



Eglise Anglicane du Burundi

Diocèse de Gitega B.P 23 Gitega

WHO WE ARE

The **Anglican Diocese of Gitega** is one of the 9 dioceses which constitutes the province of the Anglican Church of Burundi. It was created in 1985 to meet spiritual and physical needs of communities in the Central, Eastern and Northern East part of the Country. The Church kept on growing and two more Dioceses have been created in 2005 and 2017. Currently, the Diocese is made up of 42 parishes, 65 members of clergy (pastors and deacons), 147 catechists with approximately 21,087 active Christians among them 70% are young people under 40 years.

Apart from the Diocesan Headquarter, the Cathedral and one Parish which are situated in urban area (Gitega Town), the remaining part of the Diocese is rural characterized:

- Alarming levels of food insecurity and malnutrition;
- High school drop outs;
- High illiteracy rate;
- Lack of access to health services
- Poor housing;
- Gender based violence;
- Poverty;
- High population growth;
- High rate of unemployment;
- Calamities, to name but a few.

On the spiritual side, the country may seem to be Christian, but a number of people are still unreached and others do not have access to the true Gospel as prosperity Gospel is being spread and welcomed by young people especially in urban and semi-urban areas. In addition to that, many people still practice the African traditional beliefs while others chose to mix both Christianity and traditional beliefs. We would also mention the rapid growth of Islamic religion especially among the poor attracted by handouts and social services rendered by Islamic religion.

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WHAT WE DO

The Diocese as God's agent to bring hope among the desperate tries with its limited means to address both spiritual and physical needs mentioned above.

Church planting and evangelism are producing tangible outcome as last year for example 1250 new Christians were baptized, 974 new converts to the Anglican faith were welcomed, 1115 were confirmed and 250 new mothers' Union members were enrolled.



On the side of social needs, the Diocese is running a health Center to facilitate access to health services to people living in the area where it is situated. The needs in health facilities are still huge while partners and means are limited. The Diocese has also initiated one primary and one secondary School totaling 620 pupils.



With our limited resources, the Diocese is working to bring relief and hope to our communities by intervening in several key areas: environmental protection, food security, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), decent housing, children rights protection, youth entrepreneurship, and empowering women through financial education and adult literacy.