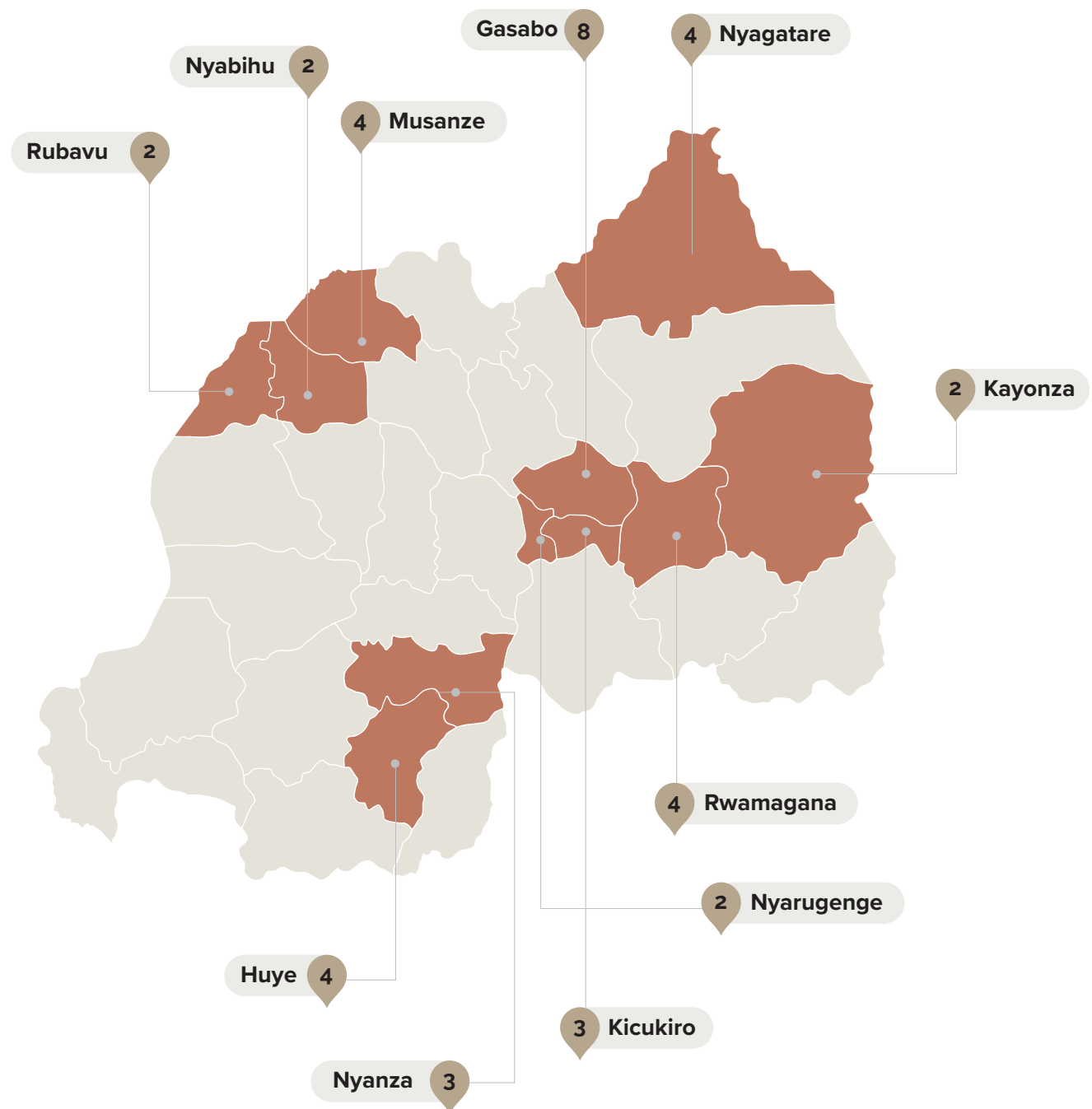


# ANNUAL REPORT





▲ Map of Rwanda – 11 Districts of Operation



# ACRONYMS

<b>AHF</b>	AIDS Healthcare Foundation
<b>AIDS</b>	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
<b>ARVs</b>	Antiretroviral Therapy
<b>BIC</b>	Back in Care
<b>CBHI</b>	Community-Based Health Insurance
<b>CMEs</b>	Continuous Medical Education
<b>DH</b>	District Hospital
<b>DSDM</b>	Differentiated Service Delivery Mode
<b>HC</b>	Health Center
<b>HIV</b>	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
<b>HMIS</b>	Health Management Information System
<b>HPV</b>	Human Papillomavirus
<b>ICD</b>	International Condom Day
<b>IDGC</b>	International Day of the Girl Child
<b>MH</b>	Men's Health
<b>MHD</b>	Menstrual Hygiene Day
<b>NCD</b>	Non-Communicable Diseases
<b>NCDs/HIV</b>	Non-Communicable Disease and Human Immunodeficiency Virus
<b>PLHIV</b>	People Living with Human Immunodeficiency Virus
<b>PRM</b>	Partner Review Meeting
<b>RBC</b>	Rwanda Biomedical Center
<b>RPHIA</b>	Rwanda Population-Based HIV Impact Assessment
<b>STIs</b>	Sexually Transmitted Infections
<b>TB/HIV</b>	Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Tuberculosis
<b>VCT</b>	Voluntary Counseling and Testing
<b>VMMC</b>	Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision
<b>WAD</b>	World AIDS Day
<b>WHO</b>	World Health Organization
<b>IWD</b>	International Women's Day
<b>YEGO</b>	Youth Empowerment for Global Opportunity
<b>YPP</b>	Young People Program

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# FOREWORD

It is with great pride and deep appreciation that I present the AHF Rwanda 2024 Annual Report. This report highlights not only the achievements of our dedicated team but also the invaluable support of our partners most notably the Government of Rwanda, whose commitment to creating an enabling environment has allowed AHF's programs to thrive and make meaningful impact.

Since its inception in 2006, AHF Rwanda has been a critical, consistent partner in the national HIV response. In collaboration with the Ministry of Health and the Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC), AHF now supports more than 45,000 clients (as of 13 June 2025) across 38 health facilities. The government's unwavering support has made it possible for us to extend quality, free HIV prevention, care, and treatment services to both HIV-affected and non-affected communities across the country.

Central to our mission is ensuring equitable access to care. Through contributions to the Community-Based Health Insurance (CBHI) scheme, AHF continues to support indigent and vulnerable populations, helping them access essential health services.

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we are aligning our efforts with Rwanda's vision for pandemic preparedness, response, and prevention, and we look forward to deepening our collaboration with government counterparts to strengthen this agenda.

Our people-centered approach ensures that no one is left behind, regardless of their socioeconomic background.

In 2024, we enhanced our youth-centered programming, recognizing young people as key agents of change in the HIV response. Through initiatives such as Girls Act, and in partnership with the Ministry of Health, we worked to rehabilitate and revitalize youth centers transforming them into safe and empowering spaces where adolescents can access HIV/ STI, sexual and reproductive health information and services. This collaboration represents a strategic investment in Rwanda's future health and leadership.

Building on our foundation in HIV service delivery, AHF has taken deliberate steps to broaden its focus to global public health priorities. We understand that pandemics, non-communicable diseases, and other public health threats know no boundaries and affect everyone, including people living with HIV. As such, we are aligning our efforts with Rwanda's vision for pandemic preparedness, response, and prevention, and we look forward to deepening our collaboration with government counterparts to strengthen this agenda.

As we reflect on the progress made, we remain firmly focused on the future with renewed energy to expand services, influence public health policy, support national efforts for sustainable health systems and the people of Rwanda in building a healthier, more resilient nation.

On behalf of AHF, I extend my heartfelt thanks to the Government of Rwanda, the Ministry of Health, the Rwanda Biomedical Center and other stakeholders for their continued trust and partnership. Together, we will continue to support Africa's goal of building healthier and prosperous nations.



Dr. Penninah Iutung  
Bureau Chief, Africa  
**AIDS Healthcare Foundation**

# OPENING REMARKS

As we reflect on 2024, I am proud to share AHF Rwanda's achievements, made possible through the dedication of our teams, the strong leadership of the Government of Rwanda, and the unwavering support of our partners.

This year, our work has been guided by one clear vision: ensuring equitable access to HIV prevention, care, and treatment for the most vulnerable all.

Together, we provided comprehensive HIV services to more than **45,000 clients** (as of 13 June 2025) across **38 health facilities** in **11 districts**, reflecting our reach and commitment to underserved communities. Through a client-centered approach, we conducted **312,556 HIV tests**, identified **3,124 new HIV-positive cases**, and ensured **94.3% were linked to care**—a testament to our strong follow-up and referral systems.

This year, through targeted campaigns, daily distribution, and education via condom kiosks, health facilities, and dispensers, we distributed **3,616,023 condoms** and conducted **58,796 voluntary medical male circumcisions**, contributing to national HIV prevention goals. Every individual who needed treatment was initiated, enabling us to achieve **100% ART coverage**. Among our clients, **95.3% accessed viral load testing**, and we achieved an exceptional **viral suppression rate of 98.8%**, demonstrating the effectiveness of our adherence support models. Additionally, **97.5% of eligible clients completed tuberculosis preventive therapy (TPT)**, bolstering our continuum of care.

Our **Back in Care (BIC)** initiative was a key success, enabling us to trace and re-engage clients who had interrupted treatment, thereby improving both individual outcomes and community-level viral suppression. Equally impactful was the scale-up of our **Youth People Program (YPP)**, which engaged



Dr. Rangira Lambert  
Country Program Manager  
**AIDS Healthcare Foundation**  
**Rwanda**

youth through peer education, school outreach, and community campaigns.

In response to the rising vulnerability of adolescents, we launched **Youth Corners** in five health facilities—dedicated, youth-friendly spaces that provide sexual and reproductive health education, HIV testing, and confidential services. These corners are already creating safe environments for adolescents to access accurate information and make empowered choices.

Despite our progress, challenges remain—particularly regarding access to condoms and sanitary pads for young people, and policy barriers such as age-of-consent restrictions. We remain committed to working with government and civil society to address these issues and advance youth-friendly health policies.

Looking ahead, we will continue to strengthen service integration, expand youth outreach, and invest in digital tools and infrastructure to enhance access and quality. Our focus will remain on reaching those most in need, ensuring no one is left behind.

On behalf of AHF Rwanda, I sincerely thank the Ministry of Health, Rwanda Biomedical Centre, our partners, and the communities we serve. Your collaboration and trust have driven these results. Let us continue this momentum as we push forward—together—to end AIDS and secure a healthier future for all Rwandans.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rangira Lambert'.



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HIV/AIDS medical care in the  
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## MISSION

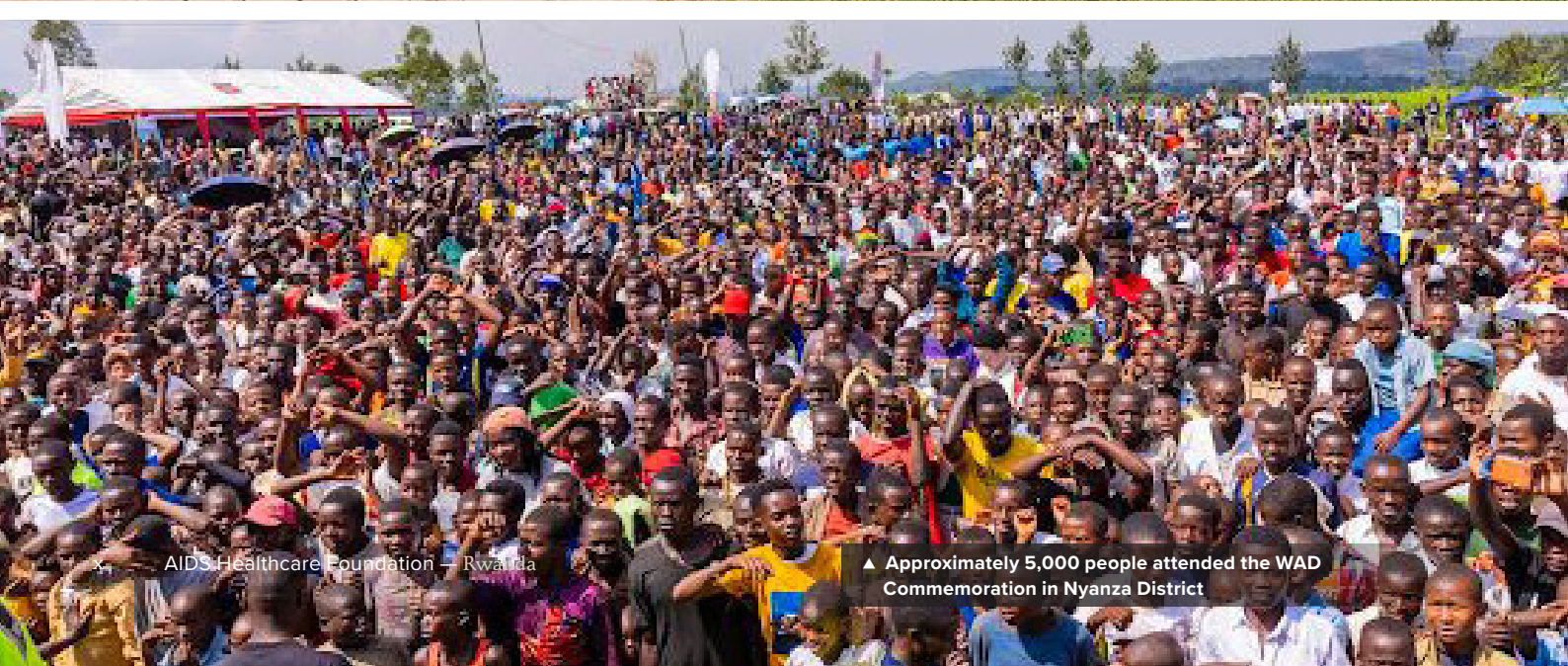
The Los Angeles-based AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) is a global nonprofit organization established in 1987 with the mission of providing cutting-edge medicine and advocacy regardless of ability to pay, caring for 2.3 million people living with HIV/AIDS in 48 countries as of May 2025. We expand the delivery of healthcare and influence policy with the aim of saving more lives.

“ providing cutting-edge medicine and advocacy regardless of ability to pay

OVER **2,300,000**  
MILLION PEOPLE IN CARE









# AT-A-GLANCE

## WHAT WE DO

AHF Rwanda delivers comprehensive HIV services to over 45,000 individuals (as of June 2025) across 38 health facilities in 11 districts, offering medical consultations, nursing care, and task- shifting treatment in collaboration with the government.

With 168 supplemental staff, the organization also provides community-based health insurance, integrating services such as cervical cancer/HIV and

family planning/ HIV integration for PLHIV and their families.

Since 2006, AHF Rwanda has conducted over 2 million HIV tests, distributed 25 million condoms, and contributed to health infrastructure development. Additionally, the organization engages in advocacy, playing a crucial role in Rwanda’s HIV/AIDS response.



OVER  
**45,000**  
PATIENTS UNDER  
AHF RWANDA



WITH  
**11 DISTRICTS**  
GASABO, KICUKIRO, NYARUGENGE,  
NYANZA, RUBAVU, NYAGATARE,  
HUYE, KAYONZA, NYABIHU, MUSANZE,  
RWAMAGAMA



WITH  
**168**  
SUPPLEMENTAL  
STAFF



**38 FACILITIES**  
Care & Treatment  
supported

## SERVICES OFFERED



Medical



Prevention



Supports (M&E) & Admin



Young Peoples  
Program



AHF Fund



Wellness Clinic



## VISION

Achieve Global AIDS control through quality programs, expansion, and policy change.



## VALUES

- Client centered
- Values employees & partners
- Respect for diversity



## MANAGEMENT PHILOSOPHY

- Mission driven
- Fairness
- Learning and innovation
- Hands-on
- Accountability and tenacity



## PREVENTION SERVICES

**T**he Prevention Program is committed to HIV testing and awareness campaigns within the community. It focuses on linking individuals to care and treatment, as well as distributing condoms and providing education through health facilities, condom kiosks, and condom dispensers. The program also supports Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC) through health centers. The Youth Program empowers young people with accurate information and practical skills through youth corners, helping them make informed and healthy decisions.

### 1.0 YOUNG PEOPLE PROGRAM

AHF Rwanda achieved a major milestone in youth health empowerment by establishing youth corners in four key health facilities—Kinyinya (Kigali), Mukarange (Eastern), Rango (Southern), and Muhoza (Northern & Western). These dedicated spaces provide young people with access to essential health information, services, and recreational activities, tailored to their needs.

To promote their use, AHF launched a Youth Corner Awareness Campaign that reached 14,400 students and engaged 360 teachers across 12 schools, effectively raising awareness of the youth-friendly services available. The campaign not only strengthened partnerships between health facilities and local schools by revitalizing 12 school health clubs but also supported adolescent girls by distributing sanitary pads. Additionally, the introduction of national tools for documenting adolescent sexual and reproductive health (ASRH) services ensures better tracking and long-term impact. This initiative marks a significant step in empowering Rwandan youth to make informed health decisions

and access comprehensive HIV prevention and reproductive health support.

### 1.2 HIV TESTING AND COUNSELLING

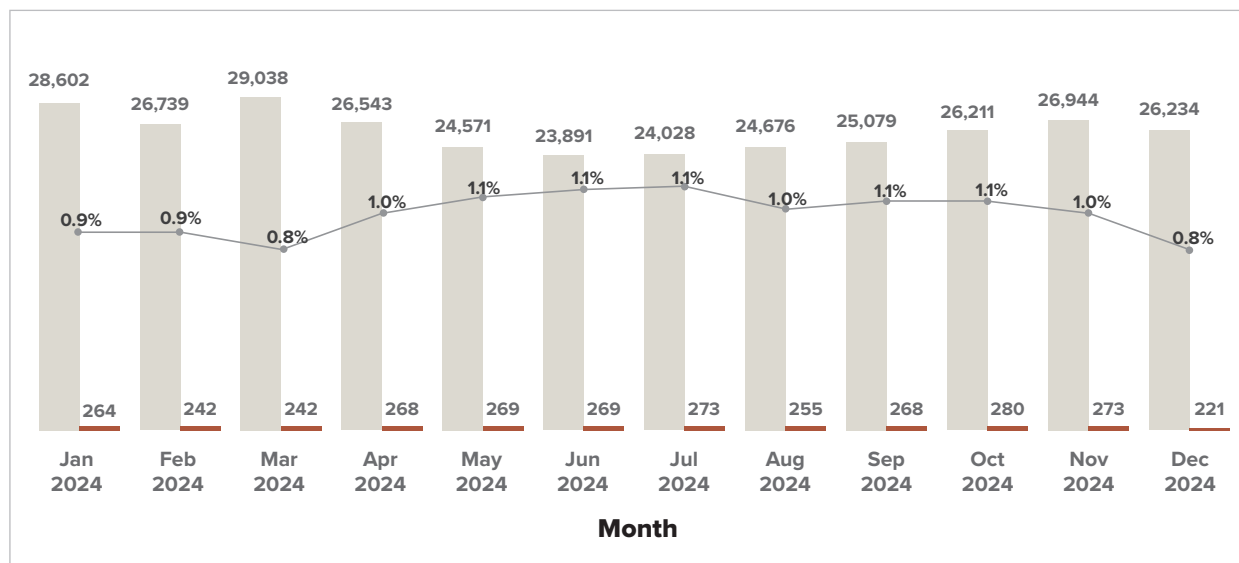
In 2024, AHF Rwanda continued to support partnered health facilities in providing HIV testing and counseling services for key populations and vulnerable groups, both within health facilities and in community settings. A total of 312,556 clients were tested for HIV, with a positive rate of 1%. Among the 3,124 individuals who tested positive, 98.4% (3,075 people) were successfully linked to care and initiated on antiretroviral therapy (ARVs) a strong indicator of effective follow-up and support systems.



▲ Young people attending the launch of the Rango Youth Corner

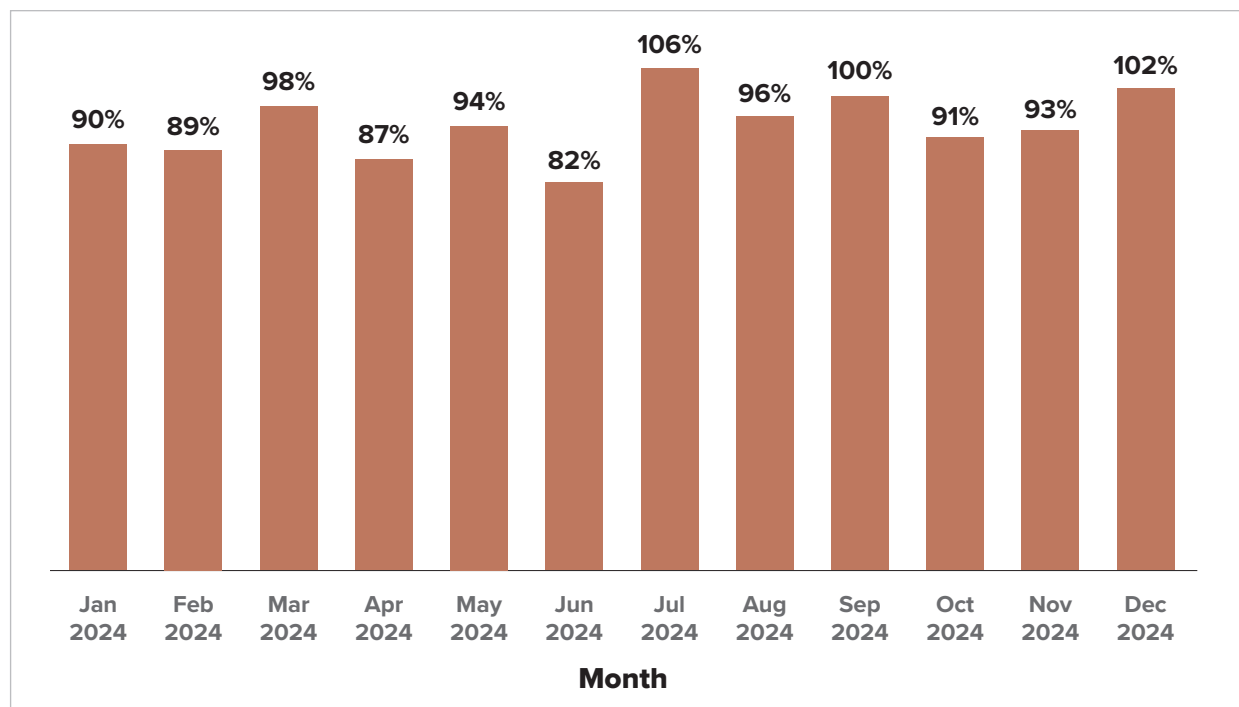


## HIV TESTING SERVICES PROVISION



Number of people tested for HIV and the positivity rate per month

## LINKAGE TO CARE AND TREATMENT



Linkage to care per month



▲ Condom education, promotion, and distribution through Condom Kiosks

### 1.3 CONDOMS PROGRAMMING

As part of its commitment to supporting the Government of Rwanda's efforts to end AIDS, AHF Rwanda distributed a total of 3,616,023 condoms in 2024. This included 2,868,832 condoms provided through 10 condom kiosks located across the country.

**3,616,023**  
CONDOMS WERE  
DISTRIBUTED IN 2024



### 1.4 VOLUNTARY MEDICAL MALE CIRCUMCISION (VMMC)

As of the end of 2024, a total of 58,796 males were circumcised through AHF-supported health facilities. This figure includes 14,419 males who received Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC) services as part of seven targeted campaigns.

These campaigns extended outreach efforts to include older and aging populations and involved collaboration with government partners to reach remote areas beyond our standard catchment zones.



**BY END OF 2024**  
**58,796**  
MALES WERE CIRCUMCISED

# MEDICAL CLINIC SERVICES

## 2.1 MENTORSHIP AND MEDICAL CONSULTATIONS

The Medical Department is committed to delivering high-quality healthcare services to patients enrolled in HIV care and treatment. We prioritize medical consultations, mentorship, and supportive supervision.

Our mission is to provide holistic care that goes beyond just the treatment of HIV, addressing the broader health needs of our patients. This includes managing co-infections, side effects of ART drugs, and ensuring timely

interventions for patients who present late or experience treatment failure. Through these efforts, we aim to improve health outcomes, particularly by reducing viral load and supporting long-term retention in care.

Our approach focuses on strengthening the healthcare system, building the capacity of all AHF-supported sites, and fostering effective partnerships with stakeholders.



▲ Medical Department Team – Doctors and Nurse Mentors



**95.7%**  
ART WITHIN 14 DAYS



**97.1%**  
TPT INITIATION



**97.5%**  
TPT COMPLETION



**99.2%**  
CD4 BASELINE



**95.3%**  
VL COVERAGE



**98.8%**  
VL SUPPRESSION



**96.6%**  
SYPHILIS TESTED



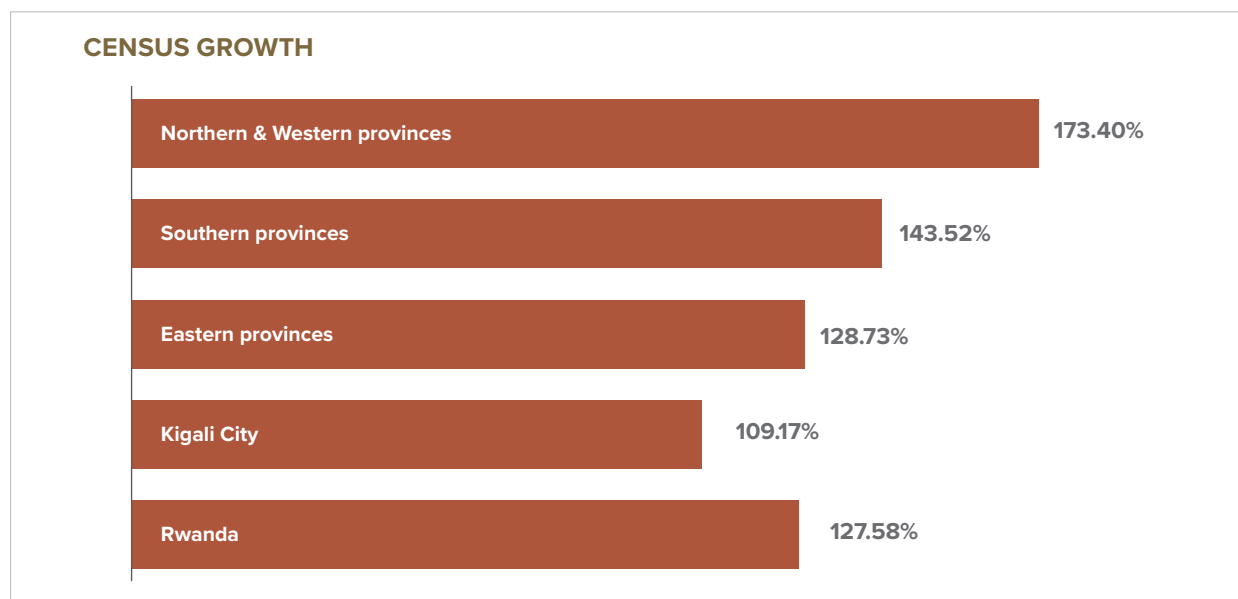
**98.1%**  
CERVICAL CANCER  
SCREENING



**100%**  
STI DIAGNOSIS



## SITE GROWTH AS PER ANNUAL TARGET

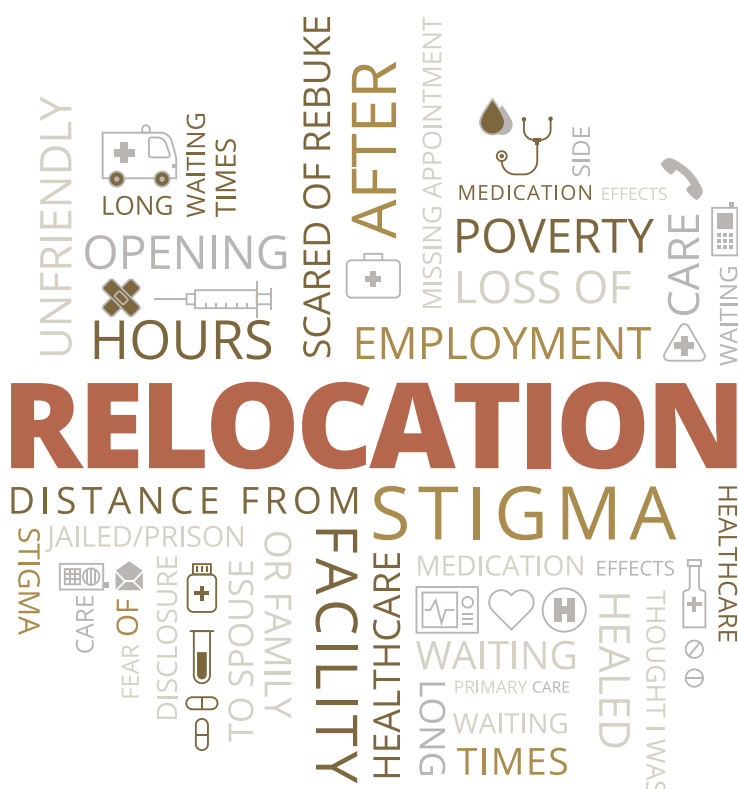


### Census Growth per Province

In 2024, we achieved a significant milestone with a net growth of 2,521 clients across the 11 districts where we operate, representing a 127.58% increase compared to the previous year. This notable growth is the result of strategic efforts, including the scale-up of Index Testing services, the rollout of mobile Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT) in identified hot spots, and the strengthening of client retention initiatives such as the Back to Care (BIC) program. These approaches have enabled us to reach more individuals in need, improve access to HIV testing services, and enhance long-term engagement in care across all districts.

In 2024, the BIC initiative successfully traced 3,348 clients who had dropped out of care—1,892 by phone and 1,456 through physical follow-up. As a result, 617 clients were re-initiated on ART at 38 AHF-supported sites.

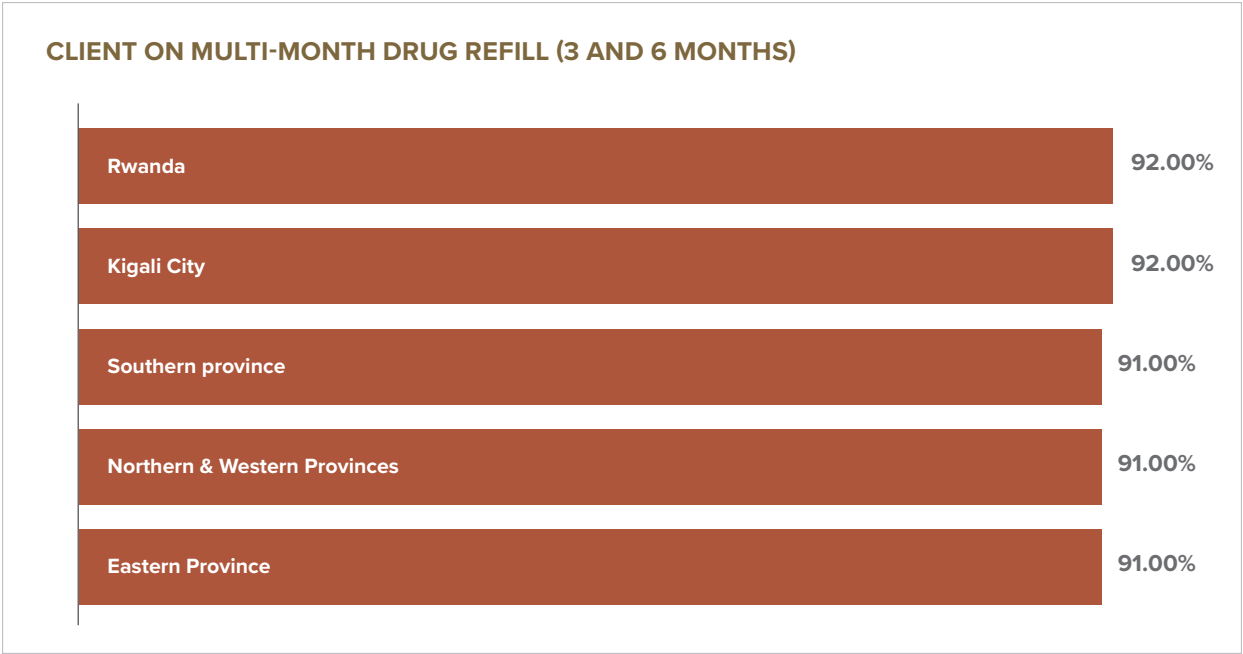
Key reasons for loss of care included relocation (458), long distances to facilities (229), lack of transport due to poverty (134), and incarceration (70). This initiative has significantly strengthened our retention efforts and informed strategies to address barriers to sustained HIV care.



▲ Back in care reason for Attrition

DSDM IMPLEMENTATION:

As ART becomes more widely available under the “Treat All” approach, more patients are initiating therapy earlier and with fewer clinical complications. While this is a positive shift for long-term health outcomes, it also places increased demand on healthcare systems, particularly in high-burden areas. In response, we continue to prioritize efficient ART service delivery, ensuring that systems are equipped to manage the growing number of clients without compromising quality of care.



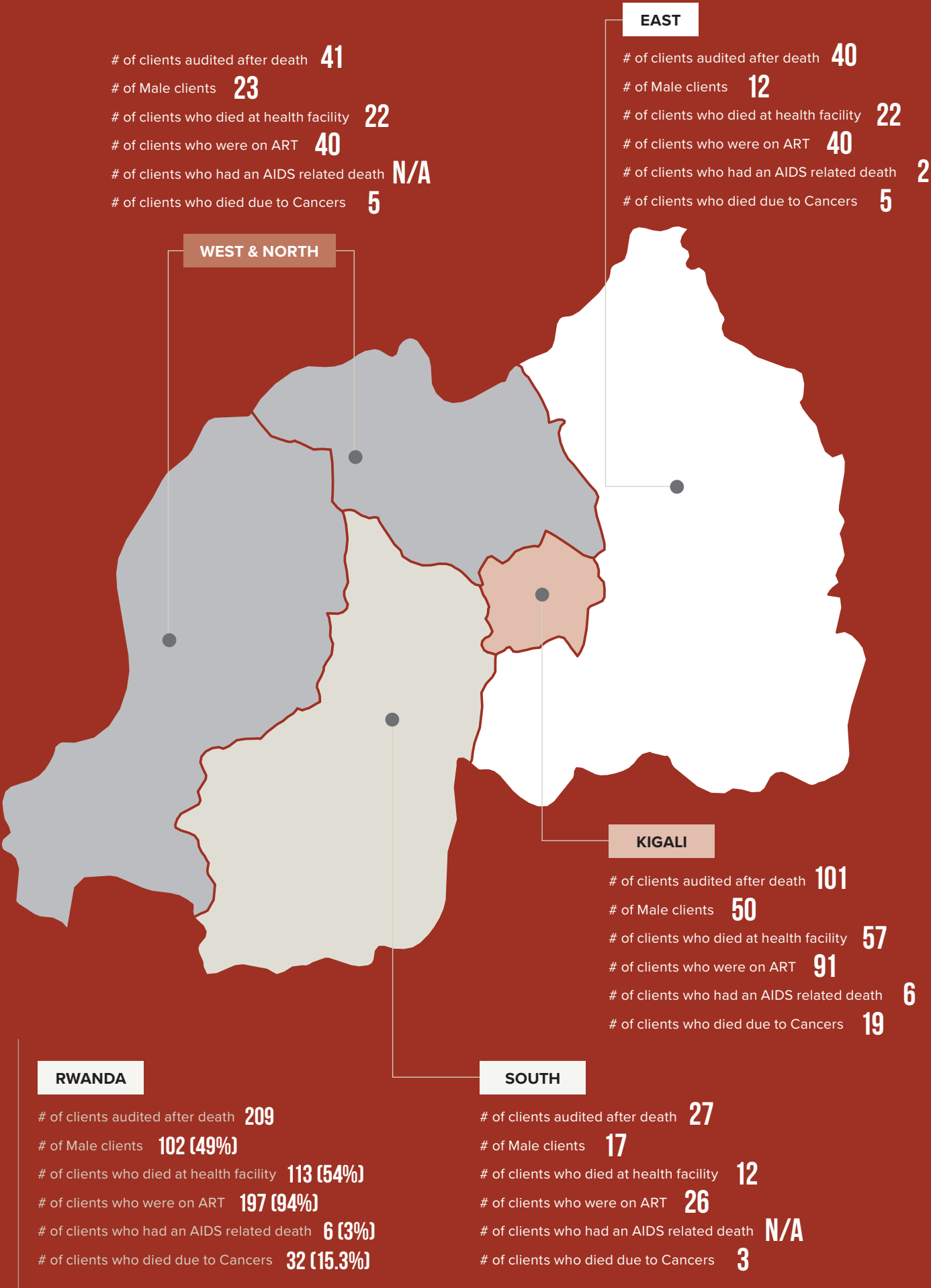
In 2024, 40,112 (92%) clients were receiving multi month ART drug refills countrywide.

2.2 KEY FINDINGS FROM DEATH AUDIT

As part of AHF’s broader research and quality improvement agenda, death audits were conducted in 2024 to systematically examine the causes and contributing factors behind client mortalities. The primary purpose of these audits is to identify preventable deaths, uncover service delivery gaps, and highlight systemic issues within HIV care and treatment services. Moreover, the insights generated serve as a foundation for advocacy with health ministries and partners, ensuring that health systems are responsive to emerging challenges and that no client is left behind.

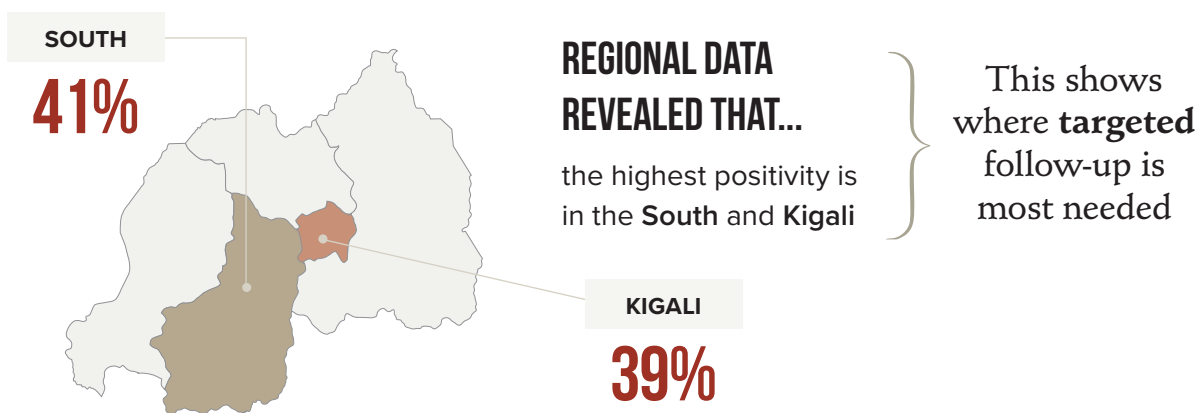
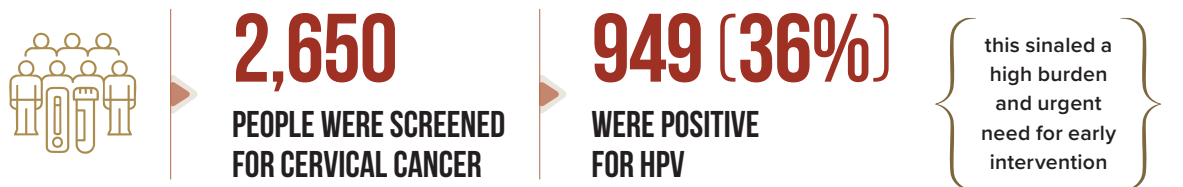
Findings from these audits are used to inform evidence-based adjustments to program implementation, such as targeted clinical mentorship, strengthened referral systems, and improvements in patient follow-up protocols.

In 2024, we conducted an audit of 2024 clients who died countrywide; the following are key findings:



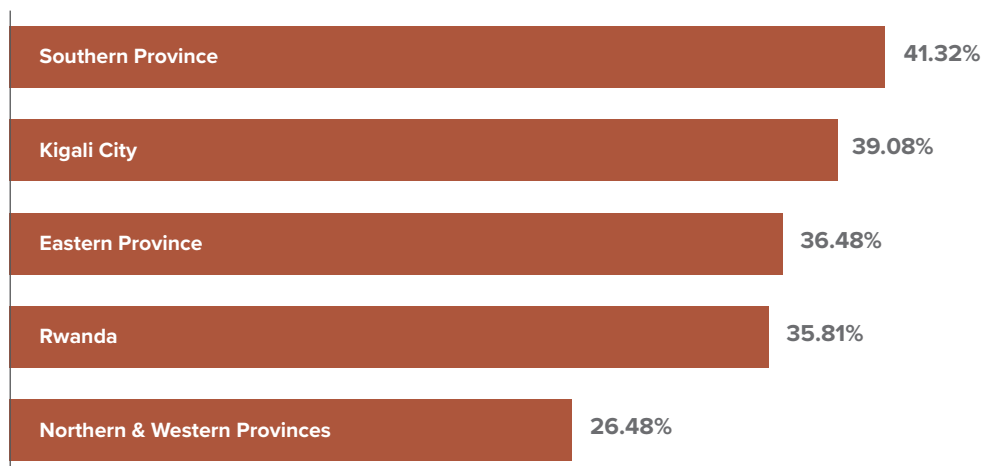
## 2.3 CERVICAL CANCER INTEGRATION

In 2024, AHF Rwanda integrated cervical cancer screening into HIV care services across all supported clinics, responding to WHO evidence that WLHIV are significantly more at risk of cervical cancer and death audit. This shift followed the successful 2023 mass screening campaign and aimed to make screening a routine part of HIV care and death audit.



By embedding these services in HIV clinics, AHF has improved access, early detection, and the continuum of care—protecting the health and lives of women living with HIV in Rwanda.

### HPV POSITIVITY RATE AMONG WOMEN LIVING WITH HIV



HVP Positivity rate among women living with HIV



## 2.4 FOOD FOR HEALTH PROJECT SUMMARY

In response to rising concerns about malnutrition among people living with HIV (PLHIV), AHF launched the Food for Health project where in AHF Rwanda in partnership with Gardens for Health International (GHI) implemented it. Recognizing that good nutrition is critical to effective HIV treatment and long-term health, this initiative was designed to empower PLHIV with the skills and resources to grow and prepare balanced meals at home.

Through innovative methods such as kitchen garden farming (Umurima w'Igikoni) and the “One Pot, One Hour One Complete Meal” approach, participants are learning how to create nutritious meals using locally available ingredients. With support from GHI, community members have not only improved their diets but also gained food security and greater self-reliance.

Midterm findings show a marked increase in dietary diversity, improved health behaviors, and successful establishment of home gardens among participants. This project is now a model for how integrating nutrition into HIV care can directly improve patient outcomes and community well-being.



▲ Demonstration Garden at Avega Health Center

## 2.5 COMMUNITY BASED HEALTH INSURANCE SUPPORT

At AHF, putting the patient first is a core value that guides all programming. In Fiscal Year 2024–2025, AHF Rwanda significantly expanded access to essential health services by supporting 67,904 individuals with Community-Based Health Insurance (CBHI). This initiative ensures that people living with HIV and vulnerable community members can access care at AHF-supported health facilities and any public health facility across the country without facing financial barriers.

Patients in need were identified by health caregivers at the facility and community levels, with coordination and verification led by AHF nurse mentors to ensure

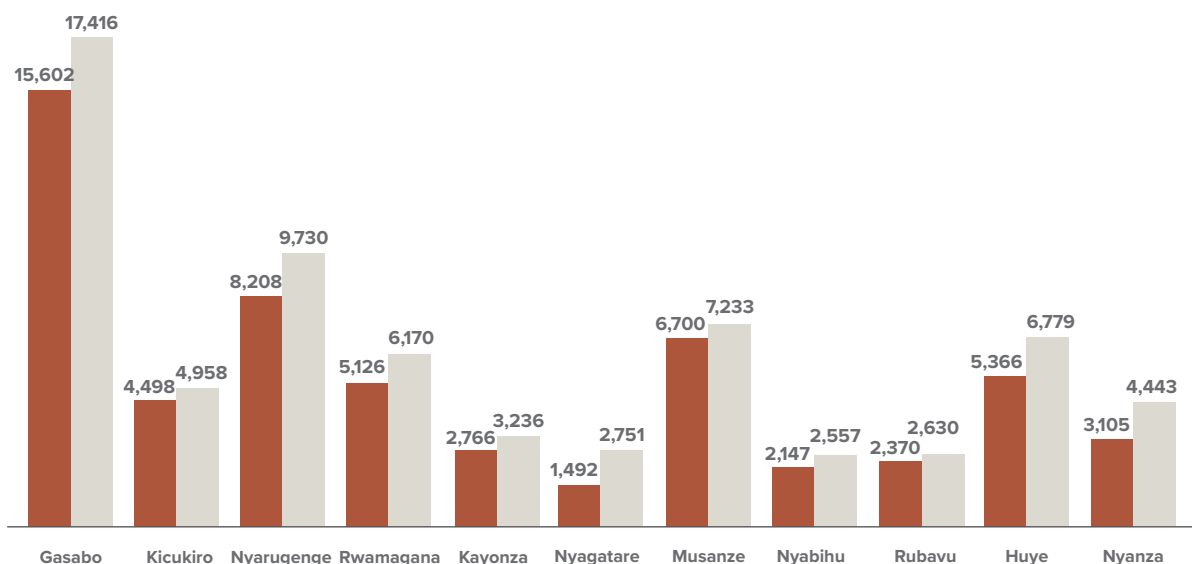
**67,904**

**INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED THROUGH  
COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH INSURANCE**

accurate enrollment and follow-up. By covering CBHI costs, AHF reduced out-of-pocket expenses and helped prevent care interruptions, strengthening both health outcomes and system trust.

This investment reflects our unwavering commitment to equity in health access, ensuring that no patient is left behind.

## COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH INSURANCE (CBHI)



Community-based Health Insurance Contributions per District

## 2.6 AFRICA MEDICAL DIRECTORS RETREAT



▲ Africa bureau staff from different countries attended the Medical retreat

In April 2024, the AHF Africa Medical Directors Retreat, hosted in Rwanda, focused on advancing healthcare delivery across the continent, with key discussions on HIV prevention, care, and treatment. Topics included retention strategies, innovative clinic models, and data-driven interventions to improve health outcomes. This week, Africa Bureau teams and Medical Directors from 13 countries joined Rwandans in commemorating the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi

at the Kigali Memorial, paying respects to victims and fostering reflection on Rwanda's progress over the past 30 years. Africa Bureau Chief, Dr. Penninah Iutung, also visited two supported facilities, recognizing the impactful collaboration to enhance the lives of those most in need. She emphasized the importance of radical cooperation and teamwork in improving service delivery and achieving AHF's organizational goals across its African network.





▲ Kinyinya Multipurpose Hall

## 2.7 INFRASTRUCTURE

In 2024, AHF Rwanda enhanced healthcare infrastructure by completing new multipurpose halls at Matyazo Health Center (Huye District) and Kinyinya Health Center (Gasabo District). The fully equipped facility at Kinyinya, built by AHF, boosts the center's capacity to deliver efficient care, including services like cervical cancer screening. These improvements reflect AHF's commitment to strengthening health systems and improving access to quality care for local communities.



▲ Inauguration of Matyazo Multipurpose Hall

## 2.8 WELLNESS CLINIC

In 2024, AHF Rwanda, in partnership with the Center for Family Health Research (formerly Project San Francisco), successfully launched the Wellness Clinic Centre following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). This clinic has been providing vital services focused on STI prevention, screening, care, and treatment, all within a stigma-free and supportive environment.

Over the past year, the Wellness Clinic has played a crucial role in enhancing access to high-quality healthcare, contributing to the global response to STIs and HIV. The partnership has advanced our mission to improve public health outcomes, offering essential care while promoting an inclusive and effective approach to managing sexual health.



Condom distributed  
in 2024

**3,616,023**



**312,556**

HIV tests conducted  
in 2024



**3,124**

Number of HIV  
positive cases  
identified in  
2024

Positivity  
rate of

**1.0%**



**3,070**

Number of Clients Linked  
to HIV program in 2024



**38**

Number of facilities  
end December 2024

Number of Clients in Care as of  
(as of 13 June 2025)



Over

**45,000**

PLHIV clients



**869**

PLHIV Pediatrics in care



**43,302**

PLHIV Adults in care



ART Coverage

**100%**



VL coverage 2024

**95.3%**



VL suppression  
rate 2024

**98.8%**



TPT Completion in 2024

**97.5%**



Total number of clients  
circumcised in 2024

**58,796**



AHF Rwanda amplifies awareness, drives policy dialogue, and promotes effective interventions to combat HIV/AIDS



▲ Panel Discussion – MHD Commemoration

## ADVOCACY, POLICY, AND MARKETING

AHF Rwanda plays a vital role in advancing the AIDS response through its multifaceted contributions, including advocacy, monitoring, and active engagement in policy and program implementation.

Through targeted campaigns, participation in technical meetings, and involvement in the celebration of international days such as International Condom Day (ICD), Men's Health (MH), Women's International

Day (WID), International Day of the Girl Child (IDGC), and World AIDS Day (WAD), AHF Rwanda amplifies awareness, drives policy dialogue, and promotes effective interventions to combat HIV/AIDS. By advocating for improved policies and program effectiveness, AHF Rwanda reinforces its commitment to addressing the complex challenges posed by HIV/AIDS and driving sustainable progress towards ending the epidemic.



▲ Girls Act End-of-Year Party

### 3.1 COMMEMORATION AND CELEBRATION EVENT

AHF Rwanda strategically utilized key national and international commemoration days as platforms to educate communities, influence policy, and amplify the voices of clients and vulnerable groups. These events were not only about marking global observances, but they were also about raising public awareness, prompting action from decision-makers, amplifying community voices, and fostering accountability in health and social systems.



▲ Dialogue Discussion during ICD Commemoration

**International Condom Day** was commemorated in Kigali through a dynamic and inclusive event organized in partnership with the Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC) and the Rwanda NGO Forum. The event brought together key populations, media, and young people to discuss condom use, accessibility, and stigma. Influencer-led discussions encouraged youth to engage openly on issues surrounding sexual health. The campaign reached a national audience through a live segment on Rwanda Television, significantly amplifying the message of responsible sexual behavior and HIV prevention.

For **International Women's Day**, AHF Rwanda, in collaboration with the Ministry of Gender and Family Promotion, celebrated the achievements of Rwandan women and girls over the past 30 years. Beyond celebration, the event focused on empowerment. Through the AHF Fund, we supported Save Generation Organization in distributing tailoring machines to teenage mothers in Nyagatare District. This initiative provided young women with practical tools to start small businesses, fostering economic independence, skill-building, and long-term resilience.



▲ AHF Rwanda Staff at International Women's Day



▲ TB Commemoration in Rubavu District

During **World TB Day**, AHF Rwanda joined government stakeholders in commemorative events that honored the dedication of frontline health workers. Community health workers were awarded bicycles to ease their mobility and improve outreach efforts. We also actively participated in national technical working groups, reinforcing our commitment to collaborative, community-based responses to tuberculosis and HIV co-infection.

**Menstrual Hygiene Awareness Week**, held from May 20–28, focused on breaking stigma and promoting menstrual health as a human rights issue. Activities included panel discussions, school outreach, media tours, and demonstrations of menstrual hygiene spaces. AHF Rwanda worked closely with youth, influencers, and men to open dialogue and promote positive masculinity. The campaign empowered girls and women while challenging deep-rooted taboos around menstruation.



▲ Dialogue discussion with stakeholder during Menstrual Hygiene D Celebration





▲ Young Girls and AHF Staff at Girls act End-of-Year Party

Under the **Girls Act** initiative, nearly 100 students from a partner school were invited to an empowerment day that featured a talk by one of Rwanda's youngest female neurosurgeons. Her personal story inspired students to pursue their dreams and value education. Discussions led by an adolescent sexual and reproductive health expert further enriched the day. Although the planned engagement with the parliamentary committee on gender did not materialize, the event successfully centered student voices and sparked meaningful conversations on health, equality, and ambition.

To commemorate **World AIDS Day 2024**, AHF Rwanda organized a series of impactful activities across multiple locations. In Rubavu District, AHF joined community members during Umuganda to plant trees and conduct HIV awareness sessions. A 24/7 condom kiosk was launched in a hotspot area to ensure consistent access to prevention tools, supported by WHO and UNAIDS. On December 1st, AHF participated in the national celebration alongside the Ministry of Health and key partners, including the US Ambassador. In the lead-up to the day, HIV testing campaigns reached 434 individuals in Rubavu, with 19 newly diagnosed and linked to care. In Nyanza District, a special Youth Day promoted HIV education among adolescents, while a 12-day outreach in Busoro Sector led to 632 people tested and the distribution of over 28,000 condoms.

Through these commemorative events, AHF Rwanda demonstrated the power of strategic advocacy and community engagement. Each initiative served as a vital moment to reinforce our mission—to provide care, promote dignity, and ensure that the voices of people living with HIV and vulnerable groups are heard and acted upon.



▲ AHF Rwanda Booth at WAD Commemoration



▲ SUB-WAD Organized by AHF Rwanda



### 3.2 ADVOCACY ENGAGEMENT



▲ Girls Act President on Panel discussion at MEDSAR Conference

In 2024, AHF Rwanda strengthened its role as a national advocate for equitable health access by deepening collaboration with key government institutions and partners. Working closely with the Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC), AHF actively contributed to technical working groups, where data and experiences from our 38 supported health facilities helped shape policies on HIV prevention, adolescent health, and universal health coverage. These platforms enabled AHF to advocate for health-friendly, evidence-based policies and improve accountability in their implementation.

Beyond policy tables, AHF engaged in multi-stakeholder dialogues to address pressing issues such as menstrual hygiene, joining forces with RBC, Rwanda NGO's Forum WaterAid, and local organizations to advocate for improved access to menstrual products and stronger



OVER  
**23,000**  
PEOPLE RECEIVED  
ESSENTIAL  
HEALTH SERVICES

**200**

MEDICAL  
STUDENTS  
WERE TRAINED

support systems for girls and women.

Through our partnership with the Medical Students' Association of Rwanda (MEDSAR), we supported the 2024 MEDSAR Day and Scientific Conference, where over 23,000 people received essential health services, and 200 medical students were trained in Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (ASRHR). This collaboration also contributed to the creation of the Adolescent and Youth Health Policy 2030, a critical framework for reducing teenage pregnancy and advancing youth health.



▲ Ms. Terri Ford, AHF Chief of Global Advocacy, Policy & Marketing, during her visit to Rwanda meeting the Director General of RBC

A highlight of the year was the visit by Ms. Terri Ford, AHF's Chief of Global Advocacy, Policy, and Marketing. Her visit spotlighted the quality of care at AHF-supported sites and the empowering impact of programs like Girls Act. In meetings with national and district leaders—including the RBC Director General and the Mayor of Nyagatare—Ms. Ford reinforced AHF's commitment to grassroots youth empowerment, wellness clinics, and Rwanda's preparation to host IAS 2025.



▲ Girls Act Club from GS Kagugu Meeting with Terri Ford





Additionally, AHF Rwanda deepened its partnership with the Ministry of Gender and Family Promotion through high-level discussions with the Director General of Family Promotion and Child Protection. This engagement laid the groundwork for collaborative projects focused on family well-being and gender-based violence (GBV) prevention, reinforcing our shared mission to protect and uplift vulnerable communities.

▲ Director General of Family Promotion and Child Protection visiting AHF Rwanda

### 3.3 TWO (2) MILLION LIVES IN CARE CELEBRATIONS



▲ 2 million Celebration with partners

AHF Rwanda celebrated a major milestone, reaching 2 million lives in care across its global network. To mark this achievement, we inaugurated the fully constructed and equipped Kinyinya mixed-use building, which will support the Health Center in various departments. The event was attended by key stakeholders, including the Ministry of Health, Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC), and District Administrators, reflecting strong partnerships.

The celebration continued with Directors General of Hospitals, Heads of Health Centers, Civil Society representatives, and patients, all recognizing AHF's commitment to improving



▲ AHF Rwanda Country Program Manager presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to the RBC Division Manager for HIV, STI, Viral Hepatitis, and Other Viral Diseases Control

healthcare. Dr. Lambert, AHF Rwanda's Program Manager, thanked our partners and the government, emphasizing the importance of continued collaboration to strengthen healthcare services and build on these successes.

# AHF FUND



▲ Save Generation providing a sewing machine to Kora Uzigama Cooperative in Nyagatare

▲ Bamporeze awareness campaign in Nyabihu District

## 4.1 SAVE GENERATION

Save Generation provided a sewing machine to one in Rwempasha, including youth with disabilities, and another in Nyagatare the Kora Uzigama Cooperative in Nyagatare, empowering young people, especially teen mothers with practical skills and a path toward economic independence. AHF's funding also supported education on Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH), helping improve overall community well-being. These initiatives offer young people, often facing economic hardship and HIV risk, the chance to gain skills, earn income, and regain control of their futures.

AHF's support is enabling young people to learn trade, gain confidence, and gain dignity, paving the way for brighter futures with the right support.

## 4.2 BAMPOREZE ASSOCIATION

With support from AHF, Bamporeze Association in Nyabihu District empowered Adolescent Girls and Young Women through an awareness campaign focused on Sexual and Reproductive Health, HIV/STI prevention, and ending Gender-Based Violence. The program also taught communication skills to help girls confidently advocate for their health and safety.

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Thanks to AHF's support, young people are not only learning trade but also gaining confidence, dignity, and hopefully that with the right support, brighter futures are possible.”

Thanks to this initiative, young women are gaining knowledge, confidence, and the power to make informed choices—reducing their vulnerability and building a healthier, more empowered community. AHF's support continues to play a key role in promoting gender equality and improving public health.





▲ Network of people living with HIV launching Back in care project

### 4.3 AHF FUNDING TO NETWORK OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV (RRP+)

AHF funding to the Network of People Living with HIV (RRP+) plays a crucial role in supporting advocacy, empowerment, and healthcare access for individuals affected by HIV. Through this funding, NPLHIV can provide vital resources, raise awareness, and promote the rights of people living with HIV, while also strengthening their involvement in decision-making processes related to HIV care and treatment.

The funding supports initiatives aimed at improving quality of life, reducing stigma, and ensuring that people living with HIV receive the care, treatment, and support they need to live healthy, empowered lives. AHF's partnership with NPLHIV contributes to fostering a more inclusive and supportive environment for those affected by HIV across the region.

## HIV PREVENTION/ RWANDA BIOMEDICAL CENTRE

“ We extend our heartfelt appreciation to AHF-Rwanda for its steadfast partnership and support throughout 2024.

Through collaborative campaigns, community-based HIV testing, and essential condom education and distribution efforts, including the strategic installation of condom kiosks and dispensers. AHF has played a pivotal role in broadening our outreach and strengthening our impact. These interventions have significantly raised awareness and empowered communities to take proactive measures in protecting their health.

— Dr. Basile IKUZO  
The Director of HIV Prevention  
**Rwanda Biomedical Centre**



## HEALTH SUPPORT FACILITY

“ It is a true honor for us to be supported by AHF Rwanda, an exceptional partner that goes beyond care and treatment. In 2024, AHF not only strengthened HIV prevention efforts but also constructed and fully equipped a mixed-use facility at Kinyinya Health Center, designed to enhance service delivery and improve patient care. We especially thank AHF for establishing a youth-friendly corner—a safe and welcoming space where young people can access essential health services and accurate information.

— Head of Kinyinya Health Center  
**Batamugira Leonidas**



## STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIP MESSAGE

Rwanda Network of People Living with HIV(RRP+) recognizes the vital importance of partnering with AHF to track and trace People Living with HIV (PLHIV) who have disengaged from treatment in the community. This collaboration plays a key role in re-engaging individuals and ensuring sustained access to care through peer-led follow-ups within their neighborhoods.

In just seven months, 39 individuals have been successfully identified and re-engaged in care across four health facilities with high numbers of lost-to-follow-up (LFU) cases. This achievement reflects a strong, results-driven partnership.

RRP+ extends its sincere appreciation to AHF for this impactful contribution toward our shared national and global vision of achieving zero new HIV infections in our communities.

— Rwanda Network of People Living with HIV (RRP+) Executive secretary  
**Dr. Deo Mutambuka (PHD)**



## PATIENT EXPERT

Through their unwavering commitment to health coverage and continuous support, I've not only been able to grow professionally but also support my family and serve my community with confidence and compassion.

AHF's contribution has made a real difference in my life, empowering me to be part of the HIV response and to help others access the care and information they need. I am truly grateful for this partnership and proud to be part of this journey.

— Yours Sincerely  
**Murebwayire Donatha**



▲ Young Girls Attending International Day of the Girl Child (IDGC)

## 4.4 GIRLS ACT PROGRAM

In 2024, Girls Act continued its commitment to supporting young girls in our community. We held engaging sessions with the girls we sponsor, their parents, and school representatives as they prepared for the new academic year. During these discussions, we reflected on the achievements of the past year, celebrated progress, and motivated everyone to stay focused on their educational goals.

This year, Girls Act advanced Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) education by mentoring girls on HIV/STI prevention, safe sex practices, and the importance of regular health check-ups. We also empowered them economically through entrepreneurship training, financial literacy, and seed capital support, equipping them with the skills and confidence to start their own businesses and become financially independent.

We continued breaking menstrual stigma with a visit to the Kigali Menstruation Station during Menstruation Week and provided education on menstrual hygiene. Our advocacy efforts also grew stronger, with the Girls Act President engaging in media and public forums to champion adolescent rights. A key focus was access to contraceptives, where we led discussions promoting comprehensive sex education as a vital step in reducing teenage pregnancies and empowering young girls.

To celebrate 2024's achievements, we hosted a vibrant End-of-Year Party with girls, families, volunteers, and partners. A special highlight was guest speaker Gael Igisubizo, CEO of the DOPE Initiative, who shared her powerful journey in leadership and entrepreneurship. Her story of resilience and determination inspired the girls to dream big, embrace their strengths, and pursue their goals with confidence. The Q&A session left everyone motivated, reminding them that with hard work and vision, success is within reach.





▲ Condom Kiosk Launch – WAD Commemoration in Rubavu District



▲ Young Girls Sponsored with School Fees



▲ Women at SUB WAD in Nyanza District



▲ ICD Commemoration



▲ Young Girls from Riviera High School Visit



▲ Country Program Manager, UNAIDS Country Representative, and WHO Representative Opening Condom Kiosk in Rubavu





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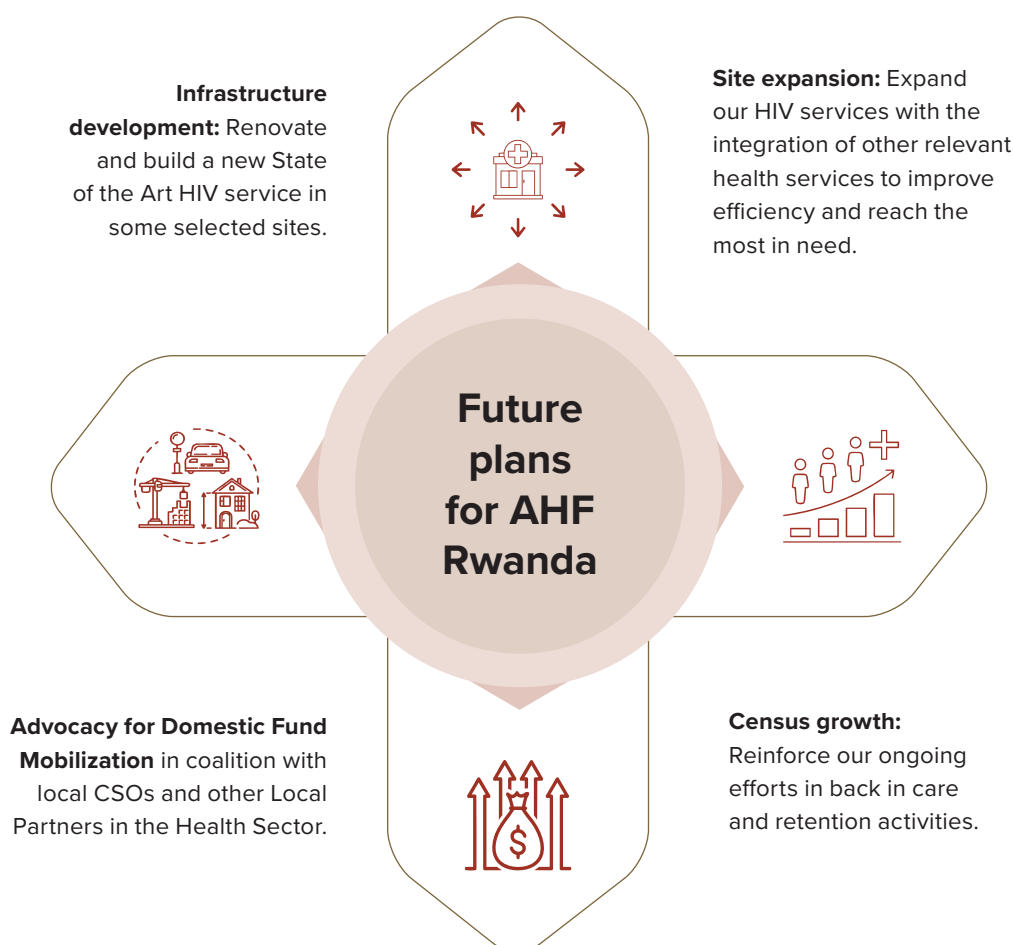
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