

# Rwanda/Inshuti Mu Buzima

By collaborating with the Rwandan Government on a variety of projects—building a hospital in a previously underserved rural region, creating a district model that can be scaled up nationwide, and constructing new homes for a historically marginalized community—Inshuti Mu Buzima (IMB) helped to transform the health system in three districts of rural Rwanda.

## Highlights of the Year



**Opened state-of-the-art hospital in rural Burera district:** Inaugurated in January 2011, Butaro Hospital now brings high quality medical care and serves as a flagship center for medical education and innovation for the entire east Africa region. In addition to the four basic services—maternity, internal medicine, surgery, and pediatrics—

the new hospital includes an emergency department, full surgery ward with two operating rooms, intensive care unit, neonatal intensive care unit, outpatient ophthalmology and gynecology services, and significantly expanded laboratory capabilities. Constructed in partnership with the Rwandan Government, which is supporting more than 40 percent of the operating costs, the facility features modern measures for infection control, including natural cross-ventilation reinforced by large ceiling fans and ultraviolet lights, secluded patient wards around courtyards, and an effective spatial triage system allowing for separation of patients based on their condition.

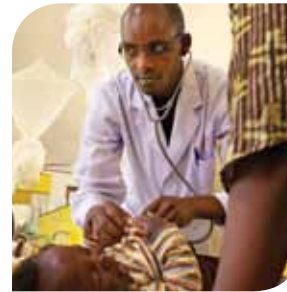


*Newborn twins in Butaro Hospital  
Credit: Matthieu Zellweger*

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## Expanded services from seven to 22 health centers in the Eastern Province:

With support from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, IMB expanded to 15 new health centers in Southern Kayonza and Kirehe Districts. With the addition of these facilities, IMB now covers all health centers in the districts. The major components of this project include social support programs, increased human resources and service delivery support, constructive nursing supervision, and an enhanced network of community health workers. IMB's research and monitoring and evaluation programs will document this strengthened healthcare system, allowing other districts to scale up and replicate the model.



## Supported Rwandan Government in cervical cancer screening, treatment, and training:

Beginning in August 2010, PIH worked to enable Butaro, Rwinkwavu, and Ruhengeri Hospitals to offer cervical cancer screening. Combined, the hospitals provided screenings to more than 1,200 women, and treated 56 with cryotherapy. In June 2011, IMB organized a three-week training on quick and low-cost approaches to screening for cervical cancer. This training is part of PIH's collaboration with the non-profit PATH and the Ministry of Health to support Rwanda's National Cervical Cancer Plan. The plan includes HPV vaccination for adolescents, screening for HPV and cervical cancer using Visual Inspection with Acetic Acid, and treating precancerous lesions with cryotherapy.



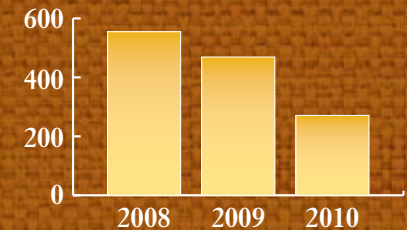
## Provided social and economic support for a marginalized community:

In partnership with the local community, and as part of the Rwandan Government's initiative to eliminate grass-roofed houses, IMB constructed 39 houses for families from the marginalized pygmy community in the remote hills of northern Rwanda. Replacing leaky, grass-thatched huts, the new houses were built with sturdy walls and metal roofs, ensuring equity while complying with district housing standards. In addition to housing, IMB and Burera district officials provided a full package of support to the pygmy community, including *mutuelle* health insurance subscriptions for every family, agricultural and food support, and school support for every child, including the costs of uniforms, shoes, notebooks, and other fees.

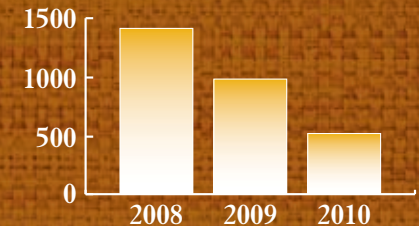


## BY THE NUMBERS

Under-5 Deaths in Burera District



Malnutrition Cases in Burera District



**660,137** total patient visits

**5,910** HIV patients on treatment

**19,759** babies delivered in health facilities

**107,980** patients tested for HIV

**37** health centers supported

**554** secondary school students received tuition coverage

**37,200** people received *mutuelle* health insurance coverage

Staff:

**865** medical

**1,146** non-medical

**3,313** community health workers