SOCIAL IMPACT INCUBATOR CHAMPIONS RWANDA
Acts of Gratitude

Acts of Gratitude is creating a community of Rwandan social entrepreneurs driving sustainable positive change in their communities. They do this through learning programs and fostering collaboration among their enterprises.

Jean d’Amour Mutoni

Jean d’Amour co-founded Acts of Gratitude together with 13 young innovators in 2011 and since then the non-profit has grown to revolutionize the social enterprise development in Rwanda. Recognized for the impact driven by AoG, Jean d’Amour’s efforts have been applauded on different international platforms with the recent award extended by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II through the Queen’s Young Leaders’ Program. His dream for AoG is to create an environment where 1,000 social entrepreneurs are connected enough to collaborate and drive positive change in Rwanda for the next 10 years.
Creativity Lab

Creativity Lab is building the next generation of problem solvers and preparing children for the jobs of tomorrow. Creativity Lab’s learning program challenges children to create solutions using robots, computers, and critical thinking skills.

Ildephonse Mungwarakarama

Zealous about Rwanda’s next generation competing within the STEM space, Ildephonse’s passion and entrepreneurial drive led him to founding Creativity Lab, where he currently nurtures creativity in children ages between 7 to 13 years old and provides them with a robust foundation of STEM at an early age. Ildephonse’s dream is to make Creativity Lab the go-to space for Africa’s juvenile talent in STEM.
Generation Rise

Generation Rise creates safe spaces for girls in rural high schools where they follow reading series and leadership trainings. Generation Rise challenges girls’ position in their communities and helps them find the confidence they need in order to reach their full potential.

Solange Impanoyimana

Solange has always been concerned about the imbalance of opportunities between girls and boys. From this was born the idea to create Generation Rise to serve as a platform for girls and young women to nurture their changemakers’ ambitions. At Generation Rise, they dream of a gender equitable world where all people, especially girls and young women, can be leaders and advocates for positive change in their communities.
Imagine We

Imagine We works to equip the African child with a better understanding of their culture and context through locally-created content. Imagine We publishes books with culturally relevant stories.

Dominique Alonga

Dominique is a young woman passionate about the intellectual growth and skills improvement of her fellow Africans. Seeing the need for cultural representation within the books and stories told to children and young adults, she founded Imagine We, a publishing house with the aim of empowering the reading and creative writing culture in Rwanda and beyond. Her work has been recognized both nationally and internationally including Rwanda’s prestigious First Lady’s Award, CYRWA. The dream of Imagine We is to see Africans being impacted through the right representation in stories around the world. To achieve this, the team is dedicated to creating modern and culturally relevant storylines.
Love & Hands

Love & Hands works to uplift communities’ lives by investing in children’s education through literacy programs and supporting community-driven income generating activities.

Erica Gateka

A born community builder, Erica has always found purpose in helping marginalized communities—whether it be teaching basic reading and writing skills to small children from communities surrounding her parents’ home or running a classroom at the terrace of her family house. After graduating with her Business and Administration degree, Erica saw a better way to use her academic skills by not following the quintessential corporate career path. She developed asset-based solutions together with communities surrounding Kigali.

From there, she co-founded Love & Hands and has dedicated her efforts to provide literacy programs to children and asset-based training to families in Kinyinya sector. Her dream is for Love & Hands to become a knowledge hub and generator of community asset-based solutions throughout East Africa.
Mind Transform Technologies believes in the ability for young people to build everyday usage tools for their communities that earn a living. MTT currently manufactures solar and rechargeable lamps that are aesthetically pleasing and locally produced.

Fabrice Mugisha

Fabrice Mugisha is a firm believer that climate change consequences can be reduced through positive human behavior. Recognizing the inefficient use of locally available sources of energy, he founded Mind Transform Technologies (MTT) in 2014, manufacturing energy-efficient home appliances. His dream is to see MTT become the one-stop space for rechargeable lamps and home appliances in the region.
My Green Home

My Green Home is creating an environmentally friendly product through recycling plastic waste into construction materials. Their goal is to create durable products from plastic, sustainably produced locally, using readily available skills and resources, creating green jobs.

Rosette Muhoza & David Kinzuzi

The “a-ha!” moment came from a class on Environmental Sustainability at Kepler University when Rosette and David, both passionate about changing the world, decided to create My Green Home. Since then, My Green Home has grown into a social enterprise that has revolutionized the construction industry, introducing first-of-its-kind paving bricks produced from recycled plastic waste. Their biggest dream is to see My Green Home take the global scene as a true pioneer of the triple bottom line approach.
Rural Development Initiative

Rural Development Initiative is dedicated to creating self-reliance within rural young farmers. RDI’s programs are designed to support local exemplary farmers who serve their communities in teaching best practices in sustainable agriculture.

Aime Kayumba

Recognizing the need for young graduates to play an integral role in helping smallholder farmers, Aime co-founded Rural Development Initiative (RDI) as a solution that builds a knowledge bridge, allowing farmers to gain skills on improved agricultural techniques from young graduates in the agriculture field. His dream is to see RDI as a platform where youth in agriculture have the opportunity to play a catalyst role in boosting the nation’s agricultural productivity.
Rwanda Biosolution Ltd.

Rwanda Biosolution manufactures organic fertilizers from readily available waste. Rwanda Biosolution is able to provide an affordable and highly-productive organic fertilizer that allows farmers to increase their yield while safeguarding their biggest asset: soil.

Theogene Ingabire

Theogene has always been alarmed by the problem of soil degradation due to the use of industrial fertilizers within the community of farmers in his region. His entrepreneurial zeal, coupled with his freshly acquired graduate skills in Water and Environmental Engineering, led him to start Rwanda Biosolution Ltd, an enterprise that produces environmentally friendly and purely organic fertilizers inspired from the combination of composting and effective microorganisms technologies. His dream is to create the best farming experiences for Rwandan farmers and beyond.
Rwanda Clot Awareness Network

The goal of Rwanda Clot Awareness Network is to safeguard as many lives as possible through awareness campaigns about clot related diseases. RCAN is dedicated to supporting people suffering from blood clots in accessing diagnosis and treatment services.

Christine Ashimwe

A five-time blood clot survivor, Christine decided to dedicate her life to raising awareness amongst her fellow female peers on the unknown and non-communicable disease scientifically known as thrombosis, also frequently experienced by women during pregnancy. Since then, she has created RCAN, mobilizing public sector players, patient educators, and other health professionals to join in an awareness campaign of thrombosis in different communities across the country. A multiple award winner, Christine is currently serving as the Patients Representative Member for the World Thrombosis Day Steering Committee. Her biggest dream is to see RCAN’s initiatives alleviating the current problem of premature deaths resulting from unawareness of thrombosis.
Saye Company Ltd

The goal of Saye is to support teenage Rwandan girls to define their future. Saye does this through a readily accessible online platform with learning resources, counseling services, career guidance, and business opportunities.

Amina Umuhoroza

Struck by her own relative experiencing an unwanted pregnancy at the age of 16, Amina saw the need to act on the issue of unwanted teen pregnancies. Through Saye’s digital platform Dukataze, Amina and her team have provided an environment for young girls to gain access to counseling services, sexual and reproductive health trainings, career guidance, and business advisory services. Her biggest dream is to see Saye being a community where every young girl has access to tools and information that allow her to make decisions towards her personal and professional growth.
Shenge Children Organization

Shenge Children Organization is supporting children with disabilities within vulnerable communities, constantly challenging the stigma of disability as a curse. Shenge created a center that provides special education and health services to children to give them a chance at a dignified life.

Aloys Ndayizeye

Appalled by the stigma attached to children born with disabilities in the rural areas, Aloys left his work at a bank in Musanze to start Shenge Children Organization together with two of his co-founders. Shenge provides a space for children living with disabilities to expand their knowledge and reach their full potential whilst simply enjoying the safety, joy, and experiences that come with being a child. He and his team dream of seeing Shenge turn into a fully-fledged center that provides a learning environment tailored to the different disabilities and health conditions of the children in Burera.
Tantine Group

“Tantine” means aunt in casual French. Tantine Group created multiple platforms where each young teenager is able to access and learn about sexual health, safely and openly, like they would ask a trusted aunt.

Sylvain Muzungu Hirwa

A medical student and aspiring public health leader, Sylvain co-founded Tantine Group to remedy the problem of young people accessing information on sexual and reproductive health. Leveraging current technologies, Sylvain and his team use innovative products such the Tantine website, the Tantine app, and Tantine cards to educate youth on sexual and reproductive health. Their dream is for Tantine Group to be a village where young people have access to sexual and reproductive health information and services required to make informed decisions.
Volta Irrigation

Volta Irrigation works to ensure that every farmer has access to affordable and efficient irrigation. Volta created an irrigation system that allows farmers to increase their output by 150% at a fraction of the usual cost through a shared model.

Charles Nana Kwarteng

Passionate and enthusiastic about clean technology, Charles Nana Kwarteng decided to use his vast experience in business development and start-up creation to create Volta Irrigation. Through Volta, smallholder farmers in Bugesera and different parts of Rwanda use a custom-made irrigation system, allowing them to exponentially increase their productivity, have an improved water usage, and better resource management. His dream is to see Volta becoming the first choice irrigation service company across the continent and beyond.