

# Projet: Burundi Digital Child & Family Resilience System

## 1. Executive Summary

WiGLI proposes the establishment of the **Burundi Digital Child & Family Resilience System**, a community-based digital registration and monitoring initiative designed to identify, register, monitor, and support vulnerable children and households across Burundi. The project will deploy trained community animators equipped with mobile digital tools to strengthen child protection systems, improve referrals, support education and nutrition services, and enhance family resilience through real-time data collection and monitoring. The initiative responds to persistent challenges faced by vulnerable children in Burundi, including poverty, school dropout, malnutrition, violence, weak referral systems, lack of birth registration, and limited household monitoring mechanisms.

Using affordable and open-source technologies such as KoboToolbox, Google Workspace, mobile data collection tools, GPS mapping, and community-based case management approaches, the project will establish a scalable and sustainable resilience information system capable of improving evidence-based decision-making and coordinated service delivery. The pilot phase will target 1,000 vulnerable children and 1,000 households while building the foundation for future expansion nationwide.

## 2. Organizational Background

WiGLI is a community-driven organization committed to strengthening child protection, family resilience, education, nutrition, digital inclusion, and sustainable community development in Burundi. The organization works closely with communities, local leaders, schools, caregivers, health facilities, and development partners to improve the wellbeing of vulnerable populations through locally driven and sustainable solutions.

WiGLI has experience in:

- Community mobilization
- Vulnerability assessments
- Child protection
- Household monitoring
- Digital data collection
- Nutrition and health programming
- Community resilience initiatives
- Localization and community engagement

The organization believes that vulnerable children can only thrive when communities have the tools, systems, and capacities to identify risks early and coordinate timely support.

### **3. Problem Statement**

Thousands of vulnerable children and families in Burundi continue to face significant social, economic, and protection challenges due to weak household data systems, fragmented child protection mechanisms, limited follow-up services, and poor coordination among service providers. Many communities lack reliable digital systems for case management, household monitoring, and referral tracking, making it difficult to identify and support children at risk in a timely and coordinated manner.

As a result, many vulnerable children remain underserved and exposed to multiple risks including school dropout, malnutrition, neglect, violence, abuse, lack of birth registration, poor access to healthcare, and extreme household poverty. In many cases, vulnerable children remain invisible within formal support systems because communities and local structures do not have the technical capacity, tools, or resources needed to effectively identify, register, and monitor at-risk households.

Community-level child protection interventions are often hindered by limited data availability, weak referral systems, and inadequate monitoring mechanisms, reducing the effectiveness of service delivery and follow-up support. Without coordinated digital systems and community-based monitoring approaches, vulnerable children continue falling through the cracks, limiting opportunities for early intervention, protection, and long-term family resilience across Burundi.

### **4. Project Goal**

To establish a scalable community-driven digital system that protects vulnerable children and

### **5. Specific Objectives**

1. To digitally identify, register, and monitor vulnerable children and households using community-based mobile data collection systems.
2. To strengthen child protection, referral pathways, and coordinated support services through trained community animators and stakeholder collaboration.
3. To establish a scalable and sustainable digital case management and monitoring system that supports real-time data-driven decision-making and family resilience programming across Burundi.

## **6. Target Beneficiaries**

### **Direct Beneficiaries**

- 1,000 vulnerable children
- 1,000 vulnerable households
- 10–15 community animators/facilitators

### **Indirect Beneficiaries**

- Caregivers
- Community leaders
- Schools
- Health facilities
- Child protection stakeholders
- Local authorities
- Community-based organizations

## **7. Project Activities**

### **7.1 Community Mobilization and Stakeholder Engagement**

- Conduct community sensitization meetings
- Engage local leaders and stakeholders
- Introduce the project within target communities
- Identify vulnerable households and children

### **7.2 Digital Household Registration**

Community animators will use mobile digital tools to:

- Register vulnerable households
- Collect demographic and socioeconomic data
- Capture child vulnerability indicators
- Conduct GPS household mapping
- Establish household digital profiles

### **7.3 Child Vulnerability Assessment**

Assessments will include:

- Education status
- School attendance
- Nutrition indicators
- Disability status
- Child protection risks
- Health conditions
- Psychosocial wellbeing

- Family economic vulnerability

#### **7.4 Community Animator Training**

Community animators will be trained on:

- Mobile digital data collection
- KoboCollect and digital tools
- Child safeguarding principles
- Confidentiality and ethical data handling
- Referral systems
- Household monitoring
- Reporting and documentation

#### **7.5 Household Monitoring and Follow-Up**

Animators will conduct:

- Regular home visits
- Child wellbeing follow-up
- Referral tracking
- School attendance monitoring
- Household vulnerability monitoring

#### **7.6 Referral System Strengthening**

The Burundi Digital Child & Family Resilience System will establish and strengthen community-based referral pathways to ensure vulnerable children and households are connected to appropriate protection and support services in a timely and coordinated manner. Community animators will identify cases during household visits, document vulnerabilities using digital tools, and facilitate referrals to relevant service providers while monitoring follow-up and case outcomes.

#### **Schools and Education Services**

Children identified as out of school, at risk of dropping out, or facing barriers to education will be referred to nearby schools and education stakeholders for enrollment support, school reintegration, attendance follow-up, and educational assistance. The project will collaborate with teachers, school administrators, and community education actors to strengthen monitoring of school attendance and support vulnerable learners.

#### **Health Facilities and Medical Services**

Children and caregivers requiring medical attention will be referred to local health facilities for treatment, immunization, maternal and child healthcare, disability support, reproductive health services, and other essential healthcare interventions.

Community animators will support follow-up to ensure referred households access the recommended services.

### **Nutrition Services**

Malnourished children and vulnerable households facing food insecurity will be referred to nutrition programs, supplementary feeding services, growth monitoring initiatives, and community nutrition interventions. The project will collaborate with local nutrition stakeholders to improve identification and follow-up of at-risk children.

### **Psychosocial Support Services**

Children experiencing trauma, violence, neglect, abuse, emotional distress, or psychosocial challenges will be referred to psychosocial support services, counseling programs, child-friendly spaces, and community support mechanisms. Caregivers may also receive guidance and support to strengthen child wellbeing and family resilience.

### **Legal Protection and Child Safeguarding Services**

Cases involving child abuse, exploitation, neglect, violence, birth registration challenges, child labor, or other protection concerns will be referred to appropriate child protection and legal support structures. The project will work closely with local authorities, child protection actors, and community leaders to strengthen safeguarding and protection mechanisms for vulnerable children.

### **Community Support and Livelihood Programs**

Vulnerable households requiring economic and social support will be linked to community-based assistance programs, livelihood initiatives, savings groups, social protection programs, and local support networks. These referrals will help strengthen household resilience, reduce vulnerability risks, and improve the overall wellbeing of children and caregivers.

The referral system will utilize digital tracking tools and community follow-up mechanisms to ensure accountability, coordination, and timely support for vulnerable children and families across target communities.

## **7.7 Dashboard and Information System Development**

The project will establish:

- Household vulnerability database
- Real-time dashboards
- Monitoring reports
- Geographic mapping systems
- Referral tracking tools

## 8. Innovation

The Burundi Digital Child & Family Resilience System combines digital technology and community-based approaches to strengthen child protection, household monitoring, and family resilience in vulnerable communities across Burundi.

- **Community-Based Digital Registration:** The project uses trained community animators equipped with mobile digital tools to identify, register, and monitor vulnerable children and households in real time, improving early identification and follow-up of at-risk families.
- **Real-Time Monitoring and Data Systems:** Through mobile data collection, GPS household mapping, digital dashboards, and cloud-based reporting systems, the project supports real-time monitoring, referral tracking, vulnerability analysis, and evidence-based decision-making.
- **Scalable and Sustainable Innovation:** The project utilizes affordable and open-source technologies to create a scalable, low-cost, community-driven, and sustainable child protection system that can expand to additional provinces and support broader resilience programming across Burundi.

## 9. Expected Results

By the end of the pilot phase:

- 1,000 vulnerable households digitally registered
- 1,000 vulnerable children profiled
- 10–15 community animators trained
- Functional household vulnerability database established
- Real-time monitoring dashboards operational
- Child protection referral system strengthened
- Improved coordination among stakeholders
- Increased visibility of vulnerable children
- Improved monitoring of child wellbeing and family resilience

## **10. Monitoring and Evaluation**

### **10.1 Digital Monitoring and Data Collection**

WiGLI will implement a community-based digital Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) system to ensure effective tracking of vulnerable children and households enrolled under the Burundi Digital Child & Family Resilience System. The project will utilize mobile digital tools such as KoboCollect, KoboToolbox, GPS-enabled forms, smartphones, tablets, and cloud-based reporting systems to support real-time data collection, analysis, and reporting.

The monitoring system will track key indicators including household registrations, child vulnerability indicators, school attendance, nutrition status, child protection cases, referral completion rates, animator performance, and household resilience trends. Community animators will collect and update household data during field visits, allowing the project to generate accurate and timely information for evidence-based decision-making.

Digital dashboards and monitoring reports will support real-time analysis of vulnerability trends, referral pathways, geographic distribution of households, and service delivery gaps. The system will strengthen coordination among stakeholders while improving visibility and follow-up of vulnerable children and families across target communities.

### **10.2 Community-Based Follow-Up and Supervision**

Trained community animators will conduct regular household monitoring visits to assess child wellbeing, monitor referrals, identify emerging risks, and provide follow-up support to vulnerable families. Household visits will include verification of school attendance, monitoring of nutrition and protection concerns, caregiver engagement, and identification of households requiring urgent intervention or referral services.

WiGLI supervisors will conduct routine field supervision and data quality assessments to ensure accuracy, confidentiality, accountability, and consistency in data collection and reporting processes. Spot-check visits, household verification exercises, and performance reviews will help strengthen the quality and reliability of the monitoring system.

Regular stakeholder review meetings involving community leaders, schools, health facilities, child protection actors, local authorities, and project staff will be organized to review progress, analyze monitoring findings, identify implementation challenges, and strengthen coordination mechanisms for vulnerable children and households.

### **10.3 Learning, Accountability, and Reporting**

The project will promote accountability, continuous learning, and adaptive management through routine data analysis, monthly and quarterly reporting, community feedback systems, and stakeholder consultations. Monthly reports will

summarize household registration progress, monitoring statistics, referral tracking, implementation challenges, and key achievements, while quarterly reports will provide outcome analysis, trend assessments, lessons learned, and strategic recommendations.

To ensure accountability and ethical implementation, WiGLI will establish confidentiality protocols, safeguarding procedures, informed consent mechanisms, and secure digital data protection systems. Beneficiaries and community members will be encouraged to provide feedback, report concerns, and participate in project review discussions to strengthen transparency and responsiveness.

The Monitoring and Evaluation system will support evidence-based planning, program improvement, stronger child protection coordination, and sustainable digital resilience systems capable of improving the wellbeing of vulnerable children and families across Burundi.

## **11. Sustainability Strategy**

The Burundi Digital Child & Family Resilience System is designed as a scalable, community-driven, and sustainable initiative that can continue delivering long-term benefits beyond the initial pilot phase. The project prioritizes low-cost and locally adaptable solutions by utilizing free and open-source digital platforms such as KoboToolbox, Google Workspace, and mobile-based data collection systems. These technologies reduce operational costs while ensuring long-term accessibility and scalability for community-level child protection and household monitoring systems.

A key sustainability component of the project is the capacity building of local community animators and stakeholders. Through continuous training, mentorship, and technical support, community animators will develop the skills needed to manage digital registration systems, monitor vulnerable households, conduct referrals, and support child wellbeing within their communities. This approach promotes local ownership and reduces dependency on external technical support.

The project also emphasizes strong community participation and stakeholder engagement to ensure long-term ownership and accountability. Community leaders, caregivers, schools, health facilities, and local authorities will actively participate in the implementation and monitoring processes, helping strengthen coordination and sustainability of child protection interventions at community level.

The digital monitoring and resilience system is designed to be flexible and scalable, allowing WiGLI to gradually expand the initiative to additional provinces and vulnerable populations across Burundi. Over time, the system can support more than 15,000 vulnerable children and households while integrating additional services such as education support, livelihood strengthening initiatives, nutrition and health interventions, and integrated community case management systems.

Furthermore, WiGLI will seek partnerships with local institutions, development partners, government structures, and community-based organizations to strengthen

technical collaboration, resource mobilization, and long-term sustainability. Lessons learned from the pilot phase will support future expansion, replication, and integration into broader child protection and family resilience programming across Burundi.

## 12. Budget

### 12.1 Estimated Budget

<b>Budget Item</b>	<b>Estimated Cost (USD)</b>
Android Phones/Tablets for Animators	5,000
Power Banks & Protective Equipment	1,200
Community Animator Training	3,000
Internet/Data Bundles	1,500
Field Transport & Community Outreach	3,500
Monitoring, Dashboards & Data Management	2,000
Child Safeguarding & Awareness Materials	1,000
Coordination & Supervision	2,500
Office Operations & Communication	1,000
Administration & Financial Management	1,300
Contingency/Emergency Support	1,500
<b>Total Budget Requested</b>	<b>USD 23,500</b>

### 12.2 Budget Narrative

- **Android Phones/Tablets for Animators (USD 5,000)**

This budget line will support the procurement of smartphones and tablets for community animators and supervisors to conduct digital household registration, child vulnerability assessments, real-time reporting, GPS household mapping, and referral tracking. The devices will strengthen field-based data collection, improve communication, and support real-time monitoring of vulnerable children and households.

- **Power Banks & Protective Equipment (USD 1,200)**

Funds will support the purchase of power banks, protective covers, bags, and basic accessories required to ensure continuous operation and protection of digital devices during field activities, especially in remote areas with limited electricity access.

- **Community Animator Training (USD 3,000)**

This allocation will support training sessions for community animators on digital data collection, child safeguarding, confidentiality, referral systems, household monitoring, and reporting procedures. The budget includes training materials, venue support, facilitation, transportation, and participant support costs.

- **Internet/Data Bundles (USD 1,500)**

Funds will cover internet connectivity and mobile data bundles required for uploading digital forms, synchronizing household data, managing dashboards, and supporting communication between field teams and supervisors.

- **Field Transport & Community Outreach (USD 3,500)**

This budget will facilitate transportation for household visits, community mobilization activities, stakeholder engagement meetings, supervision visits, and referral follow-up activities in target communities.

- **Monitoring, Dashboards & Data Management (USD 2,000)**

The allocation will support development and management of digital dashboards, cloud-based databases, data analysis systems, reporting tools, GPS mapping, and monitoring platforms to strengthen evidence-based decision-making and real-time project tracking.

- **Child Safeguarding & Awareness Materials (USD 1,000)**

Funds will support the production and dissemination of child safeguarding materials, awareness messages, community sensitization tools, referral guidelines, and information materials promoting child protection and family resilience.

- **Coordination & Supervision (USD 2,500)**

This budget line will support project coordination, supervision visits, technical oversight, stakeholder coordination meetings, and routine monitoring activities to ensure quality implementation and accountability.

- **Office Operations & Communication (USD 1,000)**

Funds will support operational expenses including communication, printing, office supplies, documentation, coordination logistics, and administrative support necessary for day-to-day project implementation.

- **Administration & Financial Management (USD 1,300)**

This allocation will support financial management, accounting, reporting, compliance, banking charges, and administrative oversight to ensure transparent and accountable use of project resources.

- **Contingency/Emergency Support (USD 1,500)**

This reserve fund will support unforeseen operational costs, emergency household follow-up needs, urgent referral support, or unexpected implementation challenges during project execution.

- **Total Budget Requested (USD 23,500)**

The proposed budget represents a cost-effective investment in establishing a scalable digital child protection and family resilience system capable of improving monitoring, referrals, and support services for vulnerable children and households across Burundi.

### **13. Why Support WiGLI**

Supporting WiGLI means investing in:

- Vulnerable children
- Stronger families
- Community resilience
- Child protection systems
- Digital innovation
- Sustainable development
- Localization and community empowerment

This project will establish a scalable and accountable digital system capable of improving the lives of thousands of vulnerable children and families across Burundi.

Help WiGLI establish the Burundi Digital Child & Family Resilience System to digitally identify, register, monitor, and support vulnerable children and families through community-based protection, referrals, and mobile technology.

#### **Digital Tools. Safer Children. Stronger Families.**

To build a scalable community-driven digital system that protects vulnerable children and strengthens family resilience across Burundi.