



Twubakane Decentralization and Health Program



Gitwe Hospital, Ruhango District

Working in Partnership with the Twubakane Program

End-of-Project Ceremony

December 18, 2009

Dr. Valens Habimana,
Director, Gitwe Hospital



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- Gitwe Hospital, Ruhango District, Southern Province
- Opened its doors in February 2007; serves population of approx.; supports 13 health centers, 2 secondary FP posts
- Training of district hospital supervisors and trainers in:
 - Family planning
 - Focused antenatal care
 - Emergency obstetrics and neonatal care
 - Integrated management of childhood illness
- Support for rollout of trainings in 13 health centers
- Support for integrated community health package
- Capacity building of *mutuelles de santé*





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Family planning

Innovative on-the-job training for improved access to integrated services



Five district
trainers and
112
providers
trained and
supported

Kinazi Health Center leads the way in offering IUDs and other long-term methods... Between August 2008 and September 2009, they served 169 IUD clients and 158 implant clients—and contraceptive prevalence was estimated at 32.4%. *“We are proud to offer a full range of long-and short-acting methods of family planning; our clients are also happy to receive convenient services.”*

Marie Claire Harerimana, health center manager



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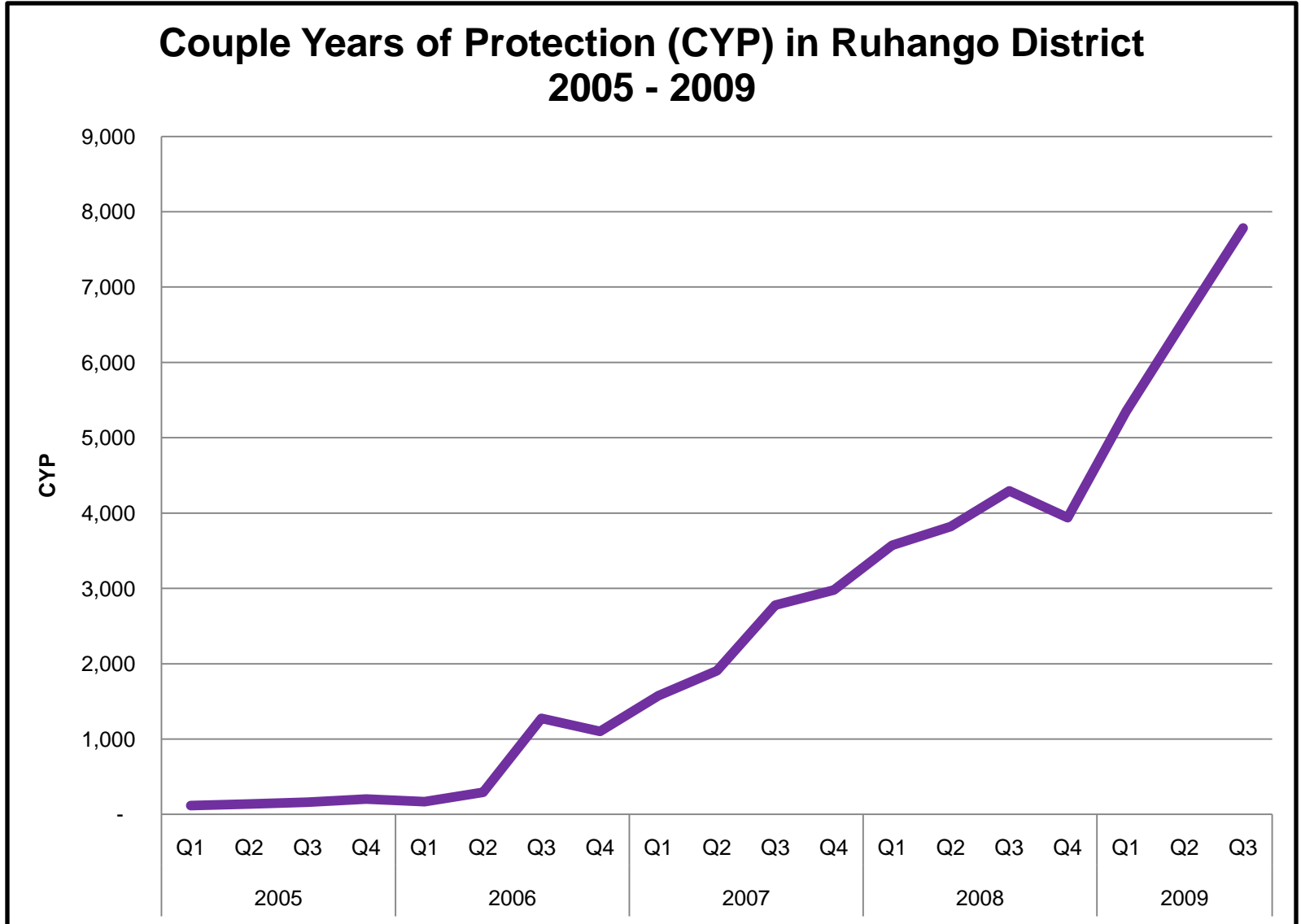
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Family planning



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Couple Years of Protection (CYP) in Ruhango District 2005 - 2009





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Maternal health

District hospital serves as training site for safe delivery



32 health
care
providers
trained and
supported



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Verene Nyirahabufite, 22, gave birth by C-section to a healthy boy at Gitwe Hospital in Rwanda. *“I’m very thankful to hospital’s staff. I was afraid of having a caesarean but I realized it was well done without any complications.”* This was her second pregnancy; her first baby was stillborn. The first time, she did not reach the hospital in time for the delivery. For this second delivery, she went to the health center early, and was transferred from Mucubira Health Center to the hospital in time for a healthy delivery.



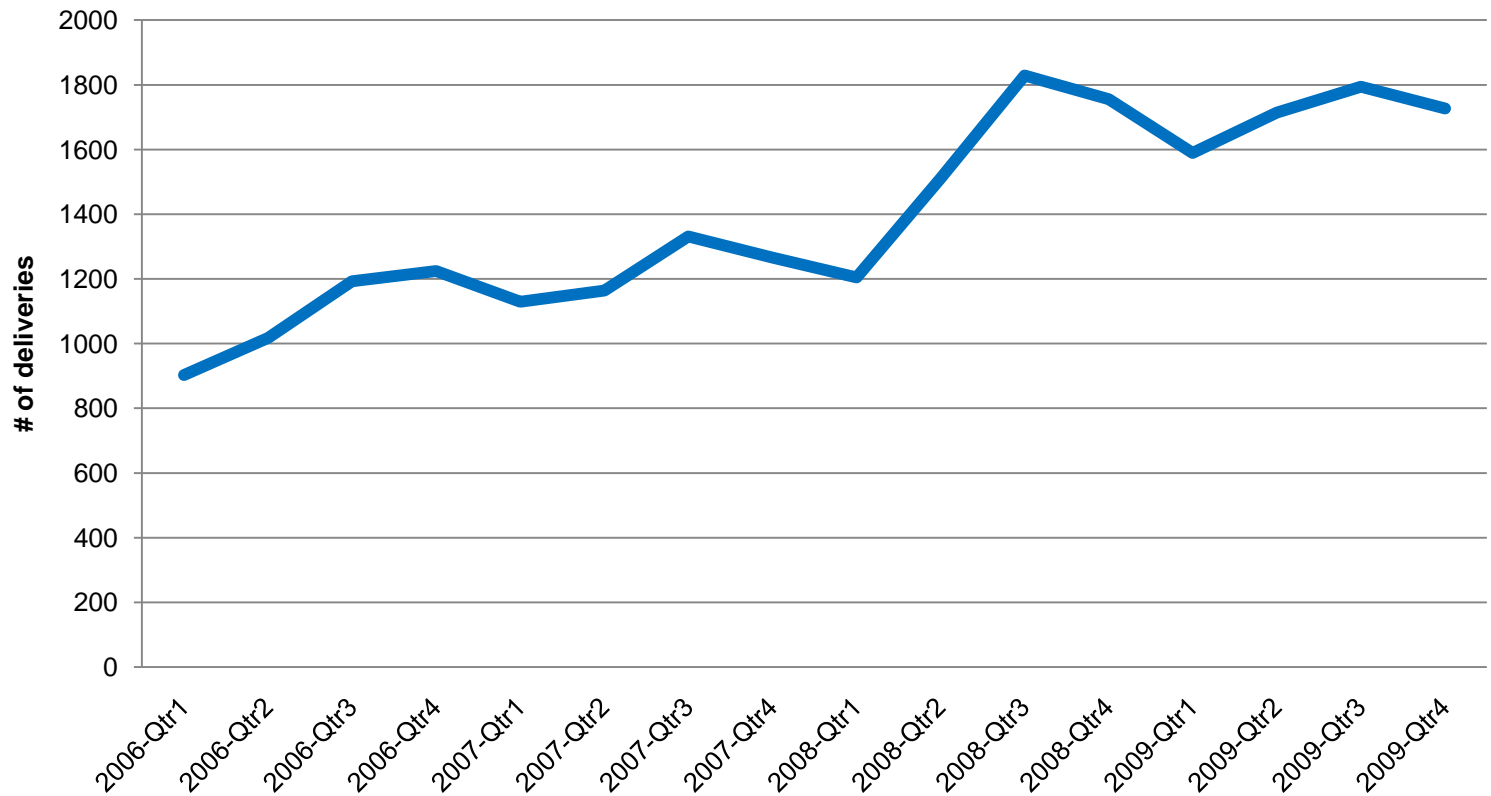
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Maternal health



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**Deliveries with a skilled birth attendant in Ruhango District
2006-2009**





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Community health



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1156 CHWs
trained and
supported in
integrated
package

“I receive an average of 10 children per month, who come with fever...I’m very proud of my interventions in the community since most of the children are cured, and those that I have to transfer get good treatment at the health center. I thank the districts and Twubakane who gave me the skills and the tools to do this job and serve my community.” *Idrissa Kanani, Community Health Worker*



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Ruhango District Collaboration with Twubakane



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At the district level, Twubakane and the district partnered in:

- Improved functioning of the Joint Action Development Forums
- Integrated budgeting & planning process within the district and the *imihigo* process
- Partnered on District Incentive Fund grant



Ruhango District: District Incentive Fund Support

District Incentive Funds (2006—2009)

Twubakane DIF	District cost-share	TOTAL
255,554,915 rwf	25,990,250 rwf	281,545,165 rwf
464,645 USD	47,255 USD	511,900 USD

- Update to taxpayers' database
- Support for participatory planning and budgeting for health by the participatory production of an integrated health plan
- Increase *mutuelles* membership among indigents by the purchase of 1000 goats for income-generating activities
- Support to community-provider partnership teams: income generation for sustainability



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Ruhango District: District Incentive Fund Support



District Incentive Funds

- Purchase of medical equipment for Gitwe Hospital and 13 health centers (especially for safe deliveries and maternal and child health)
- Improvement in health facility referral system through radio “phonies”
- Community mobilization for increased use of family planning and safe motherhood services
- Capacity building for laboratory technicians in health facilities throughout the district
- Capacity building for cooperatives in three sectors



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District Incentive Fund Support to Gitwe Hospital



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Ultrasound
for state-
of-the art
maternal
care



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Delivery
table and
room,
before



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Delivery
table and
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AFTER!



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Operating
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Observations and Recommendations



- Twubakane Program worked in *partnership* with the district, Gitwe Hospital, health centers and communities



- Skills building and capacity development was accompanied with financial resources through District Incentive Funds



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- Approach is sustainable—Twubakane support helped the hospital increase its revenues through increased use of services
- We recommend that other partners use this same integrated approach



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- Thank you to the Twubakane Program team for their partnership and hard work!
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