



HEALTH

Good practices in food and health against malnutrition



The project aims at reducing child mortality due to malnutrition and to prevent the latter through healthcare and awareness raising interventions




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Burundi



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FUNDING AGENCIES	Project funded by Otto per Mille della Chiesa Valdese (Unione delle chiese metodiste e valdesi) 
STARTING DATE	January 2015
IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD	12 months
DESCRIPTION	The projects aims at reducing mortality caused by severe and chronic child malnutrition in three municipalities of Rural Bujumbura province. According to the last nutritional data, the province has high percentages of chronic malnutrition, over 50%, while the severe malnutrition percentage reaches 6,4%. GVC works to reduce such problems through direct healthcare interventions, like depistage activities, and through training for the personnel in charge of public health conservation (such as ASC agents or "Mamans Lumieres").
OBJECTIVES	The main goal is to contribute to the mortality reduction connected to severe and chronic child malnutrition in three municipalities of the province of Bujumbura Rural. This wil be done by creating Learning and Nutritional Rehabilitation Centers (FARN) following an approach based on Positive Deviance. Other key points of the project are are the support and reinforcement of the food monitoring system at the community level, the promotion of a change in the community behaviour through the diffusion of good practices in the nutrition field and the reinforcement of the collective awareness on the malnutrition problem.
ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of FARNs and home monitoring of the beneficiaries • Accompanying the health community officers in the depistage activities, namely the research of pathological phenomena considered as social problem such as malnutrition • Biannual support for the evaluation meetings of FARNs • Organizing the show-cookign sessions and the promotion of good practices in health and nutrition at the community level • Establishing a synergy on the province stakeholders on kitchen gardens • Installing kitchen gardens in FARNs and health centers • Ensuring the action's sustainability through agricultural technicians