

# NATIONAL POLICY DIALOGUE ON PUBLIC INVESTMENT IN CHILDREN

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# CLADHO&UNICEF INTERVENTIONS

**Program title:** STRENGTHENING CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL PLANNING AND BUDGETING FOR INCREASED TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN RWANDA

**Objective:** This program intends to promote children, adolescent and youth participation in national planning and budgeting cycles and thus improve accountability and citizens' engagement in decision making processes through modelling the approaches and practices in selected districts

# INTERVENTION AREAS



Districts of intervention are highlighted with a blue tick

# KEY INTERVENTION AREAS OF THE PROGRAM

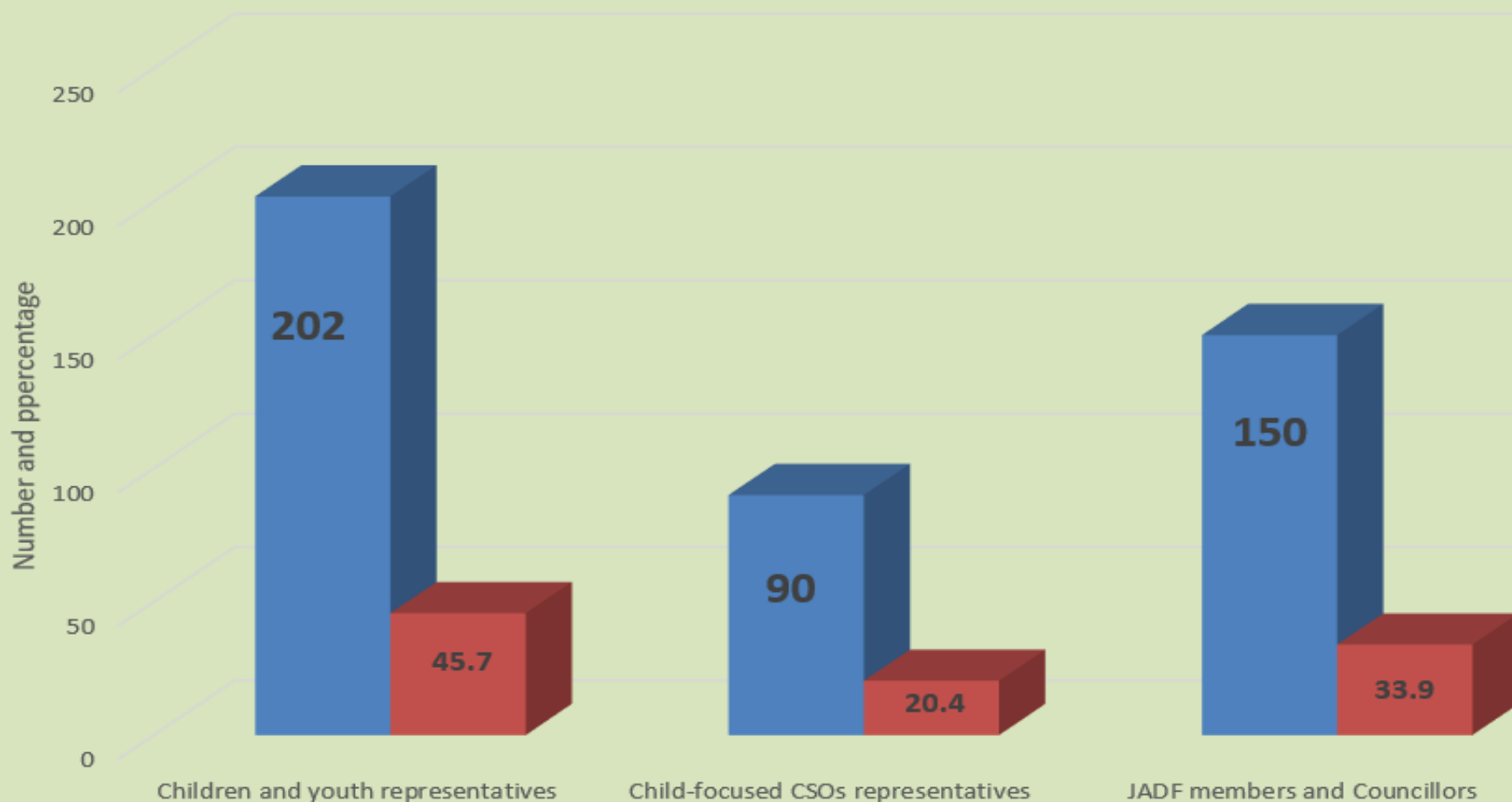
- Increase the capacity of children and adolescent, both boys and girls, to engage and participate in planning and budgeting processes;
- Increase the capacity of key stakeholders (JADF, Local leaders and child focused civil society organizations) in selected communities to support children and adolescent in participatory decision-making linked to planning and budget processes;
- Strengthen budget dissemination among children and adolescent and young people (child/adolescent friendly budgets and citizen's budgets)

# ACHIEVEMENTS

- Project introduction to competent Institutions which resulted by the full support and facilitation in program implementation
- Development of training module with the following content: **Planning process and planning tools, budgeting cycle, sources of government budget, Performance contract/Imihigo formulation, National planning and budgeting calendar, and the role of different actors including children and youth in planning and budget process**
- **Rapid assessment on the children and youth participation in decision making**

# TRAININGS ON PLANNING AND BUDGET PROCESS FOR THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES

Number of stakeholders trained on participatory planning and budget process



Number in blue and percentages in red

# SESSIONS WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES

Through Youth congress at District and Sector level, and meetings with children's committees, we met 380 children's representatives and 3700 youth members and discussed on the participatory planning and budget process



*Youth sessions in Bugesera District*

## SUPPORT DISTRICTS IN THE PREPARATION OF DISTRICTS BUDGET BRIEFS

- In close collaboration with MINALOC, RGB, NCC and NYC and Districts Authorities, District Imihigo and Budget briefs have been prepared,
- Kamonyi District was supported to disseminate district IMIHIGO and budget briefs through construction of a dash board, fixing IMIHIGO plates
- 6560 citizen guides have been disseminated in schools and to children and youth committees in different Districts





## PRE-BUDGET HEARINGS SESSIONS WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

In full collaboration with MINALOC, NCC , NYC and Districts, 700 representatives of children and youth Representative at sector and District level attended pre-budget hearing session and selected the most priorities to be considered for the next fiscal year



# CHALLENGES

- Children and youth participation in planning and budget process is still at low % ,
- Poor coordination among sector and district policies that affect youth and limited accountability for youth outcomes,
- Weak voice of children and young people in monitoring and providing feedback on the quality of policy and service delivery ,
- CSOs don't have capacity to follow up the budget implementation process,
- Children's committees are not operational at decentralized level due to the non budget allocated to this category

# OPPORTUNITIES

- Political will and existing policies and programs for citizen participation in policy formulation and decision making,
- Existence of children and youth committees

THANK YOU

