

Experiences of brotherhood of CA with others, acting together

BURUNDI

LAUDATO SI' ACTION PLAN 2020 - 2025

CAMPAIGN "Living Laudato Si today as True Guardians of Creation"

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Objectives of the campaign

The 'Laudato Si' campaign project in Burundi, launched on 14.09.2020, is intended to be one of the initiatives to address environmental issues with the aim of mobilising believers for the sustainable development of Burundi.

The Platform for the Campaign, composed of 4 Associations, including the Xaveri Catholic Action Movement, the Catholic Association for the Protection of the Environment (ACAPE), the Alliance for Sustainable Communities in Burundi (ACDB) and the Association Ensemble pour la Protection de l'Environnment (ASEPE)

It wishes to contribute to the efforts of the State and religious denominations in the coordinated fight against the effects of changing climate systems.

a) **The overall objective** of the campaign is to raise awareness, inform and mobilise believers and all people of good will to take action and participate in the fight against climate change and to remedy it

b) The main objectives:

- To promote environmental education at the level of the key actors of development by encouraging them to change their behaviour in favour of sustainable and inclusive development (they will be grouped together in the form of circles and clubs to act collectively);
- To contribute to improving environmental protection and food security through the multiplication of indigenous trees, including the exploitation of aromatic and medicinal plants;
- To contribute to the fight against the drying up of water resources and protect river banks by planting trees in catchment areas.

Strategic orientations and actions to be undertaken

Orientation 1: Tell me about environmental protection

Overall objective: To promote environmental education at the level of key development actors.

Among 6 actions to be carried out are:

- reinforcement of the environmental volunteer programme by training local Laudato Si' animators;
- Implementation of incentive strategies for active actors: 4 prizes to be awarded (Prize Laudato Si' best parish, Laudato Si' best high school, Prize Laudato Si' best pupil, Prize Laudato Si' best volunteer);
- Collection of signatures of those who commit themselves to live Laudato Si' in Burundi (Companies, parishes, associations, NGOs, individuals...).

Orientation 2: Let's save indigenous plants

Overall objective: To contribute to improving environmental protection and food security through the promotion of indigenous trees.

Orientation 3: Protection of Water Resources and Rivers

Overall objective: To fight against the drying up of water resources and protect river banks.

Great expectations

Cognitive: Within 5 years (by the end of December 2024, 60% of the believers in Burundi will be aware of the issues involved in the fight against climate change).

Emotional: Within 5 years, 40% of the sensitised individuals will actively participate in the different activities proposed during community exchanges.

Positive: Within 5 years, 50 million atmosphere purifying trees will be multiplied and planted, 500 Laudato Si' circles and clubs will be set up, 500,000 new commitments signed, 1,000 training manuals produced.