



## Using arts and creativity to unlock the potential of youth in Burundi



In Burundi the majority of the population is under the age of 18. Yet, there are around 2 million out-of-school children and youth, and the ones attending school are facing poor quality education. There is also a high level of unemployment among the youth, making them vulnerable to illegal markets, exploitation, drug use and crime. However, Burundian youth are bursting with talent and have the potential to actively contribute to the human, economic and social development of their country, if only they are given the necessary opportunities to do so.



**Arclaine, 21 years old  
Bujumbura - KIYO partner JSBM**

*"After being part of JSBM's innovation hub, my entrepreneurial spirit has been sparked! I started recycling plastic and transforming it into beautiful objects. I have already set up many recycling projects and even won a few competitions. It would be a dream of mine to scale up the projects and involve more youth living in vulnerable situations to develop their talents."*

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The logo for KIYO, featuring the word 'kiyo' in a stylized, lowercase font with a green-to-yellow gradient.The logo for JSBM, featuring the letters 'JSBM' in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

EMPOWERING YOUTH TOGETHER IN BURUNDI



JSBM is a new partner of KIYO and is organised entirely for and by youth. KIYO and JSBM learn from each other's work with youth, as well as from other KIYO partners through KIYO's overall programme. In the DGD 2022-2026 programme, KIYO and JSBM will focus together on:

- Encouraging youth to discover their creative talents through different forms of art such as dance, painting, recycling art, arts & crafts, ...
- Introducing 24 "Inspiration Hubs" in 6 secondary schools, offering students a space to exchange, inspire and innovate with each other.
- Raising awareness on children's rights within schools by disseminating Comic Books created and produced by the Hubs.
- Offering support regarding academic and socio-professional orientation of students, to help them identify and pursue their talent and passion. Encouraging the youth to set up initiatives in their community and connect them to other youth on KIYO's "Actions4Rights" platform facilitating virtual peer learning on global citizenship education and sustainable development.



Check out the video to know more about JSBM!  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MjgRGGvM8js>