

RWANDA

IMPACT REPORT

Yobel International traveled to Rwanda to offer an entrepreneurial training course to men and women living within one of six reconciliation villages.

You\ may have heard of the 1.2 billion people in the world today who are living on less than \$1 USD per day? Well, we were here to train 37 of them. The average income in the room was \$16 USD per household per month. Collectively, these entrepreneurs were supporting 133 children – on a total of \$640 per month.

- ▶ 40 Entrepreneurs
- ▶ 32 Women, 8 Men
- ▶ Average Monthly Income 11,200 RWF, or \$16 USD

MOST VALUABLE LESSONS LEARNED

- ▶ 67% Savings
- ▶ 67% Budgeting
- ▶ 46% Customer Care
- ▶ 30% Record Keeping



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"I learned how to help my business grow in order to help my family life improve. It was helpful to learn that I can start with what I have now, I don't have to wait to have all the money at once."

– Assinath Mfagukira, 50 year-old mother of 5

"Sowing much will harvest much. I will start saving money to build capital for my new business. I will now be able to save for medical insurance for my family."

– Providence Mukandori, 32 year-old mother of 3

"I have been changed because from now I will begin to respect others and love them as I love myself. This behavior you must have when you are in business."

– Athanasie Mukakagano, 50 year-old mother of 4

RESULT

These men and women are overcomers. Having both survived the genocide and learned to repent, forgive and reconcile amongst themselves has resulted in a people that know how to persevere. Although many villagers were illiterate, lacking confidence, and very poor, they arrived each day ready to learn entirely new concepts such as how to use a calculator, how to create a budget, how to treat customers with love. They left knowing that they ARE capable of beginning new businesses and have dreams of opening hair salons, grocery stores, and stationary boutiques. They plan to offer employment to 30 individuals in their small community. This training is 'karamay' they said. It will remain to benefit the village a long time.