

Poverty reduction

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LIST OF ACRONYMS

NCSAM:	National Coordination for Small Arms Management
NFP:	National Focal Point
NCA:	Norwegian Church Aid
SALW:	Small Arms and Light Weapons
MANPADS:	Man-Portable Air Defence Systems
FDLR:	Forces démocratiques de libération du Rwanda
FAR:	Forces Armées Rwandaises
RDF:	Rwanda defence Force
RPA:	Rwandese Patriotic Army
CBOs:	Community Based Organizations
CSOs:	Civil Society Organizations
GLRoA:	Great Lakes Region of Africa
GoR:	Government of Rwanda
ECOWAS:	Economic Community of West African States
NAP:	National Action Plan
NGO:	Non Governmental Organizations
CEDAW:	Covenant on Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women
UNDP:	United Nations Development Programme
RBA:	Rights Based Approach
SGBV:	Sexual Gender Based Violence
GBV:	Gender Based Violence
ToT:	Training of trainers
e.g.:	Example
i.e.	That is to say

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0. INTRODUCTION

SaferRwanda as an independent Non-Governmental Organisation, whose vision is to contribute to safety, peace and development of Rwanda, has continued with the implementation of its core programmes on peace and security i.e. Illicit Arms Management, Peace Building programmes, Human Rights and Conflict Prevention and Management as well as Gender and Development.

1.1. INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITIES AS INCENTIVES TO DEVELOPMENT

This is one of the strategies we usually use in implementing our overall peace programs. The strategy consists of providing income generating rewards as incentives to development to the community members who, in return, proceed by giving the siblings of the domestic animals received to other members of the community on a rotational scheme. Interestingly, some other members preferred to rear the received domestic animals and make them benefit their respective cooperatives. This has been found effective, not only for the sustainable actions against Small Arms but also increasing confidence of the community members, thus contributing to Unity and Reconciliation process within the community.

In the fight against the problem of illicit proliferation of SALW, it is commonly asserted that the problem of small arms is highly related to poverty. Therefore, SaferRwanda economically empowers the community as an approach of concurrently addressing the problem of illicit SALW. We support the community in economic activities with domestic animals of their choice which includes pigs, goats and poultry. So far we have distributed 25 pigs, 200 chicks in Northern Province and 80 goats in Eastern Province.

Beneficiaries in target groups were mostly women and youth and have been organized into anti Small Arms clubs as focal points for the sustainability of actions



Piglets and Goats distributed to the community for their support in Actions on SALW



Poultry farming in Byumba Sector, Gicumbi District

In gender equality promotion however, to effectively engage women in peace building programs and processes, development rewards strategy has been found very positive in enhancing women's socio-economic independence. Therefore, on this basis SaferRwanda has provided domestic animals (goats) to women as it was in the previous year for their economic empowerment. The results of this initiative are very significant in supporting government policies in line with Gender Promotion. Furthermore, economic empowerment of rural women has done a lot in strengthening their cooperatives. In recent Awareness raising workshops on Peace building and Conflict Prevention and Management, women confessed that with some little financial input in their home, their role in decision making has been enhanced.



***A woman from Kimonyi sector,
Happy for the impact of economic empowerment***