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**Results from the various implementations of development projects in Rwandan communities.**

DUTERIMBERE ONG's role in women empowerment journey in Rwanda both in social and economic perspectives. At institutional level Duterimbere ONG has continue to nurture and encourage own member to take lead in leadership positions at various levels and institutions. This message is always aired out during institutional meetings with members and all other platforms where Duterimbere ONG is found. It's from this call and other continuous push that own members have taken decision to present their candidatures and voted for the respective positions. Among these positions, we can highlight the following;-

1. DUTERIMBERE ONG member and former Board chairperson who currently chairs the board of Pro Faimes TH.
2. The former vice Chairperson of DUTERIMBERE ONG who currently chairs the Board of CCOAIB
3. The former Rwamagana region chairperson who is currently a member of parliament in EALA.
4. The various DUTERIMBERE ONG especially at District levels like in Gicumbi District have taken leadership positions in District council committees (Njyanama) which gives them a platform to rise to higher levels of leadership positions.
5. DUTERIMBERE ONG member also is a member of the board of Rwanda cooperative agency (RCA).
6. DUTERIMBERE ONG offers over 85% women engaged in income generating activities (Businesses) who impacts direct on livelihoods of individual, households and society in general.
7. The improved livelihoods and increased incomes from women engaged in income generating activities through access and use of loans/financial products that are pro poor and fully engage in businesses.

In this initiative, DUTERIMBERE ONG continues to echo their voice on women's engagement in income generating activities in line to achieving her vision of contributing to poverty eradication among Rwandan women and society at large.

At community level, the various development projects implemented by DUTERIMBERE ONG has realized social economic impacts among the targeted communities and beyond. Some of the changes among targeted women are;-

1. From the various interventions in supporting women both in social economic development, over 80% of supported farmer cooperatives have women in leadership committees which gives women an upper hand in taking further leadership positions in their respective communities.
2. All targeted informal farmer groups are 100% led by women and this has given more women the platform to advance to other leadership positions.
3. Over 90% of targeted rural community women have witnessed and played a vital role in harmonious relationship in community households that previously were characterized by conflicts. This is after learning the tool of Gender action learning system (GALS) methodology.
4. From the targeted majority rural women, over 70% have graduated from one level as of poverty index (Ubudehe) to another as a result of the engagement in our rural interventions especially on income generating activities which earns them incomes and linkage to both markets and financial institutions. This is a milestone both at social economic point of view.
5. Over 100% of the women we engage in our rural interventions have achieved a positive mind change in relation to where they desire to be in future. This is traceable from step to step right after identification and selection, trainings, financial and market linkage.
6. Over 80% of the targeted women more from rural communities have acquired resources/property in their various households which imply accumulation/multiplication of further resources. Among the secured resources are livestock, plots of land, home appliances etc.
7. Accumulation of incomes from the income generating activities by these targeted women has also made it possible for over 80% of 1500 smallholder women farmers able to directly renovate their family houses, installed power/solar in their homes and paid for health insurance to their respective family members.
8. With the mind change and actively engaged in various businesses, over 40% of supported women have directly taken leadership roles especially as rural community health workers, "abajyanama bu buhinzi" and "Inshuti z'Umuryango".
9. Over 250 women smallholder farmers have been linked to European markets for the horticulture and vegetable produce mostly in Nyagatare District. Also over 10 women led SMEs have actively shown interest and skills in management of the medium enterprises and being the potential market for the smallholder farmers mostly being women.

This summarizes our intervention in communities towards achieving our mission.

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