ANNOUNCEMENT

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR ADOLESCENT GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN

Are you a parent of a 16-24 year old female living in the Districts of **RULINDO, KICIKURO, GICUMBI OR GASABO?** Has your daughter been out of school for at least a year?

**THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY!**

If your answer is YES to the above questions, then this is an opportunity for your daughter.

***The Economic Empowerment of Adolescent Girls and Young Women*** project is being launched in YOUR District to help girls and young women to **gain new skills, start businesses, and increase their incomes,** hence increase your income and your daughter's income and transform your daughter's life and lives of others.

The program is supported by the Ministry of Gender and Family Promotion (MIGEPROF) and the World Bank, and is implemented by the Workforce Development Authority (WDA).

The training will focus on the needs and experiences of your daughter to empower her to speak and take on leadership initiatives to solve her social economic problems. It will be simple and she will be actively engaged in the learning process.

The course is a 6 months of training at a vocational training centre, in areas such as **culinary arts, food processing, agri-business, and arts and crafts**. Girls who complete the skills training will then receive support to help them establish their own business and enterprises. This support may include formation of cooperatives, links to business mentors, and access to microfinance. If she successfully completes the program, she will receive a graduate certificate.

A rigorous screening exercise by a screening committee, made up of community leaders in your sector, sector level government authorities, and representatives of civil society will be undertaken.

A shortlist of all eligible candidates will be posted at the end of the registration process on October 15th, 2012. All of the names on this shortlist will then be entered into a lottery, to determine who participates in the program.

Registration is at your Sector offices. The girls should go in person to the Sector Offices, carrying their national Identification Card and school leaving certificates

Registration begins from 20/08/2012 and closes on 10//10/2012. We invite your daughter to take this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. For more information, see the Social Affairs officer in your sector.