



DUTEZE IMBERE UBUTABERA LET'S PROMOTE JUSTICE



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The Duteze Imbere Ubutabera activity will increase access to justice and enhance the rule of law in Rwanda. It aims to improve judicial effectiveness in both formal court mechanisms and community justice (Abunzi), and improve public understanding of judicial system processes and legal rights.

TARGET BENEFICIARIES

Target beneficiaries include Abunzi, judges, prosecutors, Maisons d'Accès à la Justice (MAJ), legal aid providers, prisoners, the Rwandan citizenry and in particular rural communities, women, children, youth, and vulnerable populations.

GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS

The project is national in scope. Duteze Imbere Ubutabera will take an evidence-based approach to assess the need for specific interventions by geographic area, as applicable. Interventions that increase the public's awareness of their legal rights and that increase access to and provision of legal aid will target rural areas and geographic zones where the need for these services are greatest.

EXPECTED RESULTS

Through this Activity, Duteze Imbere Ubutabera expects to achieve the following results:

- Abunzi are well trained and equipped to serve their communities, and communities report increased level of satisfaction with outcomes of cases heard by Abunzi;
- Increased quality of legal aid services available to indigent and vulnerable people;
- Improved outcomes for vulnerable people engaged in land disputes;
- Case backlog is reduced through a more widely accessible IECMS;
- Professionalism of Rwandan judges is increased;
- Improved citizen engagement in the justice process by increasing public awareness of legal rights and processes; and
- Prisoners and communities are reconciled.