



# AFD and Burundi

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**40 years**  
of action in Burundi

**119 projects**  
funded

**45 000 students**  
will experience an improvement  
in learning conditions

AFD has been active in Burundi since 1978 and currently finances the education sector to meet the needs of a young and growing population.

Our objective: to strengthen social cohesion and human capital.

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# OUR ACTION IN Burundi

## 1 About AFD

The Agence Française de Développement (AFD) group is a public institution that finances, supports and accelerates transitions towards a more just and sustainable world.

As a French platform for official development assistance and sustainable development investment, we are working with our partners to build shared solutions with and for the people of the South. Our teams are involved in more than 4,000 projects in 115 countries, for the common good of humanity - climate, biodiversity, peace, gender equality, education, and health.

Thanks to our 75 years of expertise and in-depth knowledge of the countries in which we operate, we offer tailor-made financing to emerging economies and developing countries. Our subsidiary Proparco also offers financing adapted to the private sector.

## 2

## Our financing tools in Burundi

To support the country in strengthening social cohesion and human capital, AFD Burundi is committed to Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) through grants.

**French CSOs** can contact our Bujumbura office directly when they wish to finance a project in Burundi.

**Non-French CSOs** can benefit from the FISONG and APCC tools offered by AFD's headquarters in France (or via our website: [www.afd.fr](http://www.afd.fr) "NGO project financing" <https://www.afd.fr/en/financing-ngo-projects>)

## 3 Supporting the Education sector

Since 2005, Burundi has made education, a recognized vector for peace and equal opportunities, and a political and budgetary priority. AFD Bujumbura has been involved in this sector since 2006.

Although the goal of universal access to primary education has been achieved, the education system still hides significant disparities. To overcome these challenges, the Ministry of Education, Technical and Vocational Training has embarked on a process of structural reform aimed at consolidating and strengthening the system's achievements.

Despite the impact of the 2015 crisis on the country, national authorities and sectoral partners jointly developed an Education Transitional Plan (ETP) for 2018-2020, with the support of UNICEF as the coordinating agency. This plan aims to respond to the challenges facing the sector, driven by the reform of basic education.

Today, the authorities are preparing to embark on a new long-term planning cycle. Thanks the efforts and the progress made, Burundi has been able to benefit from financing from the Global Education Partnership in the amount of USD 25.6 million, supported by co-financing from AFD's own funds of EUR 4 million, which will be implemented over the next four years. In 2015, AFD was designated in 2015 as "Partner Agent" for the TWIGE NEZA program by the government. The latter has renewed its confidence in us for an additional allocation of 21.3 MUSD, which is currently being studied for a target allocation in 2020 for supporting new concrete measures to improve education conditions for Burundian children.