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SHEKINAH CENTER AT THE CORE OF WOMEN EMPOWERMENT



Shekinah Founder Awarded for women empowerment on International Women Day

An Award was given to Shekinah Center's Founder, Micheline Barandereka for her contribution to the education of girls since 60% of the students of Shekinah School are girls and the promotion of family economic empowerment through women by training them and lead to the creation of savings and loan groups.

It was on the occasion of the International Women's Rights Day, March 8, 2023, in the province of Cibitoke, that H.E. the Vice-President of Burundi and H.E. the Prime Minister of Burundi praised and honored the contribution of women and associations in the promotion of women's rights and their well-being in Burundi.



One day in the life of 12 women leaders

The founder of Shekinah Center was selected by Care International Burundi to be part of the Women Leaders Organization (WLO) for an exhibition called "Une journée dans la vie de nos femmes leaders"; A day in the life of our women leaders.

A total of 12 women were selected for impacting the Burundian community to share their stories through a panel organized on March 23, 2023 by Care International Burundi under the high patronage of the Ministry of National Solidarity, Social Affairs, Human Rights and Gender. Each woman leader had a moment to share her story by recounting the difficulties encountered and the exploits achieved, their motivation and this with the aim of inspiring other women and young girls, and giving chance for the participants to exchange with these women who have distinguished themselves by the courage and the will to change the world, their world

Shekinah Center mainly operate in the education sector by offering a school of excellence in Mwaro, drinking water, nutritional and reproductive health and family economic empowerment.



Menstrual hygiene management, a key element for girls' education

To create safe, favorable and flexible conditions for the education of the girl child, it is essential to emphasize education at puberty and Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM), which is one of the abandonment's factors of many girls. In collaboration with the "Burundi Education Foundation", Shekinah Center distributed a donation of sanitary napkins to the girl students of its school and those of surrounding schools in its spirit of collaboration and sharing.

In total, a donation of 2,400 packets of sanitary pads each containing 24 pieces was distributed to 258 girls from three schools, namely: ECOFO KIBIMBA II (140 girls), ECOFO MARTYAZO II (50 girls) and the LYCEE COMMUNAL KIBIMBA II (68 girls).



Inauguration of Shekinah's INASUKU Soap Factory

In addition to the various income-generating activities already initiated, Shekinah Center has opened "INASUKU" soap factory on Martyazo Hill. In order to promote the hygiene of students and all surrounding communities and boost the economic empowerment of their families, students and their mothers have learned soap making techniques and will thus be able to generate more income through the sale of these soaps.

This is one more way to grow their capital in savings and loan groups, which will result in financial security for their households and guaranteed access to education for their children.

A great thanks to UNESCO who offered the Soap factory to Shekinah School and sponsored the soap making trainings.