



**The Head of State urges Christians in Kiganda to stop idleness**



**T**he President of the Republic Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE and his family joined the Christians of the parish of Kiganda, Archdiocese of Bujumbura on Sunday prayer on January 9, 2022.

In his greetings, the Head of State Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE wished a happy new year to the Christians of the Kiganda parish and celebrated the warm welcome him by them.

The Head of State stressed that we must give thanks to God for the good Country he granted to the Burundians. During this year dedicated to agriculture, the Head of State urged the population to get down to work and cut short idleness so that every pocket has money. Because, he says, production has increased remarkably over the past year, an eloquent sign that agriculture is the

pillar of Burundian development. However, the Head of State Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE also urged the Christians of the Kiganda parish to show unity, love for their neighbor so that everyone can freely go about their daily activities.

During the preaching, Abbé Claver NDAYIRAGIJE, the Parish Priest of Kiganda Parish focused his teachings on the baptism of Jesus. He reminded the Christians present that the baptism of Jesus Christ marks the beginning of his mission on Earth. He also pointed out that, the fact that Jesus Christ was baptized by Baptist, is a sign of courtesy to show the Christian World that this is the only way to contemplate eternal life. According to him, a true Christian must then follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, allowing himself to be guided by the Holy Spirit and forsaking sin.

After Sunday prayer, the Head of State Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE with his fami-

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ly made a guided visit to the historic site called "Musasenganya Kiganda". At this place, dated June 6, 1903, a treaty between Robert Von BERINGE, German resident and King Mwezi Gisabo was signed. Consequently, this German invasion resulted in the destruction of the royal enclosures, the death of many sup-

porters of the King of Burundi, the raid of the cattle and the surrender of King Mwezi Gisabo thus formalizing the German colonization and ending independence from Burundi, said Novence Nkeshimana, the tourist guide of this historic site. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

### The First Lady shares the joy of Christmas and New Year with the Orphans of ANSS and SWAA-Burundi



**T**he First Lady and President of the organization of the First Ladies of Africa for Development OPDAD-Burundi enhanced with her presence on Tuesday January 4, 2022, the Christmas and New Year 2022 celebration ceremonies for orphaned children followed by the ANSS and SWAA-Burundi organizations. The ceremonies began with a thanksgiving Mass at the Regina Mundi Cathedral.

After Mass, the First Lady and President of OPDAD-Burundi paid a visit to the headquarters of the "Maison de la joie" located in Rohero, which houses children orphaned by AIDS and children with only one vulnerable parent.

During the ceremonies proper to celebrate Christmas and New Year 2022 for orphaned children of ANSS and SWA-Burundi, the Representative of these children thanked all those who contributed for the organization of this celebration in particular the company Interpetrol.

As for the Representative of Interpetrol-Burundi Munir Bachir, he said that children living with HIV / AIDS and in particular AIDS orphans have the same rights as other children. He then promised that the Interpetrol Company will remain alongside these care centers for children orphaned by AIDS.

The President of the ANSS Jeanne Gapiya Niyonzima in turn thanked the Company Interpetrol which, since

2009, has contributed to the organization and celebration of Christmas for the children followed by the ANSS and SWAA-Burundi.

The President of the ANSS also thanked the First Lady who took part in these celebratory ceremonies for Christmas and New Year 2022 as well as the Government of Burundi for its multiple support for children orphaned by AIDS. Mrs Jeanne Gapiya Niyonzima also invited couples of childbearing age to do early screening to protect their children from HIV / AIDS. The ANSS President urged HIV-positive couples to stop hiding their HIV-positive status from their children.

In Burundi, when we manage to put 90% of adults living with HIV / AIDS on anti-retroviral treatment, it is clear that there is a long way to go to reach this workforce in the care of young people living with HIV / AIDS, according to Jeanne Gapiya Niyonzima. Young people on antiretroviral treatment are estimated at 35%, she said.

In her speech, First Lady Angeline wished Best Wishes and Merry Christmas to these orphan children followed by the ANSS and SWAA-Burundi. She reassured them that, even though they are orphans, God the Almighty will remain by their side.

The First Lady at the same time President of OPDAD-Burundi further urged these children to adopt good behaviors, because they are the next generation for Burundi. She recommends that they follow the advice of parents, teachers and medical staff.

The First Lady and President of OPDAD-Burundi urges parents to no longer hide the HIV status of their children. Children with HIV have the right to health care like any child, she said.

On the sidelines of these ceremonies, the First Lady and President of the OPDAD granted aid to the ANSS and SWAA-Burundi associations, consisting of sugar, rice, milk, salt, wheat flour, corn flour, porridge flour, oil, beans, etc. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## The First Lady urges HIV-positive parents to inform their children of their HIV status



**T**he First Lady of Burundi Her Excellency Angeline NDAYISHIMYE, on tuesday january 4, 2022, enhanced with her presence the ceremonies relating to the celebration of Christmas and New Year 2022 with children born HIV-positive taken care of by the National Association for the Support of Seropositive and AIDS Patients (ANSS) and the Association of African Women Facing AIDS (SWAA-Burundi) where she launched a vibrant appeal to parents to inform their children born HIV positive about their state of health and then put them on treatment antiretroviral drugs so that they grow up in good health.

“There are parents who hide their HIV status from their children, preventing them from taking antiretroviral treatment; they must know that these children can lead a normal life when they receive appropriate care”, underlined the First Lady while thanking the Associations ANSS and SWA-Burundi who take care of these children and who spare no effort to support people living with HIV / AIDS in Burundi. Her Excellency Angeline NDAYISHIMYE also provided advice to these children so that they contribute to the fight against this scourge by following the

advice of their parents and their educators to flee fornication.

“I have come to visit you as a parent who cares about the well-being of their children. My presence here is in order to give you hope and to show you our love towards you”, indicated the First Lady by thanking the ANSS and SWAA-Burundi for this initiative to organize the Christmas party and the New Year 2022 for these children and the Interpetrol Company for its financial support.

It had provided itself with food assistance which it subsequently granted to the ANSS and SWAA-Burundi associations as support for their noble mission of supporting the HIV-positive.

The First Lady of the Country also went to the Rohero Zone to inquire about the living conditions of children born HIV-positive who have developed non-compliance with antiretroviral treatment who are supported by the ANSS through the Maison de la Joie. . This establishment is home to 11 children under 12 as well as a 32-year-old woman who suffered from severe malnutrition before receiving aid from this association.

These ceremonies began with a Mass celebrated in the chapel of the Regina Mundi Cathedral Parish where, relying on the Gospel according to John 6: 34-44, Abbot Bétou Bertin invited Christians to love one another since God himself is Love. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

## Focus on individuals benefiting from the Head of State's proximity policy



**T**he Office in charge of Information and Communication of the President of the Republic animated on saturday january 8, 2022, a press release to denounce and condemn with the last energy the behavior of certain individuals, who by twisted ways try to take advantage of the highest authority's policy of openness proximity by resorting to lies, slander and dishonesty.

According to Mrs Evelyne Butoyi, Spokesperson of the Head of State, the office in charge of Information, Communication and the Spokesman of the Head of State has brought to the attention of public

opinion that any grievance expressed is carefully scrutinized by technical teams set up for this purpose. He would also like to inform those who indulge in the manipulation and distortion of the truth for sectarian and selfish interests that the republican institutions are vigilant to the information received.

However, according to this press release, the office in charge of Information, Communication and the Spokesman of the Head of State congratulated the honest citizens who regularly send to the highest authority reliable information which motivates its decisions to a rule of law and good administrative and financial governance.

The Office in charge of Information, Communication reminded the public that the denunciations brought to

the authorities must be truthful and verifiable at the risk of exposing themselves to legal proceedings. This press release follows the information disseminated by the Ministry of the Interior, Public Security and

Community Development relating to the detection of cases of fraud of complaints submitted to the highest authority, underlined Mrs Evelyne Butoyi Spokesperson of the Head of State. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

### The President of the Senate calls for the maintenance of public infrastructure



The President of the Senate Emmanuel Sinzohagera with his family joined on Saturday January 8, 2022 to the inhabitants of Nyambuye hill, Isare Commune during the community works of construction of the hill office. Emmanuel Sinzohagera asked the inhabitants of this locality and even those living elsewhere to contribute each according to their means to complete the con-

struction of the Nyambuye hill office. The President of the Senate Emmanuel Sinzohagera also asked them to properly maintain the useful infrastructure for the population especially those of the locality who will receive a hill office upstairs. The President of the Senate also asked parents to send their children to school for the future, to have them treated in health structures without forgetting to be screened for covid 19. Emmanuel Sinzohagera urged the population of Nyambuye to practice the pooling of land to help increase production. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

### Prime Minister preaches Trust in God



In his preaching, Prime Minister Alain Guillaume Bunyoni urged the Christians of the Emmanuel Nyabaranda Church to stand firm and not be afraid in front of difficult situations and to keep trust in

**P** rime Minister Alain Guillaume Bunyoni and his spouse shared a prayer and praises of Sunday January 9, 2022 with the Christians of the Emmanuel Nyabaranda Church in the town hall of Bujumbura.

God and above all to have a pure heart, because he said when the heart is defiled, the Holy Spirit does not enter it and God's answers do not come. To live the fulfillment of God's promises, Christians must read and walk in the word of God, avoid sins and any act that displeases God, work for the development of households, communities and the country.

The Prime Minister also preaches that the law of love must prevail in households, married men and women are called to do everything to avoid infidelity. Young people are called to avoid debauchery, says Prime Minister to Christians in the Church, Emmanuel Nyabaranda. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

### Senate Speaker urges teachers to work diligently



The purpose of this meeting was to discuss with the teaching staff

**T** he President of the Senate Emmanuel Sinzohagera met on Friday January 7, 2022 in a meeting, the teaching staff of

of this administrative entity in order to improve the success rate.

The President of the Senate announced that the theme for this year is "Increase the success rate course by course and class by class". And to specify that the first thing that teachers must understand is that being a teacher is a vocation, a noble profession for which one must give oneself for the suc-

cess of the educated.

During the discussions, the educators cited some obstacles to success in schools including the insufficiency of teachers, of school materials especially for the 4th cycle classes, those of the post-fundamental sec-

tion, the lack of certain books, laboratory equipment, desks, etc.

Emmanuel Sinzohagera called on educators to do their best to improve the quality of teaching and therefore the success rate in schools. ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

### The Minister in charge of trade visits the services based in Gitega



**T**he Minister in charge of Trade, Transport, Industry and Tourism visited on thursday january 6, 2022 in Gitega province, the agency of the Burundian office of public transport OTRACO and the general direction of the craft industry which comes to move to the political capital. At the OTRACO branch, the Minister visited the service granting technical control and the service granting authorization for transport. According to Minister Marie Chantal Nijimberere, the staff are at work to serve the population. She is delighted with the satisfaction of clients with regard to the centralization of OTRACO's

services. She says she has found that services are delivered to clients on a tight timeline, reducing queues.

The Minister in charge of trade indicated that this agency is facing a challenge related to the preparation of the technical control card because it has so far been made at the OTRACO headquarters in Bujumbura. And to promise a printer machine so that all the work is done on site.

After OTRACO, the Minister of Trade, Transport, Industry and Tourism went to the Directorate General of Handicrafts. She said that she wanted to first inquire about the situation after the move of this general directorate from Bujumbura to Gitega. Second, it was to provide staff with guidelines and strategies for developing the artisanal sector. According to Minister Marie Chantale NIJIMBERE, the artisanal sector is one of the sectors that promotes economic growth.

The Minister of Trade, Transport, Industry and Tourism then proceeded to Gitega, the opening of the work of the validation and dissemination workshop of the study on the profitability of public transport in Bujumbura Town Hall ([www.rtnb.bi](http://www.rtnb.bi))

### Containment point at the port of Rumonge, one of the solutions to deal with Covid19



**T**he national committee for the prevention and fight against covid19 met

on wednesday january 05, 2022 in Bujumbura Town Hall under the aegis of the Chairman of this committee, Gervais Ndirakobuca. Two points were on the agenda, including the analysis of the state of play in

the fight against the spread of Covid19 and the possibility of opening the port of Rumonge to unclog the Gatumba border post.

The Minister having public health in her attributions and vice-president of this committee has indicated that on January 10, 2022, the port of Rumonge will be open.

Regarding the state of play of the spread of Covid19, Minister Sylvie Nzeyimana indicated that the situation has improved. After the wave of contamination from December 13, 2021, there is a clear trend of lower COVID19 contamination, said Minister Sylvie Nzeyimana.

The Minister in charge of public health also indicated that her Ministry is forced to prepare to screen people from the DRC via Lake Tanganyika, once the port of Rumonge opens. In collaboration with the local administration, the place of containment for positive cases will be set up, said Minister Sylvie Nzeyimana.

The Minister in charge of health urges the population to continue to implement barrier gestures. According

to Minister Sylvie Nzeyimana, once the drop in positive cases is observed, there is a relaxation in respect of barrier measures.

According to statistics from the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS of January 04, 2022; among the 52,068 people tested, 1,475 cases were confirmed positive and 244 people cured. (www.rtnb.bi)

### Gitega / Itaba: Bagumyabanga of CNDD-FDD exchange New Year's greetings



The Secretary of the CNDD-FDD Party in the province of Gitega Mr Georges Nshimirimana asks the "Bagumyabanga" of the CNDD-FDD of the Itaba commune to be models in their families and in the entourage so that everyone notices through them, that God has been placed in the front of all in the governance of this party. This was said on Saturday, January 8, 2022, in a thanksgiving mass at the Catholic branch of Gihamagara in Itaba commune in the province of Gitega, a mass which began the ceremonies of exchanging New Year's greetings between the Bagumyabanga of the CNDD-FDD of this commune.

Abbé Fabrice who celebrated this mass urged the leaders of this political party and all Bagumyabanga to show love and brotherhood to each other and to those who do not share their ideas and political opinions. He also asked them to imitate Jesus Christ who always forgave those who persecuted him and who did not attribute sin to his tormentors. "In this way, you will have shown that you really put God in the foreground", underlined the priest.

The ceremonies continued with a long parade by members of the party to the "Itaba Hope Stadium", a parade that served as a show of force.

In his words of welcome, the Secretary of the CNDD-FDD in Commune Itaba Mr Gédéon Nzobakenga suggested that the party is doing well and that it coexists peacefully with other political groups. On this occasion, Mr Gédéon Nzobakenga specified that the CNDD-FDD was ranked 4th with 86% of the votes cast in the 2020 elections. For him, this gives

them hope and believes that the gestures of solidarity made by the members of this party in favor of the vulnerable without distinction of political affiliation will allow them to come first in the elections of 2025 and 2027.

In his speech for the occasion, the Secretary of the CNDD-FDD in the Province of Gitega Georges Nshimirimana first recalled the slogan of the party in power for the year 2022 in this province, namely: "Everyone, as far as he is concerned must take a step forward to increase production".

After welcoming new CNDD-FDD members, Mr Georges Nshimirimana asked them to quickly join the party's elders and work diligently to develop the Country. He also urged the former CNDD-FDD in Itaba commune to warmly welcome the new members and to supervise them so that they feel well integrated.

The Secretary of the CNDD-FDD in Gitega province took this opportunity to invite the militants of this party to implement the slogan of the Head of State, who calls on the Burundian population to increase production so that each mouth has to eat and every pocket of money during this year which he dubbed "An agricultural year".

During these ceremonies, the Bagumyabanga of Itaba commune granted health assistance cards to 100 vulnerable families as well as uniforms and notebooks to students from indigent families in this commune, without distinction of political affiliation. The Intwari women of Gitega province, for their part, provided food and non-food assistance to the

widows and orphans of former combatants of the ruling party.

The ceremonies for the exchange of new greetings between the Bagumyabanga of the CNDD-FDD in Itaba Commune were enhanced by the presence of the Secretary of this party in Gitega Province, the

Governor of Gitega and other senior officials of the State native to this region. Common. ([www.presidence.gov.bi](http://www.presidence.gov.bi))

### **Gitega: the association “Femme Intwari” launches a national campaign of assistance to the vulnerable**



The President of the Association Femme Intwari Marie Odette Hakizimana proceeded on Saturday January 8, 2022, in the political capital Gitega, to launch the national campaign for the distribution of food and non-food aid for vulnerable people including widows and children orphans as part of wishing them happy Christmas and New Year 2022.

This rapprochement campaign will take place in the 16 provinces where the Woman Intwari association has already established itself. 4,638 vulnerable people will benefit from this assistance in all 16 provinces. Each should be given 10 kg of rice, 5 kg of beans, 1 kg of sugar and 3 soaps.

In her speech for the occasion, the President of the Association Femme Intwari indicated that the activity launched results from the vocational mission of the

Association Femme Intwari, that of promoting peace and solidarity in the country. She took this opportunity to urge Intwari Women to come together in cooperative societies to develop it.

The assistance package, consisting mainly of food, was sent to all the Communes of Gitega Province to the 223 vulnerable beneficiaries. ([www.presidence.gov.bi](http://www.presidence.gov.bi))



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