



# BURUNDI

Population: 10.16 million (2013), Area: 27,834 km<sup>2</sup>  
Major religions: Christianity 75%, Islam 5% others 20%  
Languages: Kirundi and French

***In 2013 and 2014 a total of 33,180 SGBV cases were reported, out of which 3,670 were rape cases according to the Ministry of Gender. These are just reported numbers, reality can be much worse.***



# VOICES OF SURVIVORS

"I was coming from church and it was being dark. We met 3 men and they asked us where we came from. When we saw that they wanted to catch us, we ran but I fell down because my skirt tied me. They raped me.."

"They raped me and found myself home without knowing how I arrived there. I had a fiancé but when he heard that, he married another woman."

"I did not want to talk about it. I wanted to avoid stigma. The society does not believe in it."

"The sexual violence incidence I underwent was so disrespectful and aggressive that I lost confidence in me."

"I remained silent because my husband said we have to avoid stigma."

"I need support so that I do not confuse the abnormal character of the perpetrator of violence with my own identity."

"...I was raped by a man whom I didn't know when I was looking after goats in a hidden place. The man called me from a distance and asked me to bring him some water in river that was near me. When I reached there, he took me by force and raped me..."

"The perpetrator infected me with HIV/AIDS. Now my health has been affected very badly..."

"I was raped when I was in class 7. But I didn't say it out because my father had said that if one of his daughters become pregnant before marriage, he will kill her."

"Together as a movement, we can know more about the sexual violence and know how each problem can be solved"

"I remained silent because my husband is very tough and could even slaughter me. I also wanted to protect the child to be born"

"We will gain as a movement as we will be allowed to express our inner feelings on a problem that is taboo in Burundi."

"How other survivors solve their problems could help us in solving our problems too."



# THE CHURCH IS SILENT NO MORE

"Together with all other well intentioned people, faith based organisations and our government, we can make a difference. We are called to have a concerted effort in areas of prevention, breaking the silence by denunciation, support for the victims, speaking out for the weak, the lonely and the oppressed without forgetting the power of prayer..think there is hope. We Christians know that love and respect for one another are the best weapons to fight against this atrocity. Let us start doing it. As someone put it: "It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness". Let us begin from somewhere, because a journey of a thousands miles begins with one step."

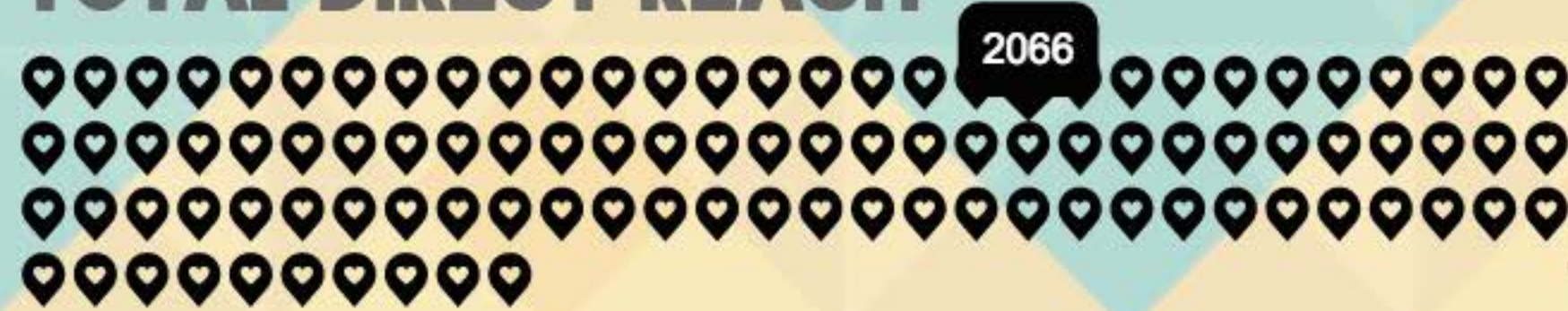
THE MOST REV BERNARD NTAHOTURI  
ARCHBISHOP OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH  
OF BURUNDI (QUOTE FROM 2013)



# OUR IMPACT

IN 12 MONTHS

## TOTAL DIRECT REACH



## SURVIVORS ENGAGED



## TRANSFORMING MASCULINITIES



## CHURCH LEADERS TRAINED

**POTENTIAL TO REACH 16,000 OF THE MOTHER'S UNION AND THEN 1.5 MILLION OF THE ANGLICAN MEMBERSHIP WHEN SCALED.**





# TRANSFORMING MASCULINITIES

"Things changed in my home and in the Church as Church members testify. I have trained two teams already and one more is about to finish the course. In my community a woman was beaten and mistreated because she was giving birth to only girls, but now things changed because of the training they got and the sharing of the teachings with her husband."

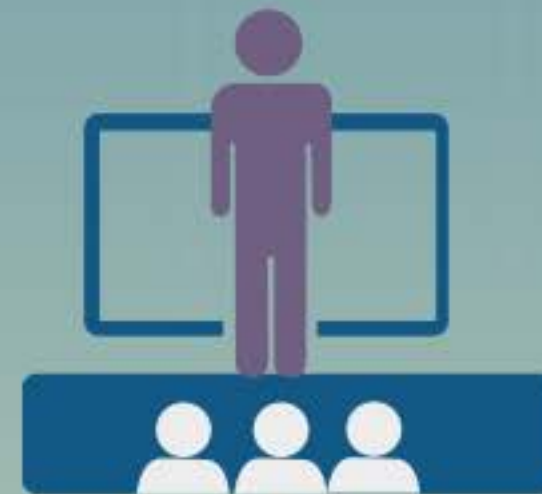
*Ps. Musonera Alex  
Ntaho Parish*





# VALUE ADDITION

*Niche of the Church in the SGBV response.*



## **SCALE POTENTIAL**

Potential to reach 1.5 million people and beyond.

## **ACCESS AND REACH**

The Church is in every community, easily accessible, even in insecure settings.

## **INFLUENCE**

The Church is very influential, from community level to national policy making levels.

## **HOLISTIC RESPONSE**

The Church is uniquely positioned to respond holistically. Also to end impunity and stigma.