

# AIPI FOR ALL PROJECT SUMMARY

The AIPI for All project aims to enhance the social and economic inclusion of vulnerable groups in Rwanda, with a focus on refugees, people living with disability, low-income residents, and disadvantaged women. It builds on the success of the previous "Partnership between BITMi and Rwanda ICT Chamber" project. The project consists of two main components:

- ▶ **Education/Training:** It will offer training in digital literacy, website development, digital crafting, e-commerce, business english and software testing to vulnerable groups, including refugees and talents of low-income background.
- ▶ **Employment:** The project fosters cooperation between Rwandan and German companies in the ICT sector to create employment opportunities for trained individuals. At least 60% of participants will be women.

## Motivation and Objectives

Rwanda's growing economy has not yet reached the majority of its population, particularly refugees and marginalized communities. With a focus on practical skills that don't require higher academic education, the project aims to equip participants with skills in website development, digital crafting, e-commerce and software testing among others. This initiative will provide both job opportunities and pathways to self-employment for vulnerable groups.

The project's goals include:

- ▶ **Training 500 vulnerable people**, with a particular focus on women.
- ▶ **Creating sustainable employment** through direct placement or self-employment.

## Key Activities

- ▶ **Phase 1:** 400 individuals will be trained in digital literacy.
- ▶ **Phase 2:** Trainees will choose to specialize in one of four areas: Website Development, Digital Crafting, e-Commerce, or Software Testing.

- ▶ **Phase 3:** Job placement will be arranged for all the project beneficiaries with Rwandan or German companies. Digital crafters and e-commerce participants will work independently via platforms like iHUZO or Rwanda Mart among others , on top of that participants/beneficiaries will be offered English language classes to help them overcome communication barriers.

## **Expected Impact**

The project aims to:

- ▶ Empower vulnerable communities by providing opportunities for economic independence.
- ▶ Increase social participation and reduce poverty by improving access to education and employment.
- ▶ Support economic independence through employment and self-employment opportunities.
- ▶ Strengthen integration of refugees into local communities.

## **Contribution to National and International Goals**

The project contributes to Rwanda's **National Strategy for Transformation** by promoting equality and reducing poverty. It aligns with the UNHCR's integration goals and BMZ's focus on women's economic empowerment. The project also adheres to ILO labor standards, ensuring good job conditions for graduates.

## **Sponsors and Partners**

The key partners for this project are BITMi and the Rwanda ICT Chamber, serving as the primary collaborators. Additional supporting and beneficiary partners include; Klab, Fablab,DBI, UNHCR,TestSolutions, CERTA Foundation, STEM Power RWANDA, UMURAVA, and Awesomity Lab. These organizations provide a network of beneficiary, support, expertise, and infrastructure to ensure the success of the project and its long-term sustainability. Through these collaborations, the project will create a solid foundation for empowering vulnerable groups in Rwanda.

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