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# NUFASHWA YAFASHA ANNUAL REPORT

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## Together for Change

Every story shared is a life touched. This year, your support made all the difference.



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# 01 Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends and Partners,

As we close another impactful year at Nufashwa Yafasha Organization, I write to you with deep gratitude and renewed hope. The fiscal year 2024–2025 has been one of growth, resilience, and strengthened community bonds. It reminds me once again of the power of collective action and the unwavering spirit of service that defines our journey.

From our humble beginnings to where we stand today, our mission remains clear: to empower vulnerable children, youth, and communities through education, health, and sustainable development. This past year, we reached new milestones. We expanded our early childhood education programs, strengthened vocational training for youth, improved community health outreach, and launched new initiatives such as the girls' football team and the "Open Book" community library project. Each of these achievements is a testament to what can be accomplished when we come together with purpose.

These accomplishments would not have been possible without the dedicated support of our partners and donors. I extend my heartfelt thanks to **the Province of West Flanders, UMUBANO VZW, SpendeDirekt, Rhineland–Palatinate Partnership, Help Organization Pro-Education, Green Horizon Ventures (GHV), Anyway foundation, Manoa Family Foundation, GOLDEN WINGS Foundation, our Goodwill Ambassador Matylda Bajer (an Actress and Model from Poland) individual donors, and our local stakeholders** for walking with us every step of the way. To our staff, who work with compassion and tireless energy, and to our volunteers—both local and international—who selflessly give their time and skills, I thank you sincerely. Your commitment fuels our impact.

As we look forward to the fiscal year 2025–2026, our vision grows even bolder. We plan to scale up our Lower Primary, a digital literacy program, a community library, to our schools, and deepen our vocational training and girls' empowerment efforts. We also aim to strengthen monitoring and evaluation systems to ensure accountability and better learning across our interventions.

Together, we are shaping a future where every child learns, every youth is empowered, and every community thrives. I invite you to continue this journey with us—because real change happens when hope meets action.

With warm regards and in solidarity,

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# 02 About Nufashwa Yafasha Organization

Nufashwa Yafasha Organization is a Rwandan nonprofit registered as Non Government Organization (**No 851/RGB/NGO/LP/09/2022**) committed to empowering vulnerable communities through early childhood education, youth empowerment, health promotion, and sustainable development. Founded in 2014, the organization operates primarily in Gatsibo District, Eastern Rwanda, where it has established a nursery school, community library, youth training initiatives, and health outreach programs. By focusing on education, digital literacy, and gender equality, Nufashwa Yafasha has impacted over 5,000 lives. Through local and international partnerships, the organization fosters inclusive development, cultural exchange, and long-term community resilience. Its mission is to ensure that every child and youth has the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive.

## Our Mission

To empower vulnerable children, youth, and communities by providing access to quality education, health services, and sustainable development opportunities—fostering self-reliance, equity, and lasting impact.

## Our Purpose

To create inclusive opportunities that uplift underserved communities—especially children and youth—by addressing barriers to education, promoting well-being, and enabling individuals to reach their full potential.

## Our Vision

A thriving, inclusive society where every child and youth has access to education, health, and the opportunity to shape a better future.

## Our Core Values

- **Equity** – We believe in fair and inclusive access to opportunities for all, regardless of background or status.
- **Integrity** – We uphold honesty, transparency, and accountability in all our actions and decisions.
- **Compassion** – We serve with empathy, kindness, and a deep commitment to the well-being of others.
- **Empowerment** – We support individuals and communities to become agents of their own change.
- **Collaboration** – We work in partnership with communities, donors, and stakeholders to maximize impact.
- **Sustainability** – We promote long-term, community-driven solutions that protect people and the environment.

# 03 Key Highlights/achievements of the Year 2024-2025

*Empowering Lives, Building Brighter Futures*

## 1 Access to Quality Early Childhood Education Expanded

Over 108 children enrolled in Nufashwa Yafasha Nursery School, with improved learning materials and teaching staff support.

## 3 Supplying Sport Equipment to Our two local football Teams

We provided sports equipment to both our boys' and girls' football teams, promoting equal opportunities and encouraging physical fitness, teamwork, and confidence among young athletes.

## 4 We built of new 3 classrooms for Lower primary, upgrade Kitchen and latrines

We constructed 3 new classrooms for Lower Primary, upgraded the school kitchen, and improved latrines – creating a safer, healthier, and more conducive learning environment for our children.

## 5 Education support for talented youngsters

We continue to provide education support for talented youngsters, helping them unlock their full potential through scholarships, learning materials, and mentorship.

## 2 Payment of Health insurance for needy families

We successfully paid health insurance for 100 vulnerable family members in our community, ensuring access to essential healthcare services and peace of mind for those most in need.



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### Health and Nutrition Support

Ongoing school feeding programs were supplemented with donations of food and mattresses, improving children's health and classroom concentration.



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### Solar Energy Initiative Initiated

Project development began for solar panel installation to ensure sustainable and reliable energy for our school



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## 7 The Spark peace project Talent Show 2024–2025

This year, Nufashwa Yafasha Organization proudly hosted a vibrant Children’s Talent Show, giving our students and youth a joyful platform to showcase their talents in music, dance, poetry, traditional drumming, and storytelling. The event brought together families, teachers, and community members to celebrate the creativity and confidence of our children.

The show not only highlighted the diverse talents within our school and community, but also reinforced the importance of nurturing self-expression, cultural pride, and teamwork from a young age. For many participants, it was their first time performing on stage—an unforgettable moment of courage and celebration.



## 8 🏆 Awards & Recognition 2024–2025 Honoring Our Commitment to Excellence and Impact

We are proud to share that we won two awards this year — Service Excellence Award – Charity/NGO of the Year (Rwanda, 2024)

Nufashwa Yafasha was honored once again with this national recognition for our outstanding work in education, health, and youth empowerment in rural communities. another honoring our founder as Humanitarian Celebrity of the Year 2024 for visionary leadership and dedication



# 04 Challenges and Lessons Learned

## 1. Limited Funding for Children's Learning Materials

One of the ongoing challenges we faced during the 2024–2025 fiscal year was the limited availability of funds to provide essential learning materials for children. While enrollment continued to grow, resources for age-appropriate books, stationery, toys, computers or tablets and classroom supplies remained insufficient. This gap affected the quality of early learning and placed additional pressure on our teachers and caregivers.

**Lesson Learned:** There is a critical need to prioritize and secure dedicated funding for learning materials through targeted donor appeals, school sponsorships, and in-kind contributions.

## 2. High Demand vs. Limited Resources in School Feeding

Our school feeding program continues to be one of the most impactful interventions, ensuring that children stay healthy, focused, and able to learn. However, in 2024–2025, we faced a growing demand for meals due to increased enrollment and community vulnerability, while available resources remained limited. As a result, we were often unable to provide consistent meals for all children in need.

**Lesson Learned:** School feeding must remain a core funding priority. We aim to strengthen partnerships, launch targeted food drives, and explore sustainable models (like school gardens) to meet this essential need.

## 3. Partnership Interruption: Belgian Support Suspended

One of the key challenges we faced this year was the unexpected suspension of support from some of our Belgian partners, including previously committed institutions, due to broader diplomatic and political tensions between Belgium and Rwanda.

This development impacted funding availability for planned activities such as vegetable garden and educational materials procurement. Despite this setback, we remained focused and resourceful—adjusting our priorities, engaging new partners, and ensuring continuity of core services.

**Lesson Learned:** Political developments beyond our control can directly affect local NGO operations. Diversifying our funding sources and strengthening South–South collaboration are essential strategies for long-term resilience and independence.

We remain hopeful for a future resumption of collaboration when the political environment improves, and we are deeply grateful for the contributions made by our Belgian partners in previous years, including the Province of West Flanders and other supporters who played a vital role in shaping our journey.

# 05 Commitments & Move Forward

In the fiscal year 2024–2025, Nufashwa Yafasha Organization took deliberate steps to reinforce its resource mobilization strategy to ensure the sustainability and expansion of our programs.

## Key Actions Taken:

### 1. Creation of a Dedicated Role for Resource Mobilization & Partnerships

We began the process of appointing a Division Manager for Resource Mobilization, focused on identifying funding opportunities, strengthening donor relations, and coordinating grant applications.

### 2. Launch of Local Campaigns

We mobilized community-based support through book donation drives, local fundraising for girls' football and school feeding.

### 3. Enhanced Communication Tools

We improved our digital presence through social media, newsletters, and storytelling to attract individual donors and build stronger visibility for our mission.

## Moving Forward:

In FY 2025–2026, we aim to:

- Establish a Resource Mobilization Committee at the board level
- Build a 3-year fundraising strategy aligned with our strategic plan
- Explore income-generating social enterprise initiatives to support our school

By reinforcing our resource mobilization efforts, we are not only sustaining current programs—but also laying the foundation for scaling our impact across Rwanda.

## We are on Social media

[Instagram](#)[LinkedIn](#), [YouTube](#), [TikTok](#): Nufashwa

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# 06 Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)

## Measuring Progress, Learning, and Accountability

At Nufashwa Yafasha Organization, Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) is a key component of how we ensure effectiveness, transparency, and continuous learning in all our programs.

### What We Monitor and Evaluate:

#### 1. Program Reach & Participation

- Number of children enrolled in nursery school
- Youth participating in Outreach training and sports
- Attendance and engagement in community library programs
- Reach of health and nutrition support services

#### 2. Education Outcomes

- Improvement in literacy and numeracy skills
- Progress of learners in early childhood education
- Feedback from teachers, parents, and learners

#### 3. Youth Empowerment Impact

- Skills gained through training (digital, vocational, leadership)
- Success stories from alumni and youth participants
- Gender balance in participation, especially in sports and training

#### 4. Community Engagement

- Participation in talent shows, open library events, and awareness campaigns
- Volunteer contributions (local and international)
- Community satisfaction and feedback

#### 5. Partnership & Resource Utilization

- Efficiency of donor fund allocation and program delivery
- Impact of partnerships on growth and sustainability

### Tools and Methods Used:

- Attendance and registration records
- Surveys and feedback forms
- Focus group discussions with beneficiaries
- Monthly and quarterly progress reports
- Photos, testimonials, and case studies
- Financial and narrative donor reports

### Key Learning in 2024–2025:

- Stronger data collection systems are needed at the grassroots level
- Regular community feedback improves program design and relevance
- Visual storytelling increases donor engagement and accountability

By investing in M&E, we remain committed to accountability, data-driven decision-making, and improving lives through evidence-based programming.

# 07 Acknowledgements

We extend our deepest gratitude to all those who made the work of Nufashwa Yafasha Organization possible throughout the 2024–2025 fiscal year.

To our partners and donors, thank you for believing in our mission and walking alongside us. Your contributions—whether financial, material, or technical—enabled us to reach more children, empower more youth, and strengthen more communities. Special thanks to the Province of West Flanders, UMUBANO VZW, Rhineland-Palatinate Partnership/Jumelage, SpendeDirekt, Help Organization Pro- Education, Green Horizon Ventures (GHV), Anyway Foundation, Manoa Family Foundation, GOLDEN WINGS Foundation, our Goodwill Ambassador Matylda Bajer (an Actress and Model from Poland) and our individual donors from Rwanda and around the world.

To our dedicated staff and volunteers, both local and international, we are inspired by your compassion, energy, and commitment. You are the heart of this organization, bringing our vision to life every day.

To the families and community members in Gatsibo District, thank you for your trust and partnership. Your collaboration and active participation are the foundation of our success.

To the children and youth we serve—you are our motivation and hope. Your dreams drive our purpose, and we are proud to support you as you build a brighter future.

Together, we are building a world where education, dignity, and opportunity are within everyone's reach.

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We thank you for your ongoing support of our programme

With gratitude,

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