



The Prime Minister calls for scrupulous respect for measures to prevent and fight against Covid-19



The Prime Minister of the Republic of Burundi, CPG Alain Guillaume Bunyoni, made a field visit on Wednesday January 13, 2021 to the voluntary sampling site located at the Source du Nil hotel and at the National Institute of Public Health (INSP), to reassure himself of the implementation of the message launched by the President of the Republic, H. E. Evariste Ndayishimiye, who calls on the population to rigorously respect the measures of prevention and fight against the Covid-19 pandemic, noted the ABP.

He said it was found that the virus has gained ground, not because the measures or the logistical means are not available, but through the negligence of some people who did not want

to strictly follow the prevention measures and the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic. "We then join the President of the Republic in relaying this appeal," announced CPG Alain Guillaume Bunyoni.

The Prime Minister of Burundi reported having noticed at the Meridien Source du Nil hotel, that people took this call seriously and actually came to be tested to find out if they are positive or negative of Covid-19.

He encouraged them and asked them to sensitize their loved ones and their families so that they could be tested as well to reassure themselves of the state of their health in terms of Covid-19.

This is very important because, he explained, prevention costs less than curative treatment. "If testing is free in our country, it is very expensive in other countries.

We would not want to find ourselves in the obligation to charge for health care because of the neglect of preventive measures only because the number will indeed have increased", insisted the Prime Minister.

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CPG Alain Guillaume Bunyoni also visited the INSP which hosts the regional center which takes care of the analysis in the laboratories of the samples that are taken and which also welcomes travelers who want to leave Burundi to go abroad.



He said he appreciated the organization of the INSP. He said he saw that the staff of this institute do a professional job and are selfless in serving the Nation.

He seized this opportunity to congratulate the health professionals of the INSP and ask them to continue this activity with interest. "The Government will spare no effort to provide them with the necessary assistance so that their work is done in an efficient manner," he reassured.

He seized this opportunity to reiterate to all Burundians and foreigners residing in Burundi, a call to scrupulously follow the measures to prevent and fight against the Coronavirus pandemic. "Anyone who wants to go to a public place is advised to wear a mask and to follow other necessary hygienic measures," he insisted.

The Prime Minister of the Republic also urged public transport users, both at the level of the Town Hall and within provinces, to implement the preventive measures communicated by the Ministry in charge of Public Health and the one in charge of the Home Affairs.

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Bubanza: Senate Speaker pays support visit to Sangwe cooperatives



The President of the Senate the Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera together with his spouse and the Governor of Bubanza province paid a visit to the fields of Sangwe cooperatives on Gifugwe hill on Monday January 11, 2021, in Mpanda commune in Bubanza province.

The fields visited by the President of the Senate are:

one hectare of corn, one hectare of rice, two fish ponds belonging to himself and rice fields with an area of 235 hectare belonging to Sangwe cooperatives supervised by CIAP (Cooperatives of Agropastorales Investments).

Addressing the local population, the President of the Senate the Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera was delighted with the rice cultivation of the Sangwe cooperatives because, he said, "you have responded to the call of the Head of State that every mouth has food and every pocket has money". The Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera welcomed the regrouping of Sangwe cooperatives because, there is strength, this regrouping will help them to overcome some challenges related to the irrigation of fields and fertilizers.

The President of the Senate the Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera asked the members of the Sangwe cooperatives and their supervisors to sensitize people who have not yet joined these cooperatives to join others because the fields of Sangwe cooperatives are different

from those who are not in these cooperatives. The President of the Senate the Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera also called on the burundian population in general to support the Government's priorities to fight against poverty by increasing production.

The Senate Speaker welcomed the Government's promise to support farmers by finding foreign markets for the sale of their production in order to alleviate the speculation of certain traders who buy their products at minimal prices.

The Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera reassured the members of the Sangwe cooperatives who asked when the second phase of funding will reach them.

He indicated that the Ministries in charge are at work to release the remaining amount but that some Sangwe cooperatives which have mismanaged the funds must first reimburse them. The Senate Speaker, the Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera has promised that he will plead with the Government for

the Sangwe cooperatives to be facilitated during the distribution of fertilizers so that they reach them on time.

The President of the Senate encouraged the supervisors of the Sangwe cooperatives who give themselves body and soul voluntarily for the success of the Government's bet to increase production through the cooperatives.

The President of the Senate the Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera gave advice to the people of Buzanza calling them to abandon the bad habits of polygamy, because it ruins homes.

At a time when the COVID-19 pandemic continues to rage in the world and important cases have been recorded in Burundi in recent days, the President of the Senate the Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera called on the Burundian population to scrupulously respect the barrier measures recommended by the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS.

(Source: www.rtnb.bi)

The wearing of a mask is compulsory for any person in the paid transport movement



On Tuesday January 12, 2021, the Minister of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security, held a meeting for officials of various Burundi transport associations, as part of the prevention of the spread of the coronavirus pandemic, we learned from the Spokesperson of this Ministry, OPP1 Pierre Nkurikiye, at the end of this meeting.

According to OPP1 Pierre Nkurikiye, three strict enforcement measures have been taken.

This is the compulsory wearing of masks for vehicle drivers and their helpers from Wednesday January 12, and to avoid the overcrowding where conveyors move standing. Wearing a mask was also compulsory for customers of these vehicles from Thursday, January 14, 2021. This measure concerns all drivers and customers of paid transport, whether buses, taxi-cars, tricycles (tuktuk), motorcycle taxis and even bicycle taxis, underlined OPP1 Nkurikiye, further specifying that

these carriers must have clean water and soap or disinfectants on them to disinfect themselves before entering these vehicles.

Another measure taken to prevent contamination with this virus concerns places where large numbers of people gather. The managers of these places are invited to scrupulously respect the barrier measures for the

spread of the Coronavirus pandemic, especially social distancing.

Those in charge of churches who organize the various cults are particularly targeted, said OPP1 Nkuriky, meaning that they must respect the distance by increasing the number of worship sessions in order to accommodate a minimum number of faithful per cult,

without forgetting the washing compulsory hands before entering these places.

The administrative and security forces are responsible for the implementation of these measures, he said.

(Source: www.abpinfos.bi)

Minister in charge of Home Affairs descends on Cankuzo



The Minister of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security CPC Gervais Ndirakobuca met this Wednesday, January 13, 2020, at the capital of Cankuzo province, various elected hill and municipal officials as well as the heads of provincial services to discuss the responsibilities assigned to them within the framework of “responsible” and “laborious” Government, the ABP learned on the spot. He first specified that the objective of his descent was to remind elected officials of the tasks assigned to them within the “responsible” and “laborious” Government.

Among these responsibilities, he said, are the promotion of the well-being of the population and its development, peace and security, good health, the effective representation of the Head of State in their administrative entities, without forgetting to transmit daily reports of everything that is happening in their communities to the upper echelons.

Minister Gervais Ndirakobuca further insisted on protecting the national economy, while warning all officials who collect almost all taxes and put them in their pockets. He said that during this year the municipalities will be assessed on the taxes collected, with a view to classifying them and sanctioning those re-

sponsible for those who are behind.

Minister Gervais Ndirakobuca recommended that elected hill-top officials in turn transmit the conclusions of this meeting to the population, so that next time a meeting to assess the implementation of these recommendations is organized.

The Governor of Cankuzo province, Mr. Boniface Banyiyezako, in his welcome address said that security is generally good in this province.



According to him, prohibited drinks have already been eradicated. He welcomed the compliance with the measures to fight Covid-19 observed in recent days by the population of Cankuzo.

The Governor of Cankuzo, however, deplors the poor condition of the inter-communal roads or those linking this province to Tanzania. He pleads for the asphaltting of the RN13 Cankuzo-Kahumo.

(Source: ABP-INFOS 12120)

The Minister in charge of Agriculture and the Minister in charge of Community Development visit the fields in the Provinces of Kayanza and Cibitoke



The Minister of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock Dr Déo Guide Rurema carried out some field visits on Monday January 11, 2021 in Kayanza province and others in Cibitoke province. The objective of these descents was to realize the implementation of the priority of the Government (responsible and laborious) in the agricultural sector.

The Minister of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock Dr. Déo Guide Rurema began his visit to the cornfield radiation center with an area of 11 ha located on Rabiho hill in Kayanza commune under supervision of the BPEAE (Provincial Office for the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock) of Kayanza. This Cornfield belongs to the Tugwizumwimbu cooperative.

The Minister in charge of Agriculture and Livestock Dr Déo Guide Rurema continued his descent where he visited a potato field outreach center located on the hill Mirundi commune Bukinanyana with an area of 5 ha belonging to the Minister in charge of the Interior and Community Development CPC Gervais Ndirakobuca, seed multiplier.

Dr Déo Guide Rurema also visited a cornfield outreach center also belonging to the Minister in charge of Home Affairs with an area of 21 ha located on the Nyarure site in Mabayi commune.

The Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and

Livestock, Dr Déo Guide Rurema also visited a bull farm of the Minister of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security, located in the commune of Bukinanyana in Ndora.

He continued his visit to Mabayi commune where he visited a 100 ha block hybrid maize field from a private investor, 29 ha of Sangwe cooperatives maize fields and a 7 ha rice field owned to a private and to cooperatives.

The Minister in charge of Community Development CPC Gervais Ndirakobuca indicated that he started to invest in agriculture before even entering his functions of Minister. He says he is satisfied to work alongside the population.

The Minister having Community Development in his attributions welcomes the initiative of the Ministry in charge of Agriculture which makes intra-agricultural products available to farmers on time.

CPC Gervais Ndirakobuca calls on all the leaders of this country to also get involved in agriculture so that the population can take them as an example. CPC Gervais Ndirakobuca thanked the Ministry of Environment, Agri-



culture and Livestock which continues to closely follow farmers.

The Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock Dr Déo Guide Rurema also calls on investors and leaders of this country to invest in agriculture, to organize

themselves in cooperatives because this would facilitate them a good supervision and supply of intra-agricultural.

The Minister Déo Guide Rurema specified that the production will be satisfactory, each mouth will have to eat and each pocket of the money as requested by the President of the Republic HE Evariste Ndayishimiye,

concluded the Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Breeding Dr Deo Guide Rurema. Minister Déo Guide Rurema also said that state lands reclaimed by the State are being developed.

(Source: www.rtnb.bi)

Visit of the Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning to the customs posts of Rumonge and Makamba provinces



fer of property, pink card and vehicle registration plates with a view to effective decentralization.

However, Rumonge taxpayers complain about customs agencies demanding a high sum from taxpayers who import goods whose value does not exceed \$ 2,000. Minister Domitien NDIHOKUBWAYO asked the OBR to clarify this situation within a week so that the importer can know the money to be paid in the customs agency as a service rendered.

On Tuesday January 12, the Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning Dr. Domitien Ndiokubwayo, with the Commissioner General of the Revenue Office (OBR) Honorable Audace NIYONZIMA, carried out a descent on the customs posts of Rumonge and Makamba provinces. The aim was to send a message of support and encouragement to OBR staff, not forgetting to inquire about the level of taxpayer satisfaction with the service provided by the OBR.

In Mugina, apart from the lack of electricity which hinders the smooth running of activities, houses have been built in the OBR area. The perpetrators were asked to leave these places in order to allow the state to build public infrastructure there. Also, a storage shed will soon be built in Mugina to make it easier for OBR agents to control goods entering the country.

Whether in Rumonge or Makamba, OBR agents said the revenue collected exceeded expectations during 2020.

In Rumonge, taxpayers expressed their satisfaction: "We very much appreciate the decentralization of the services offered by the OBR, including the tax certificate and the NIF which are currently issued in our locality"; and the Minister to indicate that other services will soon be delivered to Rumonge such as trans-



The Minister also conveyed a message of encouragement and support to OBR staff, especially in relation to improving relations and service to taxpayers. "Make sure you do everything to maintain good relations with taxpayers and strengthen the quality of the service you provide them, as you do so well in terms of maximizing revenue with which we are very satisfied," he said.

There was also poor collaboration between OBR officials and other state services involved in the fight against fraud. "There must be regular meetings between the administration, security agents and OBR agents so that there are concerted solutions to improve complementarity", demanded the Minister in charge of Finance.

The Commissioner General of OBR, Honorable Audace Niyonzima seized the opportunity of this visit to thank the Government of Burundi for its support to the OBR; and invited the local administration of Makamba and Rumonge provinces to more collaboration in the fight against fraud since the two provinces constitute a long and very permeable border with Tanzania and the DRC, hence the need to combine efforts in synergy to succeed in the fight against fraud.

(Source: www.obr.bi)

Official relaunch of the mass screening campaign for Covid19



The Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS made a descent on Monday January 11, 2021 to the various sites set up for the relaunch of the campaign "Ndakira Sinandura kandi Sinandukiza korona virusi". The campaign began on Monday, January 11, 2021, and will last 30 days, Minister Thaddée Ndikumana said.

The descent carried out by the Minister in charge of Public Health Dr. Thaddée Ndikumana began at the National Institute of Public Health where the Covid19 test is done to obtain the travel certificate, then at the voluntary screening sites located in the Town Hall from Bujumbura: the site located in Mukaza commune at the Nil source hotel, site located in Ntahangwa commune at ETS Kamenge and finally at the site located in Muha commune, very close to Kanyosha parish.

After the descent, Minister Thaddée Ndikumana said that the reopening of these sites comes within the framework of an accentuated search of contact cases and accelerating the voluntary screening movement during the 30 days. After declaring the 40 new cases dated January 04 and 05, 2020, Minister Thaddée Ndikumana indicated that among the 5,300 contact cases tested, 100 cases were declared positive for Covid19.

Regarding voluntary screening, from the morning of Monday January 11, 2021 until 2 p.m., more than 400 samples were taken at the 3 screening sites mentioned above, continued Minister Thaddée Ndikumana. Regarding the rumors circulating on social networks on this pandemic, Minister Thaddée Ndikumana invited the population to remain calm and peaceful and to follow the information provided regularly by the Ministry in charge of Public Health.

Thus, he urged the population to strictly enforce barrier measures including social distancing and frequent hand washing.

(Source: www.rtnb.bi)

Launch of the granting of plots and building permits for the industrial district called G6



The Minister of Infrastructures, Equipment and Social Housing, Mr. Déogratias Nsanganiyumwami, proceeded Thursday, January 14, 2021, to the launch of the granting of building permits on site G6 of the industrial district in Bujumbura Town Hall.

During a press briefing he hosted just after the launch, Minister Déogratias Nsanganiyumwami recalled the four major missions of responsible and hard-working government, including the management of public affairs with due diligence. He said that it was in this context that he went to this site to do everything transparently in the presence of the executives of his Ministry and the administrative staff.

He said that on this site, there are about 380 applicants who are potential buyers of plots on this site. Among them there is a category that has already paid the full amount required by the current law and another category: that of those who are still in the process of payment.

Minister Nsanganiyumwami clarified that it is an industrial site and not a residential area, so to speak that the buyers of these plots have already planned industrial projects that they will install soon. He invited the site's plot applicants who have already finished paying to come and collect the final award documents from the Ministry.

"Afterwards, they will draw up plans for their factories or industries, and after their presentation, the Ministry will grant them building permits," he added, inviting those who have not yet finished paying to speed up the payment process so that the Department can com-

plete the development of this district as quickly as possible.

The activity launched on Thursday will continue in other areas of the Bujumbura Town Hall and in the provinces of the interior of the country, according to Minister Nsanganiyumwami.

According to the Minister who has the Infrastructure in his attributions, to those who will not be able to meet the deadlines granted to build, the plots will be withdrawn. "There is no longer any question of giving up a plot acquired to someone else," he insisted, recalling that according to the Land Code, only three personalities have this authorization, in this case the Minister in charge of Infrastructure who cannot exceed one hectare in the urban area, then the Minister of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock who can grant up to 20 hectares inside the country in agricultural areas; and finally the President of the Republic who has the right to grant larger land, whether in urban or rural areas.

The first buyer who received the building permit this Thursday is the company called "Triple A and J investment Ltd", represented by Mr. Alain Hatungimana. The latter thanked Minister Nsanganiyumwami, stressing that his company was in need of expansion.

His factory is engaged in the processing of rice and corn. He deplored the problems linked to access to water and electricity and appealed to REGIDESO to facilitate his task.

During this raid of the Minister and on this site were also present people who claim to be owners. The officials of this Ministry who were there indicated that these people lost the case against the State of Burundi in court.

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Gitega: Popularization of the National Social Protection Policy



The Permanent Executive Secretariat of the National Social Protection Commission in collaboration with the Merankabandi project organized on Wednesday January 13, 2021 in the capital of Gitega province, a workshop to popularize the National Social Protection Policy and the Social Protection Code. , to the local elected representatives of the Gitega province. In her opening speech of this workshop, the Minister of National Solidarity, Social Affairs, Human Rights and Gender Mrs. Imelde Sabushimike indicated that the National Social Protection Policy has added value for the Burundian population of different categories.

The popularization of this responsible and hard-working Government policy aims for the well-being of the entire population, she added.

For the Permanent Executive Secretary of the National Social Protection Commission Mr. Arcade Nimubona, this revised code will improve the conditions of treatment of the Burundian population in different sectors, especially those of retirement age.

According to Mr. Arcade Nimubona, the innovations of the new code are based on the fact that the old social security code, which dated from 1999, only concerned workers under contract and under statutes. The new Code of Social Protection covers all sectors of the economic life of the Burundian population.

He said that in the contributory branch, this new code includes another innovation with regard to codifying social assistance. The new social protection code also shows how a person in need can be assisted.

The person concerned applies to the basic administration at the municipal level, which also informs him that if there is cheating, this aid can be suspended, explained Mr. Arcade Nimubona.

According to the Permanent Executive Secretary of the National Commission for Social Protection, in relation to contributory protection, the new code provides for significant advances in the area of pensions.

He said that the new Social Protection Code of 2020 shows that the method of calculation is more advantageous than that used by the old code of 1999. And to add that the other innovation in terms of pensions is that in the event of death, the funerals of retirees are covered by the social security organization.



Mr. Arcade Nimubona indicated that this code provides for sanctions against employers who do not contribute for their workers within social security institutions. And to launch a strong appeal to employers to fulfill this duty to avoid possible sanctions against them.

The popularization of the National Social Protection Policy and the Social Protection Code to local elected officials will be carried out in all provinces of the country.

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The Umugiraneza Foundation grants aid to bedridden mothers at the CHUK



A delegation of the First Lady of Burundi HE Angeline Ndayishimiye at the same time President of the Umugiraneza Foundation made a visit to the Roi Khaled hospital on Tuesday January 12, 2021 where she provided assistance in food and not food to the 21 women who gave birth to infants who are bedridden at the Kamenge University Hospital Center, commonly known as the Roi Khaled Hospital in Kamenge.

The cost of this assistance is estimated at more than 3 million BIF according to the Assistant to the President of the Umugiraneza Foundation.

The delegation of the Umugiraneza Foundation granted assistance in food, non-food, clothes and an envelope to Patrice Ndabazaniye's family from Rumonge who gave birth to triplets.

The delegation of the Umugiraneza Foundation also provided food, non-food and clothing assistance to Bucumi Concessa's family from Ruyigi who gave birth to Siamese twins. Bucumi Concessa asked the benefactors to come to her aid and help her find a hospital abroad to proceed with the separation of these children.

Concessa Bucumi's family also welcomed this gesture made by the Umugiraneza Foundation, chaired by the First Lady HE Angeline Ndayishimiye and asked the benefactors for financial assistance so that these children go abroad to be separated thanks to a adapted surgery.

The family of Patrice Ndabazaniye who gave birth to triplets and who already has 6 children in his charge, thanked the First Lady Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye for this assistance and asked other benefactors to come to his aid, because, he indicated, "it is difficult for me to take care of these 9 children who are still very young".

The Assistant to the President of the Umugiraneza Foundation indicated that the First Lady thought of these bedridden mothers at the King Khaled hospital in order to wish them the best wishes 2021 and come to their aid as the mission of this foundation stipulates it, underlined the Assistant to the President of the Fondation Bonne Action.

It is also with the objective of calling on other benefactors to come to the aid of these vulnerable mothers who have given birth, he concluded.

(Source: www.rtnb.bi)

Police note the upsurge in criminal attacks and call on the population to be vigilant



cartridges of the same type of rifle and a bottle filled with gasoline which they used mainly for the ambush they held out in Mugamba commune.

The Spokesperson for the Ministry in charge of security seized the opportunity to thank the local population who played their role well in providing all the information that allowed the arrest of these criminals. He also asks him to continue this task even if any person who would have played any role in these despicable acts is apprehended and brought to justice.

The Burundian population is invited to denounce to the security forces the existence of criminals before they commit the worst, said the Spokesperson of the Ministry in charge of security, OPP1 Pierre Nkurikiye, during a meeting press he hosted on Monday, January 11, 2021.

He said there has been an upsurge in crime cases in recent days. After the finding, the security forces carried out investigations and apprehended the perpetrators of these heinous crimes.

They are Richard Ndayishimiye, Diomède Barangabana and Emery Ndabadugitse all natives of Mukike commune in Bujumbura province.



From these criminals, says Mr. Nkurikiye, the security forces seized two Kalashnikov-type rifles, a hundred

As a reminder, he reported that on December 29, 2020, around 10 p.m. on Gishiha hill, Maramvya area of Burambi commune in Rumonge province, a certain Ruceke Antoine hill councilor was shot and killed on the spot.

He also reported that on the night of December 30 to 31, 2020, an ambush was set by armed criminals on the RN7 national road in Buhoro, Mugongomanga commune in Bujumbura province.

This ambush was set against a probox K0835A vehicle. As damage, there was the death of a girl and three injuries while one person came out unharmed. On January 3, 2021 at around 7:40 p.m. on Nyakimonyi hill in the Vyuya area of Mugamba commune in Bururi province, an ambush was set against a Carina E5468A vehicle heading towards Matana.

As damage, three people were reported dead and three others injured. On January 9, 2021 at around 9:20 p.m., on Gishiha hill, Maramvya zone of Burambi commune in Rumonge province, a wife of the chief of the sub-hill Numbwe was shot. She died during the evacuation to the local health center.

(Source: www.abpinfos.com)

Project "Ewe Burundi Urumbaye": The population called on to protect the land against erosion



A delegation from the executive committee of the national project "Ewe Burundi Urumbaye" joined the population of Itaba commune, Buyevyi zone on Thursday, January 14, 2021 in the reforestation work on the Cene mountain range, which extends over the hills of Kanyonga and Kigarama. The delegation was accompanied by the Governor of the province of Gitega Mr. Venant Manirambona, officials from the Ministry of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock as well as administrative, military and police authorities of the province of Gitega.

According to the head of delegation Mr. Jean Bosco Maneno at the same time sponsor of the provinces of Gitega and Rutana in the national project "Ewe Burundi Urumbaye", during this work, more than 12 thousand eucalyptus tree seedlings have already been planted.

Mr. Jean Bosco Maneno thanked the population of Itaba commune for having responded massively to the appeal of the Burundian Government, inviting them to "dress bare land with trees" in order to protect them against erosion and environment in general to prevent the climatic hazards which threaten certain localities of the country. He also thanked the entire population of the province of Gitega in general because they have already understood the policy of the Burundian Government which aims to protect the environment.

The national project "Ewe Burundi Urumbaye" is being implemented in the 18 provinces of the country including the Town Hall of Bujumbura. Regarding the Bujumbura Town Hall, this project is dedicated to the

protection of the borders of the rivers which cross it by the plantation of bamboo, specified Mr. Jean Bosco Maneno. He called on the population to re-double their efforts to finalize the planting of the tree seedlings that are still in the nurseries before February.

Then it will be a question of weeding these trees and checking those that have not grown in order to replace them, he added. He called on the grassroots administrative authorities to give free agro-forestry tree seedlings to citizens to plant on their properties. Mr. Jean Bosco Manenu deplores the bad behavior displayed by the population of certain localities which arrogates to themselves the right to uproot planted trees.

He said that the Government uses a lot of financial means up to a sum of two billion Burundian francs per year in the execution of the national project "Ewe Burundi Urumbaye". And to warn those who will be caught uprooting these trees that the sanctions against them are very severe: whoever uproots a tree, once caught, he or she will be required to plant a thousand trees.

As a reminder, on Kanyonga hill, four members of the same family who were caught uprooting the seedlings of trees that had just been planted were arrested and taken to the dungeon of Itaba commune by the Governor of the province of Gitega to be judged and punished according to the law.

Members of this family have indicated that they uprooted these tree seedlings because they were planted on their property and also indicated that this property is in dispute with another family. The Governor of the province of Gitega, for his part, warned the population who take the private property of the State as theirs.

(Source: www.rtnb.bi)

Floods and aquatic animals threaten residents in Gatumba and Rumonge zones



The inhabitants of Gatumba and Rumonge areas have been threatened by flooding in recent days. The Gatumba zone in Mutimbuzi commune faces an advance of the waters of Lake Tanganyika and the Rusizi river where the Mushasha I, Mushasha II and Gaharawe districts are flooded again.

The Rukaramu zone office, the Kinyinya communal high school and the houses surrounding the Rukaramu zone office are in the water and this prompted the Governor of Bujumbura, Mr. Désiré Nsengiyumva to carry out a raid on Saturday January 9 in the two zones to inquire about the situation, noted the ABP on the spot.

After the tour in these two localities, the Governor of this province, Mr. Désiré Nsengiyumva indicated that these waters constitute a threat for the population, which will prevent the return to their homes, the displaced people of the floods of last April.

He pointed out that nothing can be done to stop the waters of the lake, but on the contrary, there are ways to build a dike using the bags filled with soil to prevent the waters of the Rusizi from invading Kinyinya I and Kinyinya II districts, so as not to displace a large number of people.

Another no lesser threat to the people of Mushasha I, Mushasha II and Gaharawe hills are the hippos and crocodiles that ascend from the Rusizi nature reserve. People whose number is not known were killed or injured by these crocodiles which were raised by a private in this locality but which were taken from him by the Ministry in charge of the environment to be thrown

into the reserve. The latter raised about forty crocodiles.

The Governor also visited the Rukaramu area in Kajaga, the situation is not at all good. The zone office, Kinyinya Communal High School and surrounding houses are flooded.

He said that a field trip is planned for members of the national platform for risk prevention and disaster control, partners and the provincial and municipal administration in the two areas to alleviate the emergency.

In Rumonge, the torrential rains which fell at the start of the school year destroyed several classrooms in the school district of Rumonge, including three classrooms at the Buruhukiro I primary school.

According to the Director of this establishment, Mr. Clément Manirakiza, this challenge destabilized the program because it was considered good to put in two groups the students who no longer had classrooms.



The first group takes classes in the morning while the second shows up in the afternoon, he explained. He indicated that this phenomenon also concerns teachers.

In a general meeting with the parents, said Mr. Manirakiza, a contribution of BIF 2,000 per student had been set for the purchase of local materials that will be used for the rehabilitation of these destroyed

rooms, a measure which he said was not respected by all parents.

Thus, he asks parents to give this contribution as agreed at this assembly and the Catholic Archdiocese of Bururi will take care of the rest.

The Communal Director of Education in Rumonge, Mr. Rémy Ndayikengurukiye, said that the challenge relat-

ed to the lack of classrooms is generalized in the commune of Rumonge and asks the Government and benefactors to contribute to the construction of classrooms demolished by rain throughout the school community.

(Source: www.abpinfos.com)

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