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QUARTER 2 REPORT

TOGETHER, WE ARE BUILDING
A LASTING CHANGE IN BURUNDI

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Janvier Manirakiza

Founder and Executive Director

Dear friends, partners and supporters,

As I reflect on the second quarter of 2026, I am grateful for a season of growth, learning, and deeper impact at Dreaming for Change (D4C). Across our programs, we continued to see how education, early childhood development, girls' scholarships, nutrition, community health, agriculture, and savings groups are transforming the lives of children, women, and families.

This quarter, children stayed in school, malnourished children received care, pregnant women were supported, farmers strengthened household food security and 28 VSLA groups shared out BIF 217,196,450 approximately USD 73,000, helping families build resilience and dignity.



Strengthening Dreaming for Change for greater impact

With support from Segal Family Foundation, we continued our capacity-building journey with the Nonprofit Builder consultant, strengthening our systems, leadership, MEL, data quality and program design. With support from Partners for Equity, our communications team also received training to tell our stories with greater clarity and dignity.

We are grateful for new partnerships with Micah 6:8 Foundation, Imago Dei Fund and Fondation Arcanum as well as ongoing discussions with the Ministry of Education which we hope to conclude in Q3. This quarter, D4C also strengthened its trusted giving pathways through TrustBridge Global and NGOsource Equivalency Determination, helping create greater confidence for donors who want to support D4C directly in Burundi.

We were also honored to host the Community Partnership Forum: bringing together local authorities and D4C staff to share progress, discuss community priorities, strengthen collaboration and improve data sharing. In addition, D4C hosted the new Imago Dei Fund local partner network at the D4C Community Center, creating space for peer learning and collaboration among locally led organizations.

Behind every number in this report is a child learning, a mother gaining hope, a family becoming stronger and a community moving toward lasting change.

Murakoze (Thank you)

ABOUT DREAMING FOR CHANGE

Dreaming for Change is a family-centered community development organization based in Burundi. We serve disadvantaged children, youth, families and communities through a holistic approach that places education at the heart of transformation.

At the center of our work is a simple belief: lasting change happens when children learn, families are strengthened and communities are empowered, not only assisted.

Our vision

To build healthy, peaceful, and educated communities in Burundi.

Our mission

To promote human dignity and social development through access to educational opportunities, agriculture, financial well-being, health and protection services that help children, families and communities achieve positive transformation.



our security guard joins women farmers in harvesting fresh vegetables for stronger household nutrition.

WE WORK TO:



Provide quality education

through Butanuka Community Academy, Home-based ECD centers and girls' scholarship support.



Improve child and family well-being

through community health, nutrition screening, referrals and nutrition rehabilitation.



Strengthen livelihoods

through VSLAs, vocational training, entrepreneurship and women's empowerment.



Promote agriculture and food security

through climate-smart farming, kitchen gardens and household food production.



Create safe community spaces

for learning, growth, and opportunity through our library, computer lab, kitchen, playground and other shared facilities.



A proud mother celebrates her daughter's successful completion of preschool on graduation day.

Q2 2026 HIGHLIGHTS



EDUCATION AND LEARNING

- **222 children** accessed learning through Butanuka Community Academy (BCA).
- **56 children** benefited from the Home-based ECD center model.
- **40,887 food rations** were provided to students at BCA and Home-based ECD centers.
- **0 school dropouts** recorded with a 92% average attendance rate.
- BCA achieved a **96.37% promotion rate**, including **100% promotion in Grades 2 and 3**.
- **138 primary learners** benefited from weekly reading and ICT sessions.
- **140 preschool and Home-based ECD children** took part in socio-emotional learning activities.
- **68 vulnerable girls** were supported with school fees and mentoring through the Girls Rising for Change scholarship program.

- D4C supported **2,247 active members** across **91 VSLA groups**.
- **26 new VSLA groups** were created and trained on savings and loan management.
- **217,196,450 BIF**, approximately **USD 73,000**, was shared out among **members of 28 VSLA groups** that completed a full savings cycle.
- 65 VSLA groups just started saving **55,920,100 BIF** during April, May and June.
- **4,957.5 kg of crops** were harvested, including maize, beans, and vegetables.
- **165 households** were trained in composting to improve soil fertility.
- **88% of farmers** applied improved agricultural practices after receiving training and technical support.
- **72 young people** took part in cultural activities, helping strengthen youth engagement and cultural identity.
- **2 soap-making groups** remained active, producing 151 kg of soap during the quarter.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND LIVELIHOODS



Q2 2026 HIGHLIGHTS



HEALTH AND NUTRITION

- **180 malnourished children** were monitored and treated through the nutrition program.
- **33 children with acute malnutrition** received milk and eggs as protein-rich nutritional support.
- **Nutrition supplies** were distributed to strengthen child nutrition.
- **26,705 cups of porridge and milk** were provided to children enrolled in the nutrition program.
- **330 household visits** were conducted to follow up with vulnerable children and families.
- **68 pregnant women** received community-based maternal health support through Community Health Workers.
- **25 families with malnourished children** were enrolled in the modern agriculture program.
- D4C launched a **small chicken-raising program** to produce eggs for malnourished children under nutritional monitoring.



OPERATIONS AND TEAM SUPPORT

- **Four classrooms were painted**, and all **classroom windows were fitted with glass**, creating a cleaner, safer, and more comfortable learning environment for students.
- New **gender-separate latrines** were built for primary school students, providing boys and girls with safer and more dignified sanitation facilities.
- A foundation stone was laid for **4 new Home-based ECD shelters** following the Kanenga groundbreaking ceremony.
- D4C currently has **54 staff members** supporting program implementation, operations, administration and community outreach.
- 3 institutional training sessions were delivered, focusing on MEL, communications and safeguarding certification.
- **A procurement trip to China** was conducted to purchase greenhouse equipment, school materials, classroom tiles, office materials, bakery equipment and kitchen equipment to support D4C's transition from charcoal to gas cooking.



BUILDING STRONGER FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING



A proud father poses with his daughter on graduation day.



Children, families, and D4C staff gather to celebrate graduation and the closing of the school year at Butanuka Community Academy.

The second quarter ended with joy and celebration as D4C organized end-of-year assessments, graduation and school closing ceremonies for children in Preschool, Home-based ECD shelters and Primary classes at Butanuka Community Academy.

With zero dropouts, 222 children completed the school year at BCA with a 96.37% success rate and 133 out of 138 evaluated learners were promoted to the next grade. In addition, 56 children successfully completed the Home-based ECD program. The ceremony brought together children, parents, teachers and D4C staff to celebrate learning, resilience, confidence and growth.

ADVANCING GIRLS' EDUCATION



D4C's Education Manager interviews a potential candidate for the girls rising for change scholarship program.

Through the Girls Rising for Change scholarship program, D4C continued supporting vulnerable girls to stay in school, receive mentoring and build confidence for the future.

During Q2, 66 high school girls continued to receive scholarship support, mentoring and follow-up. In addition, 2 university scholarship beneficiaries were supported as they prepared their internship reports, an important step toward completing their studies.

Looking ahead to the next academic year, D4C is working to select a total of 200 girls for scholarship support. 169 girls from partner schools were assessed and 117 potential beneficiaries have been identified so far.

FARMING FOR FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS



During Q2, D4C continued to strengthen household food security and livelihoods through its community farming and savings programs.

26 new VSLA groups, bringing together 625 women, were trained in savings and loan management, financial literacy, responsible borrowing, record keeping and income-generating activities in Rugazi and Mpanda zones, while representatives from 36 existing groups were trained in leadership and group management.

The program now supports 91 VSLA groups with 2,247 active members. In addition, 28 VSLA groups completed their annual share-out, distributing 217,196,450 BIF among their members.

On the agriculture side, 25 farmers produced nearly 3,000 kg of maize, 849 kg of beans, and vegetables. D4C also supported 56 kitchen gardens, trained 165 households in composting and introduced 28 hens to produce eggs for malnourished children.

In total, 5,289 kg of crops were harvested program-wide, supporting both household nutrition and income generation. D4C also continued supporting women-led soap-making groups and cultural activities that strengthen community traditions and youth engagement.

Mrs Yollande's story: From malnutrition to food security

"My name is Yollande Nshirimimana from Nyamageme in Butanuka zone. Before joining D4C, my family was living in very difficult conditions and my child was severely malnourished.

Through D4C's nutrition program, my child was enrolled in the porridge program and gradually regained good health. Later, I also joined D4C's modern farming training where I learned how to prepare land, grow vegetables, beans, maize and prepare balanced meals for my family.

Before the training, I used to harvest only 30 kg of beans and 15 kg of maize. Today, I harvest more than 150 kg of beans and 400 kg of maize. Now, my neighbors come to learn from me.

Many thanks to D4C for having helped my family recover, grow food and live with hope again."



Yollande in her vegetable farm after joining D4C's modern farming program.

IMPROVING HEALTH, NUTRITION AND WELL-BEING



Community Health Worker visiting a family and providing milk to malnourished children in the community.

Q2 2026 demonstrated the continued value of D4C's integrated health and nutrition approach.

Community health workers conducted 330 household visits, ensuring close monitoring of vulnerable children and families. A total of 180 malnourished children were monitored and treated, including 33 children with acute malnutrition who received milk and eggs as sources of animal protein.

This support contributed to significant improvement in children's health and nutritional status.

The program also supported 68 pregnant women through community-based follow-up and maternal health counseling. D4C conducted 58 community health education sessions on hygiene, nutrition and disease prevention.

KING BLESS IRIHAFI'S STORY: A JOURNEY OF RECOVERY



Before



After

King Bless Irihafi, son of Mbonimpa Cécile from Gahwazi, was suffering from severe malnutrition, with swelling in his feet and worsening health.

After being identified by a D4C community health worker, he was enrolled in the nutrition program and later referred to the Bubanza Therapeutic Stabilization center for specialized care. Once stabilized, he returned home and continued receiving nutritional follow-up through D4C.

With continued monitoring, nutrition support and family follow-up, King Bless's health has significantly improved. His story reflects the importance of early identification, referral and community-based care in helping vulnerable children recover.

"I sincerely thank the Dreaming for Change team for their support and dedication."

— **Mbonimpa Cécile, King Bless's mother**

FUNDING PROGRESS AND PARTNERSHIP GROWTH

Dreaming for Change's 2026 annual budget is **USD 800,000**. In Q2, D4C received **USD 140,815**, bringing total income raised by the end of June to **USD 316,638**, or **39.6% of the annual budget**. D4C continues to mobilize additional resources to close the remaining **USD 483,362** funding gap and sustain its growing work with children, families and communities in rural Burundi.

Annual Budget \$800,000

Q 1 \$175,823

Q 2 \$140,815

Total raised \$316,638

Remaining gap \$483,362



Our friend and supporter from New York tours the D4C campus in Butanuka.

NEW FUNDING PARTNERSHIPS

During Q2, D4C welcomed new funding partnerships with Micah 6:8 Foundation, Imago Dei Fund, Fondation Arcanum (existing partners include Segal Family Foundation, Partners for Equity and D4C USA).

These partnerships are helping advance D4C's mission in education, early childhood development, nutrition, livelihoods, community health, organizational strengthening, and locally led transformation.



Micah 6:8 Foundation



Imago Dei Fund



Fondation Arcanum

TRUSTED GIVING CHANNELS

During Q2, D4C strengthened its international giving pathways through NGOsource Equivalency Determination and TrustBridge Global.

Through NGOsource, D4C was assessed and certified as equivalent to a Certified Public Charity, making it easier for U.S. grantmakers to support D4C directly in Burundi. D4C also engaged with TrustBridge Global's due diligence process, creating another trusted channel for international giving.

Together, these pathways give donors greater confidence and expand opportunities to support D4C's locally led work.



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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AND PEER LEARNING

STRENGTHENING LOCAL COLLABORATION



D4C staff meet with local authorities from Mpanda during a campus tour in Butanuka.

During Q2, Dreaming for Change hosted a community partnership forum which brought together local authorities, community stakeholders and Dreaming for Change staff to strengthen collaboration, share program progress and align on community priorities.

The event created space for D4C to present key achievements across education, community health and nutrition, community empowerment and livelihoods. It also opened dialogue on shared challenges, data gaps, baseline data collection and opportunities for stronger coordination with local administrative, education, health and agriculture authorities.

As a follow-up, D4C established a shared contact database and communication channels to support ongoing engagement, coordination and data sharing with local stakeholders.

BUILDING A PEER LEARNING COMMUNITY

D4C also hosted its first peer learning visit at the Butanuka Community Center, bringing together Imago Dei Fund-supported partners including ASSEJEB, Faith In Action Africa, Kaz'O'zah, NACHAM Africa, United for Children Burundi bw'Uno Minsi, SaCoDé and Spring Communities.

The visit created a space for shared learning on organizational systems, monitoring and evaluation, financial management and program implementation. It also positioned the D4C community center as a growing hub for collaboration, reflection and locally led change in Burundi.



CEOs and leaders of Imago Dei Fund-supported organizations during the partner network gathering hosted by D4C in Butanuka.



Thank you for taking time to read our Q2 2026 Impact Report. At D4C, we believe that lasting transformation happens when children learn, families are strengthened and communities are empowered.

To learn more about our work or support our mission, please contact us through the information below. Together, we can continue building healthy, peaceful and educated communities in Burundi.



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Preschool Level 3 children celebrate completing their preschool journey and getting ready for primary school.

THANK YOU

