

30 YEARS, HUMANIZING HUMANITY



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Statement from the President of the Board of Directors



Dear friends and partners,

The year 2023 has been a very special one for Maison Shalom and its partners. It was the year we blew out our 30 candles. We took a moment of introspection to think about our 30th anniversary. Over all these years, it's by walking together that we've been able to bring light where there is darkness. Together, we have worked for peace. Yes, it is together that we have been able to create hope where there is desolation. Together, we celebrated small victories, small steps towards a better world. And, hand in hand, we continued to celebrate life.

In these 30 years, our mission has not changed. Yes, it's true, our message hasn't aged, because it's not governed by the times. It's a message that softens and changes the hardest of hearts. But above all, it's a collective action. On our 30th anniversary, we celebrated the love that gives hope. We celebrated your loyalty, which has enabled us to meet all these challenges. Yes, it's true that times have sometimes been difficult. But it's also true that it's at times like these that true friends are made.

You've always been by our side and given us good advice that has enabled us to turn exile into an opportunity to spread this message of love and Ubuntu.

We must admit that the welcome we receive from our host community, our Rwandan brothers and sisters, is a testimony that leads us to feel such a powerful sense of gratitude. So yes, it's true that it fills us with energy, passion, compassion and love to pursue our mission of humanizing humanity.

The eminent peace-builder Nelson Mandela said that "education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world". The year 2023 was also a special one for education. We inaugurated the 'Ecole Sainte Anne de Kigali', whose vocation is to offer Burundian refugee children, as well as children from the sub-region and from all walks of life, the opportunity to flourish through an education of excellence rooted in the values of Ubuntu.

As I write this message of thanks, wars and rumors of war are breaking out around the world and even in our region. This is a reminder that peace must be nurtured, and that the world so desperately needs to hear and embrace a humanist message of love and brotherhood. And it is together that we will continue this noble task of building peace and spreading light. For this, once again, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

SILAS MAJAMBARE
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PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION

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Support for 3-5 year-old children from refugee and Rwandan families living in precarious conditions in urban areas in Rwanda.

VOCATIONAL TRAININGS

547

Support for young refugees and those from disadvantaged families aged 18-30 who are unable to pursue formal education. They learn trades, and those who are not hired after training receive start-up kits to prepare for the creation of their own business.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC SUPPORT

1004

Training of the most vulnerable refugee and Rwandan households in the management of income-generating activities via the solidarity group system. They are then supported with equipment subsidies to help them earn a decent living in exile, with priority given to women and young people.

E-LEARNING

297

Refugees benefit from training in basic IT concepts, acquiring skills that improve their performance and boost their competitiveness on the job market.

SECONDARY EDUCATION

221

Care for the best-performing 14-25 year-old refugees from the Mahama camp and the host community. In doing so, we enroll them in public secondary school boarding schools.

UNIVERSITY

52

Integration into university of young refugees who have successfully completed secondary school but have no opportunity to pursue university education at universities in Rwanda, selected on the basis of points obtained.

PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

1143

Urban refugees receive psychological and social support, particularly in view of the traumas they suffered prior to exile and the challenge of starting their lives anew.

ACADÉMIE UBUNTU

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Initiated in 2009 by members of the Burundian diaspora and friends of Maison Shalom, this academy responds to the needs of refugees by offering diversified training, such as leadership, resilience, the environment, fundamental rights, communication and public health.



2.1 VISION

Every human being lives with dignity and fulfils his or her full potential in every society.



DIGNITY

We believe that every human being has intrinsic worth, regardless of social status, socio-economic situation or ethnic, political or religious affiliation.



COMPASSION

We share our fellow man's suffering without feeling sorry for ourselves, and help him to get back on his feet.



INTEGRITY

We use the goods we receive for the common good and with transparency towards all our partners.



2.2 MISSION STATEMENT

To promote human development by providing psycho-social, educational and economic support to those most in need, empowering them to become agents of positive change in their communities.



HARMONY

We welcome our differences as a source of strength and inspiration. We live together as members of the same family, respecting each other's freedoms, convictions and opinions.



HUMILITY

We recognize our limitations and welcome constructive input from our partners to improve our services.

MAISON SHALOM ORGANIZATIONAL CHART IN RWANDA





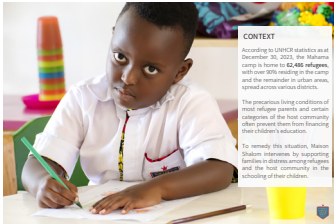
Since 1993 in Burundi, Maison Shalom has contributed to improving the living conditions of vulnerable people in general, protecting and promoting the rights of children in particular. Children have been reintegrated and supported in their communities through community development programs like education, health, agriculture, livestock, economic empowerment and leisure.

In Rwanda, Maison Shalom has been registered as an international NGO since 2015 to assist refugees and needy populations in the host community. For several years, many Burundian and Congolese refugees have fled political and security crises in their countries to Rwanda. As of December 31, 2023 (HCR data), there are **135,713 refugees**, with a large proportion located in the Mahama refugee camp.

The precariousness of refugees' daily lives requires that the government and its partners including Maison Shalom work together. Through the implementation of a socio-economic inclusion policy, they carry out various interventions to enable refugees to live well during exile and prepare for a constructive return to their countries.

In its intervention logic, Maison Shalom accompanies the neediest refugees and members of the host community towards self-sufficiency and dignity. The programs developed by Maison Shalom are: education (preschool, secondary, vocational, university, e-learning), economic support (capacity building and micro-project financing), and psycho-social support.





CONTEXT

According to UNHCR statistics as at December 30, 2021, the Mahama camp is home to **62,486 refugees**, with over 90% residing in the camp and the remainder in urban areas, spread across various districts.

The precarious living conditions of most refugee parents and certain categories of the host community often prevent them from financing their children's education.

To remedy this situation, Maison Shalom intervenes by supporting families in distress among refugees and the host community in the schooling of their children.



4.1.1. Achievements

During the 2022-2023 school year, Maison Shalom provided support for a total of 221 children, including 114 children in preschool and 107 children primary level.

DISTRIBUTION OF NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN BY LOCALITY, GENDER AND LEVEL



No	Location	Preschool			Primary		
		Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
1	Kigali City	22	17	39	12	28	40
2	Bugesera District	25	16	41	7	7	14
3	Huye District	25	12	37	13	15	28
4	Ecole Sainte Anne de Kigali	5	8	13	4	13	17
	Total	85	49	134	42	65	107

4.1.2 IMPACT

- Children have an opportunity to access quality education despite their parents' limited means.
- Children's physical growth and their moral and their intellectual development are improved.



"When I learned that Maison Shalom supports children through education, I provided all the necessary documents so that my daughter could also have access to a good education. As a refugee, it's not easy to get school fees, which is why I'm happy and grateful to Maison Shalom for taking care of my daughter's education since kindergarten and that she's now enrolled at École Sainte-Anne de Rigali."

- Arlene NIYONIZEYE -



4.2 SECONDARY

The criterion of excellence is given priority in the selection of beneficiaries for the secondary education program. Candidates come from Mahama refugee camp and the host community. The selected youth are then directed to technical and scientific schools with boarding facilities, enabling them to study in better conditions.

4.2.1 ACHIEVEMENTS

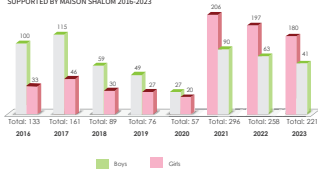
The 2022-2023 school year ran smoothly, with Maison Shalom providing support for secondary school students, covering school fees, supplying school kits, and covering transport and health-care costs.

Students were placed in boarding schools, selected on the basis of the quality of supervision, teaching and options available, in line with the students' choices.





NUMBER OF SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS SUPPORTED BY MAISON SHALOM 2016-2023



4.2.2. RESULTS AND IMPACTS

All the students in classes subject to end-of-year testing passed the national exams.



"I'm from Burundi and I live in the Mahama refugee camp. I studied at APAPEN here in Kigali and passed the national exam with a score of 57 out of 60. I would like to express my gratitude to Maison Shalom for their support and for giving us easy access to different sources of research, which enabled me to revise well during my exams. I'm also grateful that they covered my tuition fees."

- UWIMANA Verante -



4.3 VOCATIONAL TRAININGS

In line with the recommendations of the Rwandan government, technical and vocational education is seen as an essential means of empowering young people.

Maison Shalom therefore offers young refugees and those from the host community access to training in various trades.

Some are enrolled in the training centers run by Maison Shalom, while others are referred to external centers depending on the courses available and the choices made by the learners.





NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN TRADES TRAINING SUPPORTED BY MAISON SHALOM IN 2023

4.3.1 ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2023, a total of 547 learners were enrolled in various training programs, receiving both tuition and teaching materials.

At the end of their training, these learners benefited from enhanced skills in entrepreneurship and micro-project management.

Those who were interested also received a start-up kit, facilitating the launch of their own income-generating activities.

N°	TRAINING CENTERS						
	Channel	MAISON SHALOM			EXTERNAL		
	Sex	F	M	TOT	F	M	TOT
1	Sewing	19	18	37	0	0	0
2	Leathercraft	16	7	23	0	0	0
3	Culinary art	58	61	119	0	0	0
4	Food & beverages	12	42	56	0	0	0
5	Domestic electricity	0	0	0	0	10	10
6	Carpentry	0	0	0	0	6	6
7	Plumbing	0	0	0	14	10	24
8	Maçonnerie	0	0	0	0	10	10
9	Welding	0	0	0	6	4	10
10	Handling heavy machinery	0	0	0	19	47	66
11	Agriculture	40	40	100	0	0	0
12	Hairdressing and Aesthetics	0	0	0	49	18	67
13	Filming and TV Production	0	0	0	23	16	39
		165	150	315	111	121	232



NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN TRADES TRAINING SUPPORTED BY MAISON SHALOM 2016-2023



4.3.2. IMPACT



"I was lucky enough to be among the learners supported by Maison Shalom. I did an internship in a hairdressing salon, and after my second internship, I was hired. I thank Maison Shalom for giving me an opportunity to learn a trade that I love and that will be useful to me in the future."

- Bénigne NINDMESHA -



Access to higher education remains a major challenge for young people in developing countries, particularly young refugees. Makoni Shalom offers an opportunity for young people who meet the admission requirements to pursue university studies. The number of scholarship holders depends on the financial resources available.

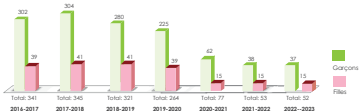




4.4.1 ACHIEVEMENTS

During the 2022-2023 academic year, 52 students, including 15 women and 37 men, were admitted to 21 faculties at 10 universities in Rwanda.

NUMBER OF STUDENTS SUPPORTED, BY ACADEMIC YEAR



In the same academic year, 32 students graduated in nursing, general medicine, anaesthesia, international relations, agri-food, economics and management. Some of them have already employed.

4.3.2. IMPACT



"Thanks to the support of Maison Shalom, I was able to become an engineer. Maison Shalom covered my university tuition for 4 years. Now I'm working as an intern within the organization."

- Barthelemy KAZUNGU -

4.5. OTHER EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

4.5.1. ONLINE LEARNING CENTERS

The isolation of the Mahama camp limits residents' access to services such as Internet connections and computer equipment.

To solve this problem, Maison Shalom has set up a computer center to enable refugees to access e-learning programs.

Maison Shalom currently operates two centers, one in Kigali and the other in the Mahama refugee camp. Over the course of 2022, 3,262 refugees received training in basic computer skills, as well as a variety of other services based on available IT equipment.

The following table shows the types of services offered and the refugees who benefited from them.



"I'm very grateful to Maison Shalom for covering my tuition fees.

Thanks to their support, I graduated from high school and was lucky enough to get three scholarships to three different universities: Florida Memorial University, Carthage College and Colorado State University. I'm also grateful for the online learning space (e-learning) through the 'Académie UBUNTU' platform here in Mahama. It's thanks to this platform that I was able to apply for these scholarships."

-Don Dwin NYUKURU-



SERVICES OFFERED BY THE MAHAMA AND KIGALI COMPUTER CENTERS

Service	Number of beneficiaries		
	Girls	Boys	Total
Computer courses			
Secondary 5 students	106	9	115
High school drop-outs	42	26	68
Maison Shalom Community Relays	49	0	49
Académie UBUNTU* module graduates	20	31	51
Leather craft learners	7	7	14
S/Total	224	73	297
Online scholarship opportunities			
Kepler	19	11	30
ALU	13	9	22
DAFI	4	5	9
Mastercard	3	2	5
Cornerstone Secondary school	4	7	11
S/Total	43	34	77
Académie Ubuntu			
Resilience and leadership	8	12	20
Social Inclusion and Gender Inequality	12	11	23
UBUNTU citizenship education	7	12	19
Formation animateurs (formateurs) de terrain	4	4	8
S/Total	31	39	70
Facilitate Internet searches, print, scan and photocopy documents			
Research on the internet	1187	509	1696
Printing, scanning and photocopying documents	794	339	1133
S/Total	1978	848	2826
Total Général	2276	994	3270

4.5.2. GIRLS' EDUCATION FOR A BETTER FUTURE

National education policy aims to provide equal opportunities for access to quality education for all children. However, statistics show that fewer girls than boys attend school.

It is in this context that Maison Shalom intervenes to promote girls' education, seeking to encourage them to stay in school and complete their education. These interventions include rehabilitating schools, providing and equipping safe spaces for girls, building the capacity of technical, administrative and teaching staff, as well as school management/parents' committees, with a focus on inclusion and gender-sensitive pedagogy.

Through this initiative;

160 girls studied in boarding secondary schools,

100 girls learned a trade,

94 girls were integrated and reintegrated into school thanks to the remedial program,

More than 2,500 girls have benefited from tutoring.

"After my pregnancy, I stopped my studies, but thanks to the community relay working with the EDUFAM project, she was able to sensitize my parents and myself to encourage me to return to school and continue my studies."

-Dina KIZAKIMANA-





4.5.3. ACADEMIE UBUNTU

Remarkably, Burundians in the diaspora and friends of Maison Shalom have set up capacity-building sessions for young refugees in various fields of education.

The 'Académie UBUNTU' favors an interactive and participative approach. This essentially involves teaching methods based on declarative data and/or argued presentations (sometimes with practical work) followed by a debate and exchange with the participants. Co-construction is the mode of action emphasized, as it encourages participation and facilitates the transfer of acquired knowledge.

The 'Académie UBUNTU' also applies a learning approach that mobilizes cultural action (theatrical practices, sketches and songs) as a tool for social cohesion in a more inclusive logic.

During 2023, 62 young refugees, including 27 women and 35 men, had the opportunity to take part in 'Académie UBUNTU' modules covering the subjects of resilience and leadership, social inclusion and gender-based inequality, and Ubuntu citizenship education. In addition, 8 learners were trained as trainers/field facilitators.



"I attended training courses at Académie UBUNTU, particularly in the areas of resilience and leadership. These lessons have given me a better understanding of the society I live in, by understanding the feelings of different people. Thanks to these courses, I've also learned to be more confident and empathetic. Now I'm able to help change my society for the better and rethink hope, especially for us, refugees."

- JUVENT NIBGIRA -



5. ECONOMIC SUPPORT

CONTEXT

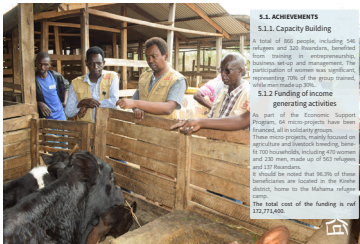
The economic situation of refugees living in Rwanda and vulnerable members of the host community faces a number of challenges due to the persistent repercussions of excessively high market prices.

To meet these challenges, the economic support program is mobilizing to provide essential support. This support takes the form of entrepreneurial training, capacity-building in the management of income-generating activities (IGAs) and in-kind subsidies.

The main beneficiaries include the families of children supported by the education and psychosocial support programs. The ultimate aim of these interventions is to improve their living conditions, enabling the beneficiaries to maintain their dignity.

The economic support program operates in four districts, namely the District of Kirehe in Rwanda's Eastern Province, where the Muhama camp is located, the city of Kigali, the District of Huye (Southern Rwanda) and the District of Bugenera (South-Eastern Rwanda).





5.1. ACHIEVEMENTS

5.1.1. Capacity Building

A total of 866 people, including 546 refugees and 320 Rwandans, benefited from training in entrepreneurship, business set-up and management. The participation of women was significant, representing 70% of the group trained, while men made up 30%.

5.1.2 Funding of income generating activities

As part of the Economic Support Program, 64 micro-projects have been financed, all in solidarity groups.

These micro-projects, mainly focused on agriculture and livestock breeding, benefit 700 households, including 470 women and 230 men, made up of 563 refugees and 137 Rwandans.

It should be noted that 96.3% of these beneficiaries are located in the Kirehe district, home to the Mahama refugee camp.

The total cost of the funding is rwf 172,771,400.





NUMBER OF MICROPROJECTS FINANCED AND AMOUNTS GRANTED BY ZONE

No	District	Number of micro-projects	No. of households	Amount granted in rwf
1	Kigali	4	24	9,716,100
2	Kirehe	59	674	162,285,300
3	Huye	0	0	0
4	Nyamata	1	2	770,000
	Total	64	700	172,771,400

TYPE OF MICROPROJECTS SUPPORTED IN EQUIPMENT

N0	Type of microprojects	Number of microprojects	Number of members	Representation in relation of beneficiaries	Amount in rwf
1	Farming	25	265	37.9	67,738,000
2	BFood store	26	236	33.7	70,154,500
3	Basket-making	5	141	20.1	18,069,000
4	Clothing trade& Shoes	5	40	5.7	11,019,000
5	Hair salon	1	10	0.4	2,810,000
6	Sewing	1	5	0.7	1,910,000
7	Bar-resto	1	3	0.4	1,070,600
	TOTAL	64	700	100	172,771,400

CREDIT AND GRANTS VOLUME PER HOUSEHOLD, 2016-2023

Year	Micro credits		Grants	
	Number of households	Amount in rwf	Number of households	Amount in rwf
2016	78	58,070,000	0	0
2017	279	52,134,400	0	0
2018	175	40,862,400	0	0
2019	67	16,684,000	0	0
2020	38	11,605,600	775	296,039,229
2021	220	52,713,262	472	72,116,334
2022	0	0	530	92,652,842
2023	0	0	700	172,771,400
Total per type financement	857	232,069,662	2477	633,579,805

Source: Annual reports 2016-2023

Total number of households already supported between 2016-2023: 3,334

Total amount granted between 2016-2023: 865,649,467 Rwf



"I'm grateful to Maison Shalom because thanks to its 'EDUFAM' project, we were able to obtain different products and materials to start this business and form this cooperative. It gave me and the other women a source of income instead of constantly staying at home."

-NIYONSABA Claudine-







6. PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

CONTEXTE

During 2023, the Psychosocial Support Program team provided psychosocial assistance and support to 1,271 people, mainly Burundian and Congolese refugees, as well as some members of the host community.

These people presented a variety of traumas linked to health problems or difficulties in daily life. The precarious living conditions in which the refugees lived contributed to a certain anxiety about the future, leading to a dependence on the financial aid relationship rather than actively seeking to improve their situation.

Through interventions such as therapeutic listening, discussion groups and group psychotherapy, the Psychosocial Support team has helped to shift the paradigm from one of solidarity to one of responsibility.

6.1 ACHIEVEMENTS

6.1.1. PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE

Over the course of 2023, individual psychotherapy sessions were organized for 471 people suffering from various disorders such as post-traumatic stress disorder or behavioral and psychological disturbances.

These sessions enabled them to stand up and fight with a clear vision of their future.

LISTENING AND GUIDANCE

The psychosocial support team also used active listening as a tool to re-establish trusting communication. This approach aimed to create favorable conditions to help claimants find solutions to their problems and come to terms with their history.

Cases that could not be resolved within the psychosocial support program were referred to specialized services, such as health professionals (doctor, psychiatrist, neurologist) or other relevant programs (Education, Economic Support, etc.).

INFORMATION, EDUCATION, COMMUNICATION (IEC)

In addition, as part of the group psychotherapy sessions, the Psychosocial Support team prepared topics related to resilience, personal development, well-being and human rights.

The presentations were followed by exchanges, testimonials and discussion groups. These activities enabled those who still had difficult wounds to deal with to benefit from the support of people who had already overcome their own challenges.

These exchanges helped participants to express themselves and to begin the process of dealing with post-traumatic stress, pointing out that other people have also gone through similar experiences and managed to overcome them.



6.1.2. SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

- 800 people in precarious situations identified among the inhabitants of the host community in 4 intervention districts (Kicukiro 350 people, Kinehe 150 people, Huye 150 people and Bugimara 150 people) benefited from mutual health cards.
- 4 refugees received medical assistance
- 1 refugee received social assistance.
- 20 urban refugees received food assistance
- 34 refugees and Rwandans received their port costs for medical treatment.
- 406 refugees and Rwandans received psychological assistance





6.2 POSITIVE IMPACT

The table below shows the activities carried out and the corresponding number of beneficiaries:

BENEFICIARIES OF THE PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAM IN 2023

TABLE 10: BENEFICIARIES OF HEALTH INSURANCE CARDS

Nº	Districts	Number of heads of beneficiary households	Number of dependents	Total
1	Kisumu	300	290	390
2	Huye	31	119	150
3	Kineba	128	32	150
4	Bugemba	39	111	150
	Total	298	552	800

TABLEAU 11: BENEFICIARIES OF OTHER TYPES OF PSYCHOSOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Nº	Designation	Sex		
		Men	Women	Total
1	Psychological assistance	176	230	406
2	Medical assistance	1	2	4
3	Social assistance	1	1	1
4	Assistance with travel expenses	30	30	30
5	Food items support	10	16	36
Total		209	269	478

According to the testimonies gathered during the individual and group psychotherapy sessions, the people assisted by the Psychosocial Support Program were able to regain their socio-emotional balance. These sessions played a crucial role in rebuilding the beneficiaries' lives. The individual and group psychotherapies, in addition to the discussion groups, made an effective contribution to restoring the psychological equilibrium of the people concerned.







7. Various Maison Shalom offices

In addition to its head office in the Kagaroma district of Kicukiro, Maison Shalom also has other offices in some of the districts where it operates.

7.1. Kirehe Office (Elite Center)

Located in the Mahama refugee camp, the organization's Kirehe office also functions as a vocational training center. Several training courses are offered, including IT, cutting and sewing, leatherwork and agro-breeding. In addition, socio-cultural support for refugees through sporting activities such as tennis, judo and acrobatics is also available.

The center offers free internet access and a library open to all refugees in the camp. In addition to vocational training, there is a computer center offering e-learning courses, as well as a range of skills-building and refresher courses to help them compete in the job market.

At the Elite Center, in addition to cultural and sporting activities, a program for the integration of refugees and members of the host community is in place. This program aims to foster social cohesion by offering opportunities for exchange and encounters between different communities. Cultural and sporting activities are organized, enabling refugees and members of the host community to share convivial moments and strengthen their ties.

There is also a children's program to promote hygiene. There are also initiatives to facilitate the linguistic integration of children into their new environment.



7.2. Huye Office

To respond promptly to the needs of urban refugees residing in the Huye District, Maison Shalom has established an office in the area.

The current focus is on supporting the education of refugee children and the host community. Maison Shalom is also dedicated to alleviating poverty and improving the financial situation of refugees and Rwandans living in precarious conditions in this region, by helping young people gain access to jobs and providing start-up kits.





8. Other major initiatives and events at Maison Shalom

8.1. Oasis of Peace Community Center in Kigali

The Oasis of Peace Community Center serves as a place of cultural and social fulfillment for the urban refugees and Rwandans who frequent it. It is also the head office of Maison Shalom. The center also has an event space open to the public.

The Oasis of Peace also invests in agriculture and livestock to stimulate the economy, create jobs and offer future prospects to entrepreneurs seeking to innovate and contribute to the sustainable growth of these sectors.





8.2. ELITE DESIGN COMPANY

Redefining African Elegance

At the heart of the fashion world, Elite Design stands out for its commitment to celebrating and promoting the cultural richness of Africa through its unique clothing creations. Specializing in the manufacture and sale of garments imbued with the vibrant essence of African culture, Elite Design strives to redefine elegance by drawing on tradition while integrating contemporary elements.

Cultural inspiration

The company draws its inspiration from the diversity and vibrancy of African cultures. Each piece designed by Elite Design tells a story, combining traditional motifs, vibrant colors and meticulous craftsmanship. The designers focus on the richness of African textiles, such as wax, kitenge (jincloth), and other authentic fabrics that embody the region's artisanal heritage.

Social and Cultural Commitment

Beyond fashion, Elite Design is actively involved in social and cultural initiatives to support African communities. The company participates in local development projects, promotes employment within artisanal communities, and contributes to the preservation of traditional crafts.

By choosing Elite Design, customers embrace not only fashion, but also a rich and engaging cultural experience. Each garment becomes a means of expressing their attachment to African cultural diversity and participating in the preservation of a heritage rich in history and beauty.





8.3. Hozagara reception center in Mahama

Maison Shalom has opened a modern restaurant and visitor center to help open up the Mahama camp and the host community. The visitor center offers basic services such as comfortable rooms and quality catering.

The center also functions as a place for learning and practicing certain trades, such as culinary arts and table services. As a result, it offers employment opportunities for the young people trained.

The center includes 12 guest rooms, two modern conference and ceremonial rooms, a restaurant, and a sales area for exceptional bakery and patisserie products made on site.



8.4. Inauguration of Ecole Sainte Anne de Kigali

"Ecole Sainte-Anne de Kigali (ESAK)", twinned with the private school Sainte Anne de Luxembourg, was inaugurated during Maison Shalom's 30th anniversary ceremonies. This school of excellence aims to help children flourish, guaranteeing inclusive learning for refugee children, while promoting their integration into the host community and preparing them for a peaceful and qualitative return (in terms of development issues) to their country of origin.

ESAK is a bilingual school of excellence that implements an educational approach based on human values, developing a culture of peace and conflict prevention. This mission involves creating a learning environment adapted to children and young people affected by conflict or life in exile, as well as training future artisans of sustainable peace and inclusive development in the Great Lakes region.

The nursery and primary sections are already operational.





8.5. Celebration of Maison Shalom's 30th anniversary

"I am because we are" was the theme of Maison Shalom's 30th anniversary, marking a moment of celebration and gratitude. The celebration highlighted the significant actions and results of the past three decades.

The 30th anniversary celebration took place from October 24 to 26, 2023 in Kigali and at the Mahama refugee camp. It was marked by moments of gratitude, and discussions on themes and values that were clearly explained. Celebrating is also a time for awareness-raising and sharing, through anecdotes and speeches by friends and partners of Maison Shalom.

The days of celebration were also an opportunity to officially inaugurate 'Ecole Sainte Anne de Kigali' to present the 'Académie Ubuntu', through the morning of exchange it organized, and to award certificates to the Académie Ubuntu's laureates.

This memorable event provided an excellent opportunity for guests to visit Maison Shalom's training centers located at the Mahama refugee camp and share inspiring moments.



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"Barely 5 years ago, we were celebrating the 25th anniversary of this exceptional work initiated by our mother, Marguerite Sarankitue. And today, it is with enthusiasm and gratitude that we celebrate Maison Shalom as it enters its thirtieth year. The road travelled over these three decades leaves indelible traces of what a human being is capable of achieving in the course of a lifetime. Maggy is the epitome of this. What comes spontaneously to mind is an unshakeable faith, a vital, invigorating and joyful energy, in the hope that hatred will never have the last word."

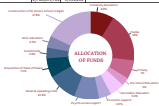
-Francis Mairiot-







SOURCE OF FUNDS	AMOUNT FRW	VALUE EUROS	ALLOCATION
UNION EUROPÉENNE	607,219,026	240,887.50	Traders, outsiders in need for micro projects
RAIN WATER CHARITABLE FOUNDATION	61,500,000	40,947.70	Preschool, trade, university, economic support, secondary school, psycho-social support
LA FONDATION PARTAGE D'ULUMURIMBOUR	607,010,562	486,210.84	Traders, secondary university, acquisition/charity of peace
ACTE C ONE	300,000,000	76,382.89	Economic support, university and traders
JEAN FRANCIS PI THOMASICK FOUNDATION	70,000,000	52,079.83	Psycho-social support and involvement
LA FAMILLE AMBIE & DOMINIQUE DE WILDE	55,000,000	39,442.23	General operating expenses
MASSEY SARANTINIS FOUNDATION	220,000,000	161,966.69	Continuation of Ecole Maternelle & Secondaire Sainte Anne de Ngizi
FONDATION DE LA FAMILLE NEGAL	117,000,000	80,732.83	General operating expenses
PALL GORIN LAJERE FOUNDATION	700,000,000	500,007.60	Trade, education, primary, secondary and traders
GUMBEL SHIMU CATHOLIC PARISH	10,000,000	9,288.70	Social assistance
M. FRANCIS MARLOT	69,710,000	49,810.87	General operating expenses
SCOLAPOSTO CHRISTIANIS INTERNATIONALIS	110,000,000	80,217.98	Preschool and primary education
THE FOURTH FRONT	49,000,000	36,888.98	Psycho-social support
MURDER HUMANITARIAN INITIATIVE	50,070,000	37,419.00	General operating expenses
Micro-Project Loan Requirement	6,000,000	4,212.07	Economic support
DUPRE	20,000,000	15,010.64	University education
LES PAYS ANJOUAIS	10,000,000	9,288.70	General operating expenses
AFRICANIST INSTITUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT	6,000,000	4,279.32	Preschool and primary education
COMMITTEE FROM PRIVATE FRIENDS	44,000,000	32,471.62	General operating expenses
TOTAL	2,702,894,722	2,001,260	



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