



***BTC RWANDA***

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***RWANDA - BELGIUM  
PARTNERSHIP***



# FACTS AND FIGURES<sup>1</sup>

- **POPULATION:** 10.3 million inhabitants in 2010 (IMF estimate)<sup>2</sup>
- **PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION LIVING WITH LESS THAN 1.25 \$ / DAY:** 77%
- **HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX:** rank 152 out of 169 countries
- **GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA** (at purchasing power parity): 1,190 dollars
- **LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH:** 51 years
- **ADULT LITERACY RATE:** 70%
- **PRIMARY ENROLMENT RATIO:** 96%
- **PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION NOT USING AN IMPROVED WATER SOURCE:** 35%
- **CORRUPTION PERCEPTIONS INDEX:** rank 66 out of 178 countries  
(Transparency International - 2010)
- **PRESS FREEDOM INDEX:** rank 169 out of 178 countries  
(Reporters without borders – 2010)

1 | If not specified, source: Human Development Report 2010 – UNDP.

2 | The Economist Intelligence Unit - Country report Rwanda, May 2011.



## ***RWANDA – BELGIUM PARTNERSHIP***

Cooperation between Belgium and Rwanda started at the independence of Rwanda in 1962. Belgium is one of the top three performing bilateral development partners in Rwanda. Rwanda is the second biggest recipient of Belgian Development Aid.

Since 2000, BTC has executed, on behalf of the government of Belgium, more than 200 million euro in development activities in Rwanda. Belgium has been an active partner in sectors such as Health, Justice, Education and Rural Development (including Agriculture, Forestry, Energy, Water and Sanitation).

As a result of the donor division of labour promoted by both the Paris Declaration and the European Code of Conduct and based on the Rwandan development strategy, the Indicative Cooperation Programme 2011-2014 focuses on three sectors (energy, health and decentralisation), while delegating support to other development partners in sectors where Belgium is phasing out.

Given the progress made by the Government of Rwanda in terms of Procurement and Public Finance Management, this cooperation programme uses as much as possible the national execution systems in these fields. The Rwandan implementing institutions are therefore responsible for the financial management and procurement processes. Projects are subject to annual external auditing to be organised by BTC.

### ***DISTRIBUTION OF FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS BY SECTOR (2011-2014)***



- **HEALTH:** 55 million euro (34%)
- **ENERGY:** 55 million euro (34%)
- **DECENTRALISATION:** 28 million euro (18%)
- **DELEGATED COOPERATION:** 14 million euro (9%)
- **MULTI-SECTORAL INTERVENTIONS (STUDY FUND AND STUDY GRANTS PROGRAMME):** 4 million euro (2.5%)
- **SUPPORT TO PUBLIC SECTOR CAPACITY BUILDING SECRETARIAT:** 4 million euro (2.5%)



# STRATEGY 2011–2014: 3 PRIOR

Belgium aims at supporting the following three sectors for the coming 12 years: health, energy and decentralisation. Governance issues are taken into account through actions within these sectors as well as through specific interventions.

## HEALTH

Rwanda is on track to achieve the indicators set by the Millennium Development Goals with regards to the reduction of child mortality and the improvement of maternal health; the universal health insurance (“mutuelles de santé”) covers about 90% of the population. Despite this impressive progress, Rwanda still faces a number of challenges such as the decentralisation of health services, the quality and accessibility of health services and the human resource development.

The Belgian support is based on an integrated portfolio approach, with a single coordination, made up of the following two components:

- The support to the implementation of the Health Sector Strategic Plan (HSSP II – 2009-2012 and its successor plan) via a financial contribution to the Sector Budget Support and to the Capacity Development Pooled Fund (CDPF)
- One primary healthcare centred programme

### KEY PARTNER

Ministry of Health

## ENERGY

In 2010, less than 10% of the population was connected to electricity (160,000 connections). The Government has set an ambitious target to increase electricity access rate to 50% of the population by 2017.

The Belgian support to the Electricity Access Scale-up Roll-out Programme will result in 21,000 new connections in rural areas. Special emphasis is put on connecting social infrastructures, health facilities, schools and administrative offices.

An additional support is allocated to the development of geothermal energy as a clean and reliable source with low long-term maintenance costs. Belgium also contributes to the development of a feed-in tariff structure in order to stimulate the private sector to produce electricity from renewable sources.

Finally, institutional strengthening and capacity building for the Electricity, Water and Sanitation Authority and the Ministry of Infrastructure is part of the programme. Special attention is paid to cross-cutting issues, such as sustainable management of the environment and climate change.

### KEY PARTNERS

Ministry of Infrastructure; Energy, Water and Sanitation Authority (EWSA)



# TY SECTORS

## **DECENTRALISATION**

In 2008, Rwanda entered the second phase of its decentralisation policy as a mechanism to promote good governance, poverty reduction and efficient, effective and accountable delivery of services. The policy led to a substantial transfer of power and authority to decentralised levels such as districts to plan and implement local development programmes with participation of communities.

The Belgian cooperation programme aims at supporting the Rwandan Strategic Decentralisation Framework and the third Decentralisation Implementation Plan under preparation. Three components are distinguished:

- A programme with technical assistance to enhance capacities of the districts to deliver services and to implement their local economic development
- A non-earmarked contribution to the Rwanda Local Development Support Fund to finance the implementation of district development plans
- A support to the Rwandese Association of Local Government Authorities representing 31 local governments in Rwanda (30 districts and the City of Kigali) and the Joint Action Development Forums

The Belgian support seeks:

- To improve the effectiveness of the management frameworks and instruments of the Decentralisation Implementation Plan
- To contribute to the implementation of the National Local Government Capacity Building

Plan with Districts and to their progressive ownership in it

- To reinforce the Local Governments ability to play an active role in facilitating a dynamic of efficient, integrated, sustainable and pertinent local economic development (LED)
- To reinforce participation, accountability and democratisation in the above supported processes

### **KEY PARTNERS**

Ministry of Local Government and Community Development; Rwandese Association of Local Government Authorities

## **DELEGATED COOPERATION**

Belgium is phasing out of the justice (reconciliation, law and order) and education sectors. However, support for these sectors continues for a limited time through delegated cooperation to help remaining partners to step up their own operations.

## **MULTI-SECTORAL PROGRAMMES**

- Belgium provides funding for specific studies on priority sectors and cross-cutting issues and in order to enhance the coordination and harmonisation of donors' support.
- Study and training grants are part of the capacity building component of each sector programme.

# ***BUILDING A FAIR WORLD***

## ***ABOUT BTC***

The Belgian development agency, BTC, mobilises its resources and its expertise to eliminate poverty in the world. BTC contributes to the efforts of the international community and works towards a society that provides present and future generations with sufficient resources to build a sustainable and fair world.

Its staff members in Brussels and overseas embody the commitment of the Belgian State and other development partners to international solidarity. They support more than 300 cooperation projects and programmes in some 20 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

In Rwanda, 300 staff contribute to the achievement of the development outcomes in 20 interventions. 9 out of 10 employees are nationals, mostly under contract directly with the supported Ministries (in 2011).

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