operating the Mbayaya Farm greenhouse. ➤ Conducting continuous horticultural farming in both the greenhouse and open field. ➤ Purchasing two tri-cycles—one for Murangi Farm and one for Mbayaya Farm—to support farm operations. ➤ Carrying out the project's final evaluation and complete the project handover. ➤ Elaborating and submitting the final report to UEM. 	<p>well under the supervision of the Farm Manager.</p> <p>Despite a heavy wind which damaged the greenhouse, maintenance activities were promptly executed. The greenhouse's first harvest valued at 3,047,150 Rwf, while the open field yielded 254,650 Rwf, totaling 3,301,800 Rwf.</p> <p>Two tri-cycles were purchased and deployed to the Farms (Murangi and Mbayaya) to facilitate the transportation of agricultural inputs, animal feeds, and transport the production to market.</p> <p>The final and exit report was prepared and shared with EAR Shyogwe and UEM following a joint final project's evaluation conducted by RDIS and EAR Shyogwe staff.</p> <p>When RDIS handed over to Shyogwe Diocese, the staff expressed satisfaction with the outcomes and requested that RDIS continue to manage the farm for further improvement under "Contract for managing the Mbayaya Farm as an entrepreneur"</p>	
Environmental Conservation in western province of Rwanda and In Nyaruguru Diocese	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Preparing tree nursery site ➤ Holding stakeholders Consultation Meetings, ➤ Selecting and Training of Tree Nursery New Bed Managers, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Sites prepared and settled to ensure optimal conditions for seedling growth. ✓ Relevant stakeholders engaged to gather input, garner support, and ensure a collaborative approach. ✓ Tree nursery bed managers selected and trained 	<p>All project stakeholders were strongly committed and have provided their contribution without which, RDIS could not meet the target.</p> <p>The planted tree seedlings will soon contribute to:</p> <p>Erosion fighting</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Preparing seed beds ➤ Purchasing of Seeds and Plastic Bags, ➤ Seeding, ➤ Ongoing Tree Nursery Bed Maintenance, ➤ Grafting practices of avocado seeds, ➤ Distributing Seedlings and Planting Them Out, ➤ Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting. <p style="text-align: right;">and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The seed beds prepared and ready for sewing seed. ✓ Quality seeds and necessary materials, such as plastic bags, for the seedlings purchased ✓ Seeds in the prepared beds are maintained ✓ Seeds germinate and grow well ✓ Avocados were grafted by using scions of Hass and Fuerte Varieties. ✓ 152,672 seedlings were produced, distributed and planted on the lands of smallholder farmers, schools, churches and on the public land during community work in Rusizi and Nyamasheke districts. 37,608 seedlings were produced and planted in Nyaruguru diocese and also 1,000 seedlings of avocados were planted in Butare diocese specifically at Mubumbano Parish. ✓ Supervision and Monitoring were regularly done by the Nursery managers, Project Coordinator and Project Manager. ✓ Both Middle-term and Final reports were elaborated and shared to the project donor and local leaders. 	Improvement of food diet withing families in those communities
House building for homeless families in GISAGARA District	<p>Identifying beneficiaries capable to contribute 20% of the total cost of the building and meeting other required criteria</p> <p>Identifying and signing contacts with builders;</p>	<p>Two homeless families (the Mrs. NTABANGANYIMANA Théodosie and MSS IRIZABIMBUTO Jazilla) got their home built by RDIS</p>	The collaboration with local leaders had helped to get the families in greatest need than others in Gisagara.

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	<p>Supervising the builders to check whether or not standards and quality set in the contracts are fully respected, and, if not advise accordingly</p> <p>Paying builders as per contracts specifications and deadlines;</p> <p>Official handover of the houses by builders to RDIS</p>	<p>RDIS hired builders to do the construction work</p> <p>Construction materials were purchased, delivered and used</p> <p>Builders were supervised, monitored and the construction completed</p> <p>Houses handed over to their beneficiaries</p>	
Contribution to Health Care to uplift Vulnerable Households	<p>Identifying the families who are not able to cover their health scheme fees for the year July 2024 - June 2025.)</p> <p>Developing the database for project beneficiaries. The database will help to know the social economic status of the beneficiaries from the starting of the project</p> <p>Paying the health scheme fees for individuals (900).</p> <p>Quarterly visits or small groups meetings with those whose health scheme fees are paid for to access whether there spiritual, social economic change taking place related to the project</p> <p>Reporting: at the end of the twelve months, a narrative and financial report is to be</p>	<p>This year 2024, RDIS paid fees for health scheme based in the following Districts:</p> <p>Muhanga District; Cyeza Sector 400 individuals; 50 individuals in Shyogwe; 50 individuals in Kirengeli Cell/ Ruhango Sector and 400 individuals from Nyaruguru District.</p>	<p>The implementation was successful done, and, 900 individuals have access to basic medical services</p>

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	<p>elab-orated and submitted to financial partner</p> <p>Marketing: RDIS is determined to market all projects and programmes for the sake of availing information that can serve as beneficial to others actors.</p>		

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4. ASSESSMENT OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS

Title	Inputs	Outputs	Outcomes	Impacts
Five Talents UBUMWE	<p>Launching the Five Talents Saving Cooperative</p> <p>Registering the cooperative to Rwanda Cooperative Agency</p> <p>Submitting the request to National Bank of Rwanda to upgrade and work as deposit-taking Microfinance Cooperative</p>	<p>On 23rd February at the Head Quarter of Butare Anglican Diocese, Five Talents Ubumwe was launched</p> <p>Temporarily certificate issued by Rwanda Cooperative Agency “ICYEMEZO N0 RCA -MU-012460 RRA: TIN 122833122 CYO KU WA 10 JUIN 2024 CYEMERERA KOPERATIVE FIVE TALENTS UBUMWE GUKORA BY’AGATEGANYO”</p> <p>Not done yet</p>	<p>250 more members joined completed their membership forms whilst 146 have already paid their shares</p>	<p>Too early to make an impact</p>

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Carbon Emission Reduction for Self-Sustainable Environmental Care GS4823	Organizing and conducting field visits to the end users of stoves Carrying out maintenance of stoves that have been in use for at least 12 Months CCER Staff meeting Producing of project Design Documents Verifying by VVB	Field visits were conducted at all levels, and; field staff advised accordingly 6420 stoves maintained, Monitoring report produced and shared by Bridge Builders Verification report Produced and shared by TUV NORD ((The total amount of Credits Sthat we are generated for the period 17/08/2019 to 31/10/2023 is 64,275). Cumulative amount equals to: 7,635 Tons +64,275 Tons= 71,910 Credits	The total amount of Credits that RDIS due to Brot für die Welt equals to 60,000 VERRA. The completed amount is to be issued by June 2025	Increase of RDIS own resources in the year 2025 through the sale of *11,910 credits* at carbon market. This is fact of RDIS capacity to Sustainability and Self =Reliance
Improved Cook Stoves - Rusizi Rwanda	Organizing and conducting field visits to the end users of stoves Carrying out maintenance of stoves that have been in use for at least 12 Months CCER Staff meeting	Community meetings for cook stove project, within the following Sectors of Rusizi district: Gitambi, Gashonga, Mururu, Nkungu, Nyakarenzo, Nyakabuye, Gihundwe, Butare, Bugarama, Rwimbogo, Nkanka, Gihundwe by December, 2024 were held.	Enhanced community involvement through the provision of in-kind contribution and availability at home during the installation process	Project staff are a bit released from the huge struggle they were used to throughout the installation process. Overtime by staff of RDIS which would go up to 7 more hours per day has reduced a bit

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	<p>Production of project Design Documents</p> <p>Verification VVB</p>	<p>Distributing at least 25,008 stove liners by end of December, 2024.</p> <p>Installing at least 25,008 stoves liners (6525 quarterly), in the targeted sectors</p> <p>Signing an exclusive Memorandum of Understanding for the dissemination of improved cook stoves with Rusizi district, by March 2024.</p>	<p>January to December 2024; 19,636 were installed and, 22,683 CTFs collected and submitted</p> <p>On 25 February 2024, the exclusive MoU for the dissemination of Improved Cook Stoves was signed by both parties “RUSIZI DISTRICT AND RDIS”</p>	<p>(currently, the maximum overtime hours is estimated to be 3</p> <p>Saucerful year monitoring which satisfied RDIS, ANCHOR ECO AND KIASI ENERGIES</p>
<p>Climate Smart Agriculture to mitigate impacts of climate change and to increase farmer's</p>	<p>Training 100 farmers at Mbayaya Farm.</p> <p>Establishing Hingatugabane groups at Mbayaya Farm.</p>	<p>The two training sessions for 100 farmers were successfully conducted at Mbayaya Farm from April 29 to May 2, 2024. Hingatugabane groups were established and are currently functioning well under the</p>	<p>All project stakeholders were strongly committed and have provided their contribution without which, RDIS could not meet the target.</p>	<p>Crops' production at farmers and Farm Field Schools levels increased significantly.</p>

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productivity in Rwanda.	<p>Maintaining and operating the Mbayaya Farm greenhouse.</p> <p>Conducting continuous horticultural farming in both the greenhouse and open field.</p> <p>Purchasing two tri-cycles—one for Murangi Farm and one for Mbayaya Farm—to support farm operations.</p> <p>Carrying out the project's final evaluation and complete the project handover.</p>	<p>supervision of the Farm Manager.</p> <p>Despite a heavy wind which damaged the greenhouse, maintenance activities were promptly executed. The greenhouse's first harvest valued at 3,047,150 Rwf, while the open field yielded 254,650 Rwf, totaling 3,301,800 Rwf.</p> <p>Two tri-cycles were purchased and deployed to the Farms (Murangi and Mbayaya) to facilitate the transportation of agricultural inputs, animal feeds, and transport the production to market.</p> <p>The final and exit report was prepared and shared with EAR Shyogwe and UEM following a joint final project's evaluation conducted by RDIS and EAR Shyogwe staff.</p>	<p>So far, the improvement made in making use the greenhouse, water pumping system and open field proved that a farm can be sustainable and self-reliant</p>	<p>Visibility and credibility of RDIS and the concerned Dioceses in the districts where the project is implemented increased</p>

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	<p>Elaborating and submitting the final report to UEM.</p>	<p>When RDIS handed over to Shyogwe Diocese, the staff expressed satisfaction with the outcomes and requested that RDIS continue to manage the farm for further improvement under “Contract for managing the Mbayaya Farm as an entrepreneur”</p> <p>Sites prepared and settled to ensure optimal conditions for seedling growth.</p> <p>Relevant stakeholders engaged to gather input, garner support, and ensure a collaborative approach.</p> <p>Tree nursery bed managers selected and trained</p> <p>The seed beds prepared and ready for sewing seed.</p>		

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		<p>Quality seeds and necessary materials, such as plastic bags, for the seedlings purchased</p> <p>Seeds in the prepared beds are maintained</p> <p>Seeds germinate and grow well</p> <p>Avocadoes were grafted by using scions of Hass and Fuerte Varieties.</p> <p>152,672 seedlings were produced, distributed and planted on the lands of smallholder farmers, schools, churches and on the public land during community work in Rusizi and Nyamasheke districts. 37,608 seedlings were produced and planted in Nyaruguru diocese and also 1,000 seedlings of avocados were planted in Butare diocese</p>		

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		<p>specifically at Mubumbano Parish.</p> <p>Supervision and Monitoring were regularly done by the Nursery managers, Project Coordinator and Project Manager.</p> <p>Both Middle-term and Final reports were elaborated and shared to the project donor and local leaders.</p>		
Environmental Conservation in western province of Rwanda and In Nyaruguru Diocese	<p>Identifying beneficiaries capable to contribute 20% of the total cost of the building and meeting other required criteria</p> <p>Identifying and signing contacts with builders;</p> <p>Supervising the builders to check whether or not standards and quality set in the contracts are fully</p>	<p>Two homeless families (the Mrs. NTABANGANYIMANA Théodosie and Mrs IRIZABIMBUTO Jazilla) go their home built by RDIS</p> <p>RDIS hired builders to do the construction work</p> <p>Construction materials were purchased, delivered and used</p>	<p>Strengthened nursery and tree production</p> <p>Widespread community participation in environmental conservation activities</p> <p>Fruits trees production</p>	<p>Too early to assess the impact</p>

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	<p>respected, and, if not advise accordingly</p> <p>Paying builders as per contracts specifications and deadlines;</p> <p>Official handover of the houses by builders to RDIS</p>	<p>Builders were supervised, monitored and the construction completed</p> <p>Houses handed over to their beneficiaries</p>	<p>Increased as well as community financial income.</p>	
House building for homeless families in GISAGARA District	<p>Identifying beneficiaries capable to contribute 20% of the total cost of the building and meeting other required criteria</p> <p>Identifying and signing contacts with builders;</p> <p>Supervising the builders to check whether or not standards and quality set in the contracts are fully respected, and, if not advise accordingly</p> <p>Paying builders as per contracts specifications and deadlines;</p>	<p>Two beneficiaries identified whose contribution together with local leadership count more than 20% required by RDIS</p>	<p>Members of two families no longer have to worry about the high risk due to their huts leaking every time it rained.</p> <p>They are very proud for owning a home. Peace and harmony flourishing in those families</p>	<p>Too early to assess an impact</p>

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	<p>Official handover of the houses by builders to RDIS</p> <p>Launching the project.</p>			
Contribution to Health Care to uplift Vulnerable Households	<p>Identifying the families who are not able to cover their health scheme fees for the year July 2024 - June 2025.)</p> <p>Developing the database for project beneficiaries. The database will help to know the social economic status of the beneficiaries from the starting of the project</p> <p>Paying the health scheme fees for individuals (900). Quarterly visits or small groups meetings with those whose health scheme fees are paid for to access whether there spiritual, social economic change taking place related to the project</p>	<p>This year 2024, RDIS paid fees for health scheme based in the following Districts:</p> <p>Muhanga District; Cyeza Sector 400 individuals; 50 individuals in Shyogwe; 10 individuals in Kirengeli Cell/ Ruhango Sector and 158 individuals from Nyaruguru District.</p>	<p>618 individuals accessed to medical services and get recovered quickly.</p>	<p>Too early to assess the impact</p>

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	<p>Reporting: at the end of the twelve months, a narrative and financial report is to be elaborated and submitted to financial partner</p> <p>Marketing: RDIS is determined to market all projects and programmes for the sake of availing information that can serve as beneficial to others actors.</p>			

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Murangi Farm Field School



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5. CHALLENGES AND CORRECTING MEASURES

Throughout the whole year, 2024; RDIS encountered the following challenges

Challenges	Correcting Measures
<p>Destruction of Greenhouse Due to Strong Winds: A natural disaster caused significant damage to the greenhouse structure.</p>	<p>Purchased a new plastic cover and reinforced maintenance protocols; improved structural support and scheduled regular inspections to mitigate future damage</p> <p>Further rehabilitation included in the budget of RDIS year 2025</p>
<p>Poor commitment and contribution by the households' beneficiaries of improved cook stove project</p> <p>Vandalism at Kirimbi Nursery: Unknown perpetrators destroyed 9,192 bamboo seedlings and 1,251 avocado seeds.</p>	<p>Enhanced security by appointing dedicated night watchmen; engaged local village, cell, and sector leaders; held community meetings to raise awareness; coordinated with law enforcement (police and RIB); submitted a detailed incident report to TerraFund for AFR100</p>
<p>Competition from New Carbon Project Investors Discouraging Stove Beneficiaries: New investors created competitive pressure, affecting beneficiary participation.</p>	<p>Exclusivity MoU for disseminating of improved cook stoves with Rusizi District signed by RDIS and RUSIZI district.</p> <p>Holding meetings with sector leaders and the district's Department of Energies</p>

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6.LESSON LEARNT

Engaging local leaders and community members from the project's inception fosters ownership, ensures effective communication, and enhances overall support and participation throughout project cycle management.

Involving a diverse range of stakeholders including district officials, NGOs, local churches, and government agencies provides valuable insights, strengthens collaboration, and contributes to robust project support.

Volunteers significantly enhance data collection, community mobilization, and monitoring efforts. Their involvement ensures a wider reach and reinforces community commitment to the project.

Incorporating grafted fruit trees, despite higher initial costs, is highly valued by the community as it supports quicker economic returns and encourages the adoption of additional tree species.

Continuous education and outreach have effectively shifted community perceptions, particularly regarding the value of native tree species, thereby ensuring higher acceptance and participation in restoration efforts.

Actively involving young people in restoration activities fosters innovation, builds future capacity, and contributes significantly to the long-term success and sustainability of the project.

7.SUCCESS STORIES

a. Success Story: Mr. Theoneste Mbarushimana

Mr. Theoneste Mbarushimana, a 37-year-old former builder from Muhanga District in the Southern Province of Rwanda, has undergone a remarkable socio-economic transformation since joining the Stove Project in Rusizi District a year ago. Initially facing unemployment, Mr. Mbarushimana secured a position as a stove installer, which has not only provided him with a stable income but also empowered him to improve his family's living conditions. By 2024, he had invested his earnings to purchase a plot of land for 300,000 Rwf and acquire two young pigs for 40,000 Rwf, underscoring his commitment to sustainable food security through animal husbandry. Additionally, the incentives received from the project have enabled him to meet essential household needs—covering food, clothing, health insurance, and education expenses for his children. Looking forward, Mr. Mbarushimana plans to further expand his assets by purchasing additional land and constructing a new home to relocate from his current, less accessible area. He

reflects, "I am genuinely thankful to KIAS and RDIS for providing this opportunity. The Stove Project arrived at a critical time and has brought stability and numerous opportunities to my family."

b. Ms. BUNTU Adelphine

I am BUNTU Adelphine, employed as part time worker to help Nursery Manager at the Bushenge Tree Nursery, and this project has had a profound socio-economic benefit on my life.

"I joined the tree nursery project immediately after completing high school. Being part of this initiative has not only allowed me to contribute to environmental conservation but has also provided me with a benefiting source of income. The wages I earn have helped me cover my personal needs and have also enabled me to start a pig farming business as an additional source of income. The skills and knowledge I have gained ranging from nurturing seedlings to managing resources have been invaluable in my personal and professional growth. This project has given me a sense of purpose, instilled a passion for environmental conservation, and taught me the importance of balancing economic sustainability with ecological responsibility. I am grateful for the opportunities this project has provided and excited about the positive changes it continues to bring to my life and the community."

8. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The progress made towards the established financial institution: Five Talents UBUMWE (5 T UBUMWE) is a good example of community-based initiative for which, the need is felt by the members, RDIS and founding members of RDIS. So far what is achieved is a proof of home-grown solution of high probability of sustainability and self-reliant. Therefore, RDIS should incorporate it in its annual plan and budget for the year 2025.

In conclusion, the Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) project undertaken by RDIS in Cyangugu and Shyogwe dioceses, with the support of the United Evangelical Mission (UEM), has proven to be a transformative and impactful initiative. Commencing in March 2022 and concluded in August

2024 in Cyangugu diocese, the project demonstrates the importance of community ownership, knowledge transfer, and engagement.

The emphasis on empowering farmers to adapt to climate change through the application of climate-smart technologies has yielded significant positive outcomes. The project's commitment to knowledge sharing and community involvement has imparted a sense of ownership and empowerment among farmers, positioning them to take control of their agricultural production. As the project continues to make a difference in the lives of farmers, its enduring impact beyond the initial funding period is anticipated, contributing to the broader goals of sustainable agriculture and climate resilience.

Additionally, the Carbon Emission Reduction for Self-sustainable Environmental Care Project (CCER) aligns seamlessly with RDIS's mission to safeguard the environment and promote sustainable development. Such investment project must be promoted and implemented by RDIS as they give room to the organization to plan for long term (example of Carbon Emission Reduction for Self -Sustainable Environmental Care which had helped RDIS generate its own credits **(11,910 credits)**), which, undoubtedly help the organization valuable initiatives which donors do not want to be involved. RDIS should continue to bring on board interested investors and, empower the staff to able to design, implement and monitor carbon projects via different technologies like “Biodigesters”.

Done at Muhanga 19th February 2025



Pastor NTARINDWA Viateur

RDIS-Executive Director

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ANNEX: Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2024

a. Statement of Income and Expenditure

Rural development Inter-diocesan Service			
Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2024			
Statement of Income and Expenditure			
	Notes	Dec-24	Dec-24
		Rwf	Rwf
Funds received	1	516,099,755	399,718,402
Other revenues	2	33,280,053	14,285,320
Total Revenue		549,379,808	414,003,722
Project Expenditures	3		
RDIS Kivu project Expenses		103,548,219	0
Cook stove project expenses		219,437,885	175,699,943
CCER Project expenses		93,122,876	79,652,662
BUILD program expenses		13,626,029	0
Tree nursery project expense		10,189,959	8,737,895
House building project expenses		9,831,260	4,925,500
Climate Smart Agriculture expenses		8,801,532	50,414,928
Other project expnses (Murangi Farm expenses)		3,451,450	1,047,612
Reduction of Health impact of Covid-19		2,700,000	6,000,000
Seedlings expenses		1,969,520	3,121,600
Non-project project expenses	4	50,876,447	20,254,583
Total expenses		517,555,177	349,854,722
Fund balance for the Year 2024		31,824,631	64,149,000

b. RDIS Financial position

Rural development Inter-diocesan Service			
Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2024			
RDIS Financial position			
		Balance sheet as at	Balance sheet as at
	Notes	Dec-24	Dec-23
ASSETS			
Non-current Assets			
PPE (Land and Equipment)	5	160,331,029	151,155,977
Total non-current Assets		160,331,029	151,155,977
Current Assets			
Other current Assets	6	8,415,402	1,265,094
Accounts receivable	7	13,145,215	6,465,711

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Cash at bank and in hand	8	14,257,461	26,053,131
Total current Assets		35,818,078	32,518,842
TOTAL ASSETS		196,149,107	184,939,913
FUND BALANCE AND LIABILITIES			
Accumulated surplus from previous period		131,044,288	66,895,288
Amount owing to Donors		40,307,860	64,149,000
Total Fund balance		171,352,148	131,044,288
Liabilities			
Current liabilities	9	24,796,959	53,895,625
Total liabilities		24,796,959	53,895,625
TOTAL FUND BALANCE AND LIABILITIES		196,149,107	184,939,913

c. Notes to the Financial statement

Rural development Inter-diocesan Service		
Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2024		
Notes to the Financial statement		
I. INCOME		
1. Grant income	Dec-24	Dec-23
Revenue from seedlings	1,775,000	2,025,900
Revenue grant- Cookstoves project	260,905,348	234,142,783
Revenue Grant-BUILD Program	19,434,661	0
Revenue Grant-CCER	94,187,336	81,074,752
Revenue Grant-Climate Smart Agriculture	2,518,295	60,205,823
Revenue Grant-House Building	8,685,057	8,187,656
Revenue Grant-RDIS Kivu project	116,186,958	0
Revenue Grant-Tree Nusery Bed	9,445,000	9,083,100
Revenue Grant for Reduction of Health impact of Covid-19	2,962,100	4,998,390
Total Grant Income	516,099,755	399,718,404
2. Other income		
Gain on disposal of Plots	730,000	0
Income from Murangi farm activities	1,620,950	0
Revenue for Vehicle insurance	8,295,275	0
Motorbike revenue	1,250,510	1,217,135
Other Income	120,000	5,370,000
RDIS Revenues	11,261,230	545,000
Exchange Gain	10,002,087	6,567,268
Oiko credit	0	585,875
Total other income	33,280,053	14,285,278

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d. Notes to the financial statement

Rural development Inter-diocesan Service		
Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2024		
Notes to the Financial statement		
<u>II. EXPENDITURE</u>		
3. Project expenditure	Dec-24	Dec-23
3.1 CCER Expenses	Rwf	Rwf
Annual GS Registry fees	1,331,593	1,125,325
Car maintenance and repair	0	1,346,000
Maintenance and substitution of cook stove	3,725,500	1,751,500
Continious monitoring and database updates	1,888,994	2,543,745
Internet and Phone Calls	1,400,000	1,016,000
Office Rent	2,850,000	1,500,000
Office Stationary	260,000	0
Office Expenses	9,592,824	9,002,724
Other expenses	0	122,350
Mission allowance	0	375,600
On site visit (flight tickets, meals & accommodation)	373,000	0
Design change momo/New project design document by BB	0	0
Honorarium of consultant bridge Builders	0	0
Verification (VVB) Labelling design change review	0	0
Maintenance (1.3%) every 2 years	0	0
Purchase of ICS, subsidy, loss	127,500	0
Staff review meeting	2,100,841	330,000
BoD meeting	0	852,684
Staff costs (Salaries for all CCER Staff)	69,096,098	59,290,238
Bank charges	376,525	396,496
Total	93,122,876	79,652,662
3.2 RDIS Kivu project Expenses	Dec-24	Dec-23
	Rwf	Rwf
Administration costs	5,799,694	0
Communication	4,077,000	0
Community engagement & Capacity building	11,924,910	0
External contractor	1,230,989	0
Local transport	9,082,518	0
Monitoring & Reportin	3,599,400	0
Personnel Salaries	23,505,358	0
Seedling costs	16,707,100	0

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Tree and site maintenance	287,500	0
Tree nursery management	18,982,050	0
Tree & Site preparation	540,500	0
Tree planting	7,811,200	0
Total	103,548,219	0
3.3 Cook stove project Expenses	Dec-24	Dec-23
	Rwf	Rwf
Audit fees	0	660,840
Bank charge	158,772	72,768
Carbon transfer form-Printing	1,412,650	133,000
Cement for construction	4,278,250	3,897,000
Community awareness for M&S	4,593,877	0
Consultancy fees	0	2,880,000
Continuous tracking	16,758,312	4,391,020
Contribution to the office rent	450,000	1,000,000
Design change review	2,521,680	0
Half year Staff meeting	200,000	634,700
Making stove body (mudbricks)	11,300,450	1,853,700
Office overhead	5,172,753	4,415,035
Purchase of stove liners	67,488,256	67,488,256
Quality control	40,000	510,050
Salaries	59,893,973	36,174,834
Staff communication	2,625,000	1,293,000
Stove installation	18,924,395	15,757,750
Training of installers	0	831,300
Transportation of Enumerators	0	1,360,000
Transport of stoves	14,067,018	9,678,660
Transportation of cement	174,500	295,000
Baseline survey	0	2,200,600
Staff allowance	0	11,556,910
Stakeholders consultation meeting	0	2,571,540
Water boiling test	0	1,417,980
Tag numbers	9,378,000	4,626,000
Total	219,437,885	175,699,943
3.4 BUILD program Expenses	Dec-24	Dec-23
	Rwf	Rwf
Consultation meeting	0	0
Training of master trainers, 2 from each of the 6 dioceses	4,672,212	0

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Training of trainers at the Diocesan Level (6 workshops, one per year per diocese)	8,023,715	0
Supervision and Continuous Monitoring by ToTs at Diocesan level	860,858	0
BUILD Modules incorporation to EACC Teaching Curriculum	0	0
Annual planning meeting	0	0
Contingency	0	0
Bank charges	69,243	0
Total	13,626,028	0
3.5 Tree nursery project Expenses	Dec-24	Dec-23
	Rwf	Rwf
Seedling costs	1,895,500	490,500
Tree nursery rehabilitation & maintenance	2,309,400	550,000
Training of tree nursery Managers	646,000	821,500
Fruits grafting materials	500,000	712,500
Tree nursery management	4,319,459	2,770,000
Monitoring, Follow up & Reporting	500,000	687,900
Regular Field work	0	243,000
Contribution to the site implementer	0	556,162
Fertiliser	0	315,000
Hiring of Land	0	150,000
Sign post	0	70,000
Plastic bags	0	1,320,000
Pesticides	0	40,000
Bank charges	19,600	11,333
Total	10,189,959	8,737,895
3.6 House building project Expenses	Dec-24	Dec-23
	Rwf	Rwf
Bank charges	6,000	5,500
Building materials & Man labor	5,785,000	
Construction materials	440,000	750,000
House Building(shyogwe)	2,560,000	423,000
House Building(Kigeme)	0	3,000,000
Monitoring at field level	87,000	0
Office expenses	673,260	95,000
Other expenses	280,000	80,000
Sign post of RDIS	0	572,000
Total	9,831,260	4,925,500

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3.7 Climate Smart Agriculture project Expenses	Dec-24	Dec-23
	Rwf	Rwf
Farm Field School	2,869,576	5,038,840
Green House & irrigation system	2,588,940	16,690,000
Training on adaptation to climate	3,230,016	7,565,100
Field visit & reporting	113,000	0
Project Management costs	0	3,455,070
Solar water pumps & irrigation system	0	17,144,418
Supervision of project implementation	0	514,000
Bank charges	0	7,500
Total	8,801,532	50,414,928
3.8 Reduction of Health impact of Covid-19 Expenses	Dec-24	Dec-23
	Rwf	Rwf
RSSB-CBHI (Nyaruguru zone)	1,200,000	600,000
RSSB-CBHI (Shyogwe zone)	1,500,000	150,000
RSSB-CBHI (Gisagara)	0	1,500,000
RSSB-CBHI (Kirengeri)	0	450,000
RSSB-CBHI (Kiyumba)	0	1,200,000
RSSB-CBHI (Muhanga)	0	2,100,000
Total	2,700,000	6,000,000
3.9 Seedlings project Expenses	Dec-24	Dec-23
	Rwf	Rwf
Purchase of Seedling	292,000	1,210,000.00
Contribution to the House rent	1,500,000	0
Office expenses	177,000	1,861,600.00
Monitoring activity	0	50,000.00
Bank charges	520	0
Total	1,969,520	3,121,600.00
3.10 Other project expenses	Dec-24	Dec-23
	Rwf	Rwf
Murangi Farm: bank charges	4,700	0
Murangi farm: Farming activities	3,046,750	0
Murangi farm: Other expenses	400,000	0
Transportation of Pineapple fruits	-	694,500
Total	3,451,450	1,047,612
Total project expenditure	466,678,730	329,600,140
4. Non-project project Expenses	Rwf	Rwf
Depreciation expenses-IT Equipment	2,392,083	350,278

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Depreciation expenses-Motor vehicle	7,168,765	6,059,548
Depreciation expenses-Office equipment	844,583	17,000
Depreciation expenses-Office furniture	195,885	201,875
Depreciation expenses-Buldings	4,441,765	4,014,581
Audit fees	1,200,000	0
BoD and G.A meeting	2,510,200	2,098,500
Car maintenance and repair	8,380,604	331,000
Communication fees	0	171,000
Murangi salaries	893,247	0
Mission allowance	782,194	0
Office expenses	16,040,460	5,183,657
Other expenses	1,905,944	0
Fuel expenses	931,052	615,200
Hygiene	600,000	0
Penalties	0	281,119
Bank charges	337,496	214,894
Discount allowed	1,696,645	0
Insurance expenses	555,524	0
Bad debt expenses	0	82,500
4008400001513 Overdraft movement	0	171,431
Subscription expenses	0	25,000
Non-cash expenses	0	437,000
Total Non-project project Expenses	50,876,447	20,254,583
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	517,555,177	349,854,723

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e. Notes to the Financial statement

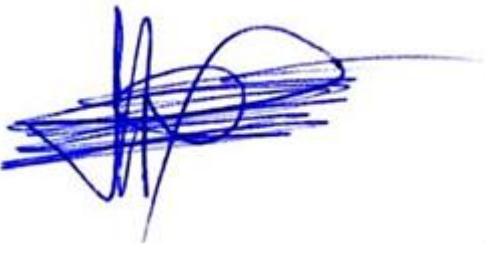
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Notes to the Financial statement							
5. PPE (Land and Equipment)	Land	IT Equipments	Office Equipments	Office furnitures	Motor vehicles	Buildings	Total
Cost							
As at 1 January 2024	43,165,044	2,430,000	340,000	2,575,000	71,317,661	85,835,294	205,662,999
Additions	3,500,000	3,615,000	4,405,000	-	13,198,132	3,000,000	27,718,132
Disposals	(3,500,000)	-	-	-	(8,483,227)	-	(11,983,227)
As at 31 December 2024	43,165,044	6,045,000	4,745,000	2,575,000	76,032,566	88,835,294	221,397,904
Accumulated depreciation							
As at 1 January 2024	-	350,278	143,083	1,216,615	39,964,689	4,349,129	46,023,794
Charge for the year	-	2,392,083	844,583	195,885	7,168,765	4,441,765	15,043,081
As at 31 December 2024	-	2,742,361	987,666	1,412,500	47,133,454	8,790,894	61,066,875
Net book value as at 31 December 2024	43,165,044	3,302,639	3,757,334	1,162,500	28,899,112	80,044,400	160,331,029

6. Other current Assets	Dec-24	Dec-23
	Rwf	Rwf
Other Debtors	7,203,457	302,000
Opening net asset	546,895	546,895
Prepaid insurance	665,050	416,198
Total	8,415,402	1,265,093
7. Accounts receivable	Dec-24	Dec-23
	Rwf	Rwf
Accounts receivable	6,681,962	4,629,620
Debtors: Field staff	6,463,253	1,836,091
Total	13,145,215	6,465,711
8. Cash at bank and in hand	Dec-24	Dec-23
	Rwf	Rwf
Bank of Kigali RWF	25,375	12,991,207
Equity bank EURO	172,071	2,772,858
Equity Bank RWF CCER	423,309	5,873,001
Equity Bank USD	1,713,740	0
GT Bank RWF	298,584	20,597
KCB Bank EURO CCER	34,411	2,275,500
KCB Bank RWF CCER	42,118	2,119,968
RDIS /CDA	9,295,161	0

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RDIS Kivu project RWF	193,644	0
RDIS Murangi farm	379,500	0
RDIS Project GBP	1,579,934	0
RDIS PROJECT/HUYE ZONE	11,500	0
RDIS/CYANGUGU ZONE EQUITY	88,113	0
Total Cash at Bank and in hand	14,257,461	26,053,131
9. Current Liabilities	Rwf	Rwf
Accounts payable	1,879,550	32,380,000
Bicycles	189,200	0
Ejoheza	43,000	0
House building	1,750,000	1,750,000
Mutuelle	49,777	36,390
P.A.Y.E	2,632,828	2,226,564
RSSB	1,006,113	771,888
Wop service supplies	385,430	10,590
Ikimina	0	51,745
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Loans	6,199,987	15,551,993
Slaries due	8,941,064	0
Transit Account from donor	1,684,610	1,116,456
Total	24,796,958	53,895,626

Muhanga, the 12th February 2025

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