

Caritas Rwanda Newsletter

October - December 2025



66 YEARS OF SERVICE, SOLIDARITY, AND IMPACT

WELCOME

To our October - December 2025 Newsletter



Dear Partners, Friends, and the Caritas Family,

As Rwanda celebrates 125 years of Evangelization, Caritas Rwanda marks 66 years of committed service to the nation. Since 1959, Caritas Rwanda has worked alongside communities, the Church, Government institutions, and development partners to promote human dignity and strengthen socio-economic resilience across the country.

Over the decades, our mission has expanded from social assistance to integrated programs in Social Welfare, Development, and Health, reaching millions of Rwandans through sustainable livelihoods, financial inclusion, climate-smart agriculture, and quality healthcare services. These results reflect the strength of partnership, accountability, and shared vision.

As we celebrate this Jubilee milestone, we renew our commitment to innovative, inclusive, and sustainable solutions that respond to emerging challenges and ensure that no one is left behind. Together, we will continue building a resilient and prosperous Rwanda for generations to come.

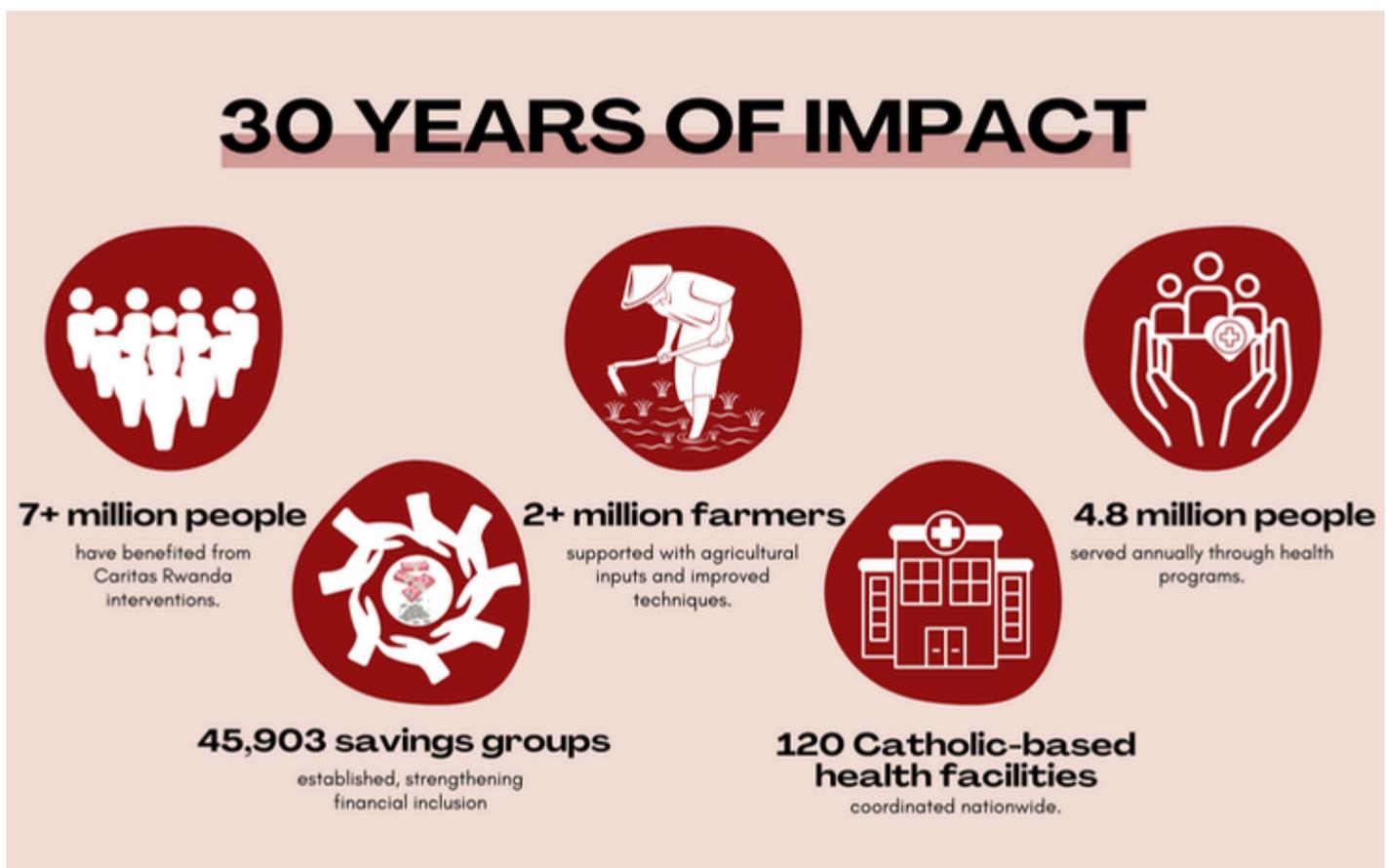
With sincere appreciation,

Team Caritas Rwanda

Executive Summary

Since 1959, Caritas Rwanda has remained committed to promoting human dignity and advancing integral socio-economic development across Rwanda. What began as a social welfare initiative has grown into a nationwide institution operating in all dioceses and coordinating a broad network of community structures, health facilities, and development programs.

Over the past three decades alone:



Through strong collaboration with the Government of Rwanda, development agencies, NGOs, Church structures, and local communities, Caritas Rwanda continues to contribute meaningfully to national development priorities and social protection systems.

As we celebrate 66 years of service, we reaffirm our commitment to accountability, innovation, climate resilience, youth empowerment, and universal health coverage.

OUR JOURNEY: 66 YEARS OF SERVICE



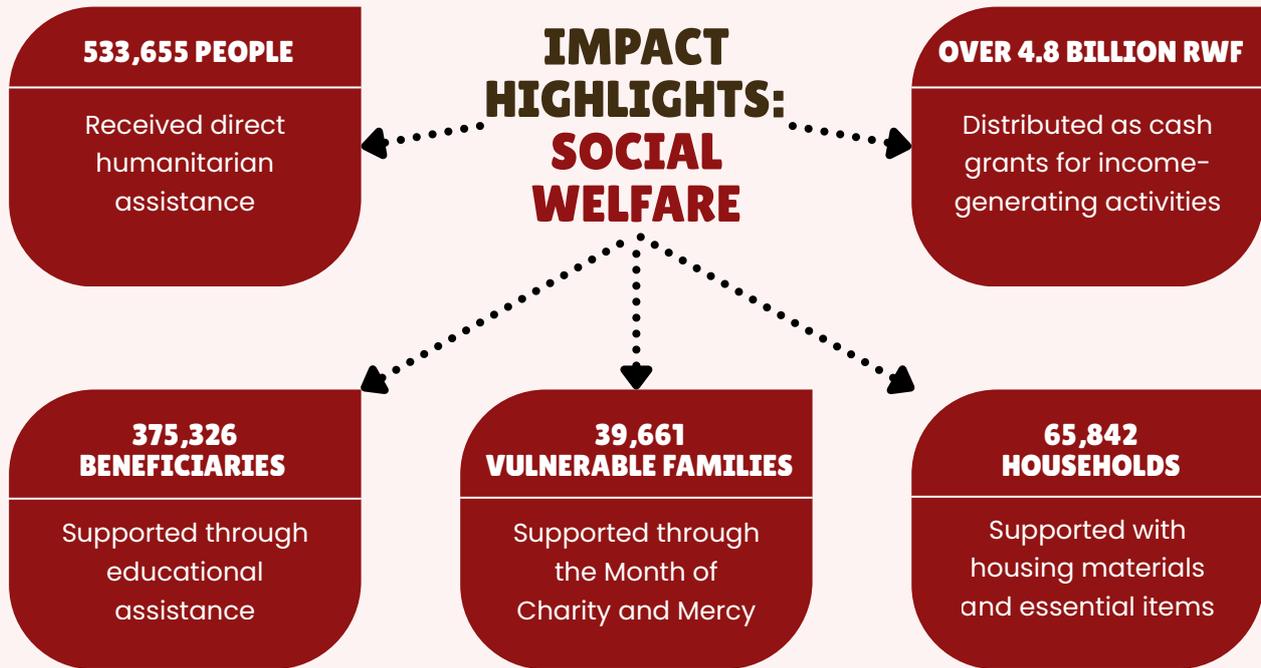
Established in 1959 as Secours Catholique Rwandais, Caritas Rwanda has grown into a national organization legally registered as an NGO and a member of Caritas Internationalis, a global confederation present in 165 countries.

From two dioceses at inception, Caritas Rwanda now operates across ten diocesan structures, mobilizing:



Over time, its interventions expanded from Social Welfare to include Development (1995) and Health (1998), particularly in response to post-genocide recovery needs.

Social Welfare

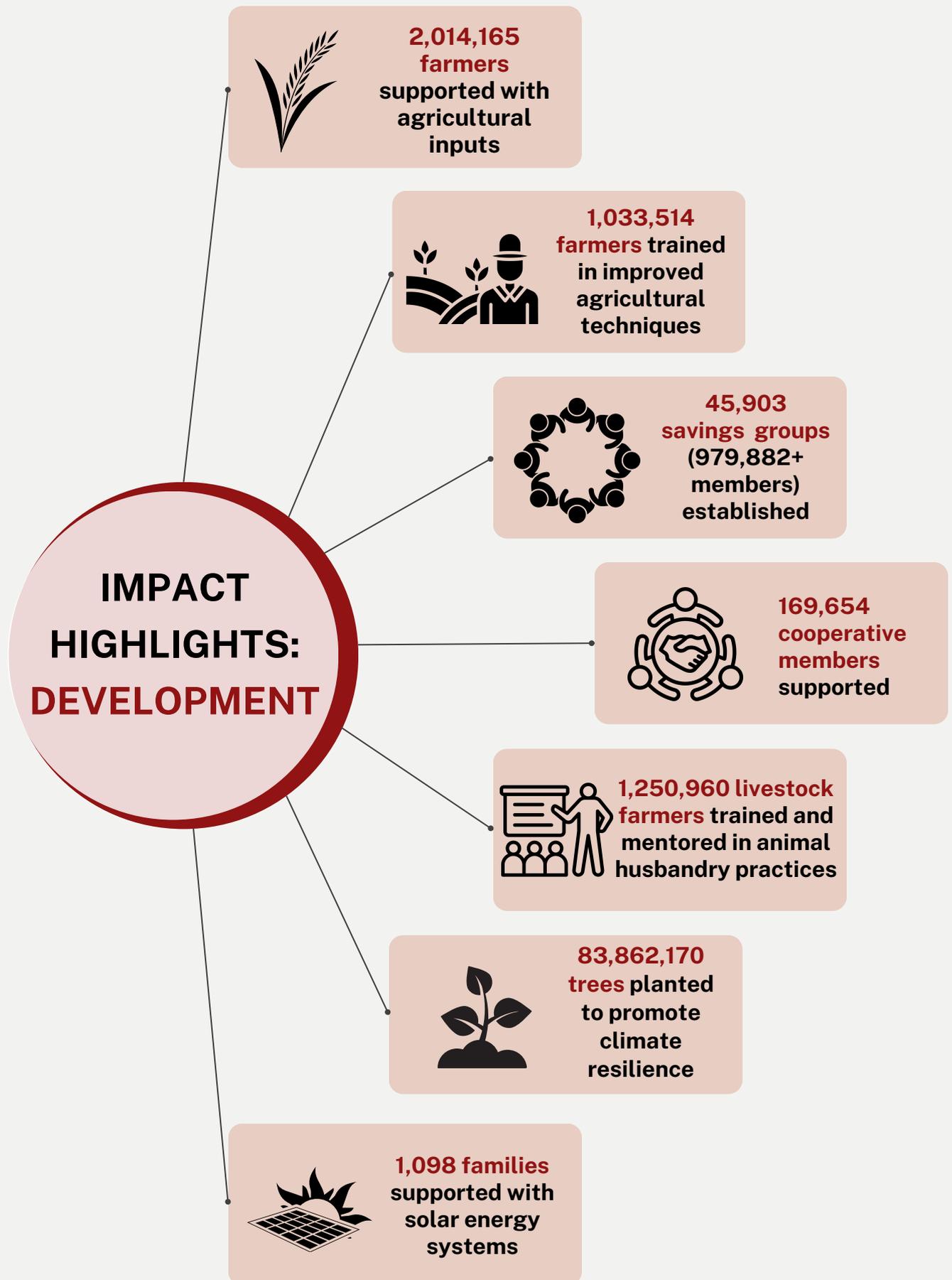


These interventions have strengthened resilience among orphans, elderly persons, people with disabilities, prisoners, refugees, and vulnerable families.

Health, Wash and Nutrition

49,570 malnourished children rehabilitated		IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS: HEALTH		100%-100%-98% performance on HIV 95-95-95 targets (2024)
1,794,595 children accessed ECD services				Malaria cases reduced by 77% (2020-2023)
+85,000 individuals tested receive pre- and post-test counselling				442,205 couples adhering to Natural Family Planning

These achievements directly contribute to Universal Health Coverage and national health priorities.



Behind the numbers: Stories of transformation

Jean Paul and Alphonsine now living in dignity after receiving a new home

Jean Paul Habamenshi and Bayavugemunyurwe Alphonsine, from Birambo Village in Gitesi Sector, Karongi District, are now living in safe and dignified conditions after receiving a new environmentally friendly home built through the Tubeho Neza Amazi Hafi Project. Construction began on September 1, 2022, with funding from Caritas Slovenia in partnership with the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovenia, and was supervised by Damahaus Prestige Company. The house was officially handed over on January 23, 2023. Previously living in a small, flood-prone shelter, the family now enjoys improved living conditions and renewed hope.



Jean Paul and Alphonsine, together with their two children.

Rulindo: 197 Children Recover from Severe Malnutrition in Just 12 Days



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In April and May 2023, Caritas Rwanda, through its Gikuriro Kuri Bose programme, supported 197 children suffering from severe malnutrition in Rulindo District to regain their health within just 12 days. The initiative provided nutrient-rich food and milk to vulnerable families, while working closely with Rulindo District authorities, health professionals, and community volunteers to deliver nutrition care, health services, awareness campaigns, and economic empowerment activities. By the end of the 12-day intervention, the children showed significant improvement in weight, height, and overall wellbeing, and follow-up support continued to ensure sustained recovery.

Thanks to the training and cash grant, Ethane runs a flourishing business

Ethan Jean Bosco, a young Burundian refugee in Mahama Refugee Camp, transformed his life after receiving business training and a Rwf 800,000 cash grant in June 2023 from Caritas Rwanda through the Graduation Project. From surviving on casual farm labor and eating once a day, he now runs a food business in Mahama market, earns about Rwf 150,000 in monthly profit after expenses, employs two people, and has grown his capital to Rwf 3,000,000.



Ethane Jean Bosco in front of his business.