



EMPOWERING YOUTH TO CREATE SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS.

# PARTNERSHIPS THAT IMPACT POLICY MAKING AND TAKE YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMS TO SCALE UP

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# RWANDA OVERVIEW

- Located in Central Africa
- Membership: EAC, COMESA
- Population: 9.9 Million people (P & H: 2008)
- Population density: 321 Persons per square kilometer
- Youth segmentation: 14 to 35 years old
- Youth population: 68%



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# YES Rwanda

- Non Governmental Civil Society Organization
- Member of 55 Global YES country networks
- Founded 2002
- Advocacy organization with PORA, BED, YLE and C/O programming and Interventions



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# YES Rwanda

- Recognizes that holistic well articulated strategy and actions grounded in the national development priorities as defined by the vision 2020, EDPRS and National Investment Plan: 2005



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# Partnerships

A partnership is a strategic alliance or relationship between two or more people.

Successful partnerships are often based on trust, equality, and mutual understanding and obligations.



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# Partnerships

Partnerships can be formal, where each party's roles and obligations are spelled out in a written agreement, or informal, where the roles and obligations are assumed or agreed to verbally.



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# Policy Making in Rwanda

Public **policies** are developed by officials within institutions of government to address public issues through the political process. When it comes to creating public policy, policymakers are faced with two distinct situations.



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# Policy Making in Rwanda

- The first situation, and the ideal one, is for policymakers to jointly identify a desirable future condition, and then create policies and take actions to move toward that desired future state, monitoring progress to allow for necessary adjustments.



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# Policy Making in Rwanda

- The alternative, and less desirable, situation occurs when policymakers are unable to reach a consensus regarding a desirable future condition.
- In this later instance, policymakers try instead to move away from present situations judged as undesirable.



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# YES Rwanda Strategic Partnership

- Government or the Public Sector
- Private sector
- Civil society Organization



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# YES Rwanda Partnerships

- Public sector – Ministry of Youth, Ministry of Labour and Ministry of Education, National Youth Council, Office of the Presidency, Local and District authorities.



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# YES Rwanda Partnerships

- Private Sector – Private Sector Federation of Rwanda, Banks / MFIs, Manufacturing companies, Artisan and small scale manufacturers, Open markets and exhibitions



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# YES Rwanda Partnerships

- Civil Society Organizations – Non governmental organizations, Faith based organizations, International Nongovernmental organizations

# YES Rwanda Partnerships

- Influencing Policy at National level
- Creating trust amongst parties in the partnership
- Networks and Platforms
- Information sharing and awareness creation
- Research and Development



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# Success Stories

- Inclusion of Youth in the EDPRS
- Establishment of the YDF
- Banks / MFIs extending soft loans
- Leasing by IFC i.e. appropriate technology equipments
- Universities and training institutions including entrepreneurship in curriculum



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# Success Stories

- Independent Ministry of Youth endorsing Youth Friendly centers
- Business Development services centers established at districts
- Local authorities at district and provincial levels engaging in PORA activities ie mapping of Youth actors



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# Success Factors

- Creating Linkages and networks
- Building mutual trust
- Defining and clarity on roles and responsibilities
- Creating synergies
- Sharing resources: Human, Financial and Physical



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# Success Factors

- Sharing information

# Thank you

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