

IMRO Rwanda Newsletter



October – December Highlights

The October–December quarter marked a period of strong engagement, collaboration, and impact for IMRO Rwanda. Throughout the quarter, we actively participated in national, regional, and international conferences and workshops, strengthening our capacity while sharing community-led experiences and learning from partners.

We continued to build and strengthen partnerships with civil society organizations, government institutions, and development partners to improve access to inclusive, rights-based health services for our beneficiaries. IMRO also joined the TUBITEHO Project consortium, reinforcing coordinated efforts in HIV, TB, and community-led responses.

As part of our advocacy role, IMRO hosted a three-day Pre-Meeting with CSO representatives ahead of the Midterm Review of the HIV and Hepatitis National Strategic Plan 2024–2027, ensuring community priorities and civil society voices were well represented.

The quarter also included the commemoration of World AIDS Day, IMRO's participation in ICASA 2025, and the delivery of a youth-centered outreach campaign in Rubavu District, placing young people at the heart of harm reduction, HIV prevention, and mental health awareness.

This edition highlights the key moments, partnerships, and community actions that defined our work during this impactful quarter.

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Youth-Led Outreach Campaign Promotes Harm Reduction and Health Awareness in Rubavu

On December 7th, 2025, IMRO Rwanda conducted a vibrant and impactful community outreach campaign in Busasamana Sector, Rubavu District, placing young people at the center of harm reduction, HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, and mental health awareness.

Through a dynamic mix of sports, arts, and open community conversations, the outreach created a safe and inclusive space for honest dialogue on issues that many young people face but are often left unaddressed. The campaign delivered evidence-based harm reduction messages, challenged stigma, and promoted healthier choices through practical, community-driven engagement.

The event emphasized that challenges related to drug use, mental health, HIV, and Hepatitis cannot be solved through silence or judgment. Instead, IMRO worked alongside young people and community members to promote understanding, link individuals especially people who use drugs (PWUD) and other key populations to available health services, and reinforce the importance of support over stigma.

A football tournament brought together six teams, fostering teamwork and community spirit. All participating teams received trophies, and special recognition was awarded to a local dance group whose energetic performance uplifted and energized the event.

From sports and creative expression to powerful health conversations, the outreach demonstrated the strength of youth leadership and community solidarity. Rubavu showed that real change begins with honest dialogue, inclusion, and collective action.

#Rethink | #Rebuild | #Rise





IMRO Rwanda Hosts CSO Pre-Meeting Ahead of HIV & Hepatitis NSP Midterm Review

On November 19th, 2025, IMRO Rwanda convened a three-day Pre-Meeting with Civil Society Organization (CSO) representatives in preparation for the Midterm Review of the HIV and Hepatitis National Strategic Plan (NSP) 2024–2027. The meeting was organized under the TUBITEHO Project and brought together CSOs to strengthen coordination, shared learning, and collective engagement in the national response.

The pre-meeting aimed to review progress in NSP implementation, identify gaps and priority areas, build a shared advocacy agenda for people who use drugs (PWUD), and enhance evidence-based CSO coordination, with a strong focus on harm reduction and the inclusion of key populations.

Day One focused on assessing implementation progress of the NSP and setting a common understanding of emerging challenges and opportunities.

Day Two centered on identifying gaps affecting PWUD and other key populations, including female sex workers (FSWs) and men who have sex with men (MSMs). Discussions emphasized evidence-driven and inclusive interventions, progress in harm reduction, and concluded with a focused review of the Minimum Service Package for PWUD, highlighting the need for standardization and clear advocacy priorities.

Day Three concluded with the consolidation of key advocacy priorities for the NSP midterm review. Sessions examined legal and policy barriers affecting key populations—particularly PWUD—and guided CSOs on tailored harm reduction approaches and strategic engagement in the national HIV and Hepatitis response.

The three-day engagement strengthened CSO collaboration, reinforced commitment to rights-based and inclusive interventions, and ensured that community voices are well positioned to inform the national strategic review process.





IMRO Rwanda Joins National Commemoration of World AIDS Day 2025

On the occasion of World AIDS Day 2025 (#WAD2025), IMRO Rwanda joined the Ministry of Health (@RwandaHealth), the Rwanda Biomedical Centre (@RBCRwanda), civil society organizations (CSOs), development partners, and community members at Kinyinya Health Centre in Gasabo District to commemorate this important international day.

The event honored the collective efforts of Rwandans contributing to the HIV and AIDS response, highlighting the critical roles played by communities, healthcare workers, civil society, and young people in prevention, treatment, care, and advocacy. Discussions and engagements emphasized the importance of sustaining progress while addressing persistent gaps, including stigma, discrimination, and unequal access to services for key and vulnerable populations.

Through this commemoration, IMRO Rwanda reaffirmed its commitment to community-led, inclusive, and rights-based approaches to HIV prevention and care. The gathering also reinforced the value of partnership and shared responsibility in advancing national goals toward ending AIDS as a public health threat.

IMRO Rwanda remains dedicated to working alongside government institutions, partners, and communities to ensure that no one is left behind in the HIV response.





IMRO Rwanda Participates in ICASA 2025 to Advance Community-Driven Health Responses

IMRO Rwanda proudly participated in the International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa (ICASA) 2025, held in Ghana, joining African leaders, public health experts, civil society organizations, and development partners committed to ending HIV, STIs, TB, and malaria across the continent.

IMRO's engagement at ICASA 2025 reaffirmed our commitment to community-driven and evidence-based responses, as well as to strengthening public health partnerships in Rwanda and beyond. The conference provided a vital platform to share experiences, learn from regional best practices, and contribute to high-level discussions shaping Africa's health agenda.

During the official opening ceremony, Ghana's Vice President, H.E. Jane Naana Opoku-Agyeman, emphasized the urgent need for stronger local financing and community empowerment. She reminded delegates that sustainable health security must be built from within, through locally driven, evidence-informed investments a message that strongly aligns with IMRO's approach to public health programming.

On Day Three of the conference, IMRO participated in the Regional Dialogue on Malaria Drug Resistance in Africa, hosted by Impact Santé Afrique (@ImpSanteAfrique). The session, alongside the screening of the Protect the Future film, highlighted the growing threat of artemisinin resistance, including emerging concerns in countries such as Rwanda, and underscored the urgency of coordinated regional action.

IMRO's participation at ICASA 2025 strengthened its regional engagement and reinforced its dedication to advancing inclusive, resilient, and sustainable health responses that place communities at the center of change.





IMRO Rwanda Participates in Ascend Phase II Mentorship & Capacity Building Meeting

IMRO Rwanda joined fellow members of the Rwanda NGOs Forum for the Ascend Phase II Mentorship and Capacity Building Meeting, an initiative aimed at strengthening collaboration, enhancing leadership, and promoting evidence-based, community-driven impact across Rwanda's civil society ecosystem.

The meeting provided a valuable platform for CSOs to share experiences, strengthen institutional capacities, and explore practical approaches to improving organizational effectiveness and sustainability. Discussions emphasized leadership development, peer learning, and coordinated action to amplify civil society's contribution to national development priorities.

IMRO Rwanda's participation reaffirmed its commitment to continuous learning, strong partnerships, and community-led programming, ensuring that civil society remains responsive, accountable, and impactful.



IMRO Rwanda Participates in JADF General Assembly Meeting in Nyarugenge District

IMRO Rwanda joined partners at the Joint Action Development Forum (JADF) General Assembly Meeting for Nyarugenge District, where stakeholders discussed the role of development partners in supporting the implementation of the District Performance Contracts (Imihigo) for FY 2025–2026.

The meeting provided a platform for coordination between local government and development actors, emphasizing alignment, accountability, and shared responsibility in achieving district development priorities. Discussions highlighted how partnerships can enhance service delivery, community engagement, and sustainable development outcomes.

IMRO Rwanda reaffirmed its commitment to inclusive, participatory, and sustainable development, and to continued collaboration with district authorities and partners to improve the well-being of communities.



IMRO Rwanda Participates in TUBITEHO Consortium Coordination Meeting

IMRO Rwanda joined consortium partners for the TUBITEHO Consortium Coordination Meeting, a collaborative platform aimed at reviewing progress, sharing best practices, and strengthening coordination to advance the inclusion and wellbeing of people who use drugs (PWUD) and other vulnerable groups across Rwanda.

The meeting provided an important opportunity for partners to reflect on implementation progress, exchange lessons learned, and align strategies to ensure that harm reduction interventions remain inclusive, evidence-based, and sustainable. Discussions emphasized the value of partnership, coordinated action, and community-led approaches in addressing the needs of PWUD and other vulnerable populations.

IMRO Rwanda reaffirmed its commitment to working alongside consortium members to strengthen collaboration and contribute to a more inclusive and resilient national harm reduction response.



IMRO Rwanda Receives Certificate of Appreciation from MEDSAR

IMRO Rwanda was honored to welcome the MEDSAR Day Organizing Committee to its offices, where the team presented a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of IMRO's continued collaboration and support toward MEDSAR Day 2025.

The visit provided an opportunity for both organizations to engage in meaningful discussions on ongoing and future MEDSAR activities, with a shared focus on strengthening Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and promoting equitable access to healthcare services. The exchange reaffirmed the importance of partnership in advancing community empowerment and inclusive health responses.

IMRO Rwanda values its collaboration with MEDSAR and remains committed to working together to promote health, empowerment, and sustainable community development.



IMRO Rwanda Partners with Urukundo Initiative to Promote HIV Prevention

IMRO Rwanda is proud to collaborate with @Urukundo_initia in the fight against HIV, distributing condoms among key populations to promote safer practices and protect lives with dignity.

This partnership reinforces the importance of preventive health measures, including correct and consistent condom use, to reduce the risk of HIV, STIs, and unintended pregnancies. By empowering key populations with the tools and knowledge to protect their health, IMRO Rwanda and Urukundo Initiative contribute to a vision of #HealthForAll in Rwanda.

Through this ongoing collaboration, we remain committed to inclusive, community-driven approaches that prioritize health, safety, and well-being for all.

#HIVPrevention | #HealthForAll | #Rwanda



IMRO Rwanda Co-Organizes National High-Level Roundtable Dialogue for Global Fund 8th Replenishment

IMRO Rwanda was honored to co-organize the National High-Level Roundtable Dialogue alongside the Rwanda NGOs Forum (@RwandaNGOForum) in support of the Global Fund's 8th Replenishment (2027–2029).

The event brought together partners from across the health and development sector to share updates, mobilize support, and recognize the critical contributions of donors driving progress toward ending HIV, TB, and malaria.

Through this collaborative platform, IMRO Rwanda reaffirmed its commitment to partnership, advocacy, and community-led action, ensuring that efforts to strengthen health systems and protect vulnerable populations remain effective and sustainable.

#GlobalFund | #HIV | #TB | #Malaria | #Partnership



As we conclude this edition of the IMRO Newsletter, we extend our sincere appreciation to our communities, partners, civil society colleagues, government institutions, and donors whose collaboration and trust continue to make our work possible. The October–December quarter reflects the strength of collective action, community leadership, and evidence-based approaches in advancing inclusive and sustainable health responses.

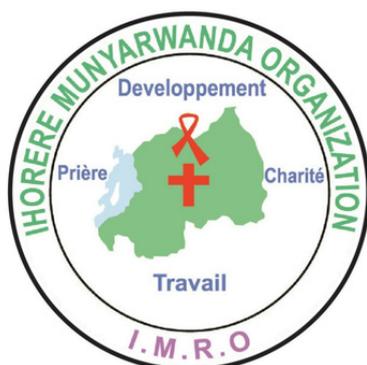
IMRO Rwanda remains committed to placing people at the center of change, strengthening partnerships, and amplifying community voices to ensure that no one is left behind. As we move forward, we look ahead with renewed determination to deepen impact, drive advocacy, and contribute to a healthier, more equitable society.

Thank you for walking this journey with us.

Thank you for reading!

IMRO RWANDA EXTENDS ITS HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO ALL OUR PARTNERS, SUPPORTERS, AND COLLABORATORS FOR YOUR UNWAVERING COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION. YOUR PARTNERSHIP IS VITAL IN TURNING VISION INTO ACTION, AND TOGETHER, WE ARE CREATING LASTING, POSITIVE IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE.

- AmplifyChange
- Expertise France
- FXB
- GLIHD
- Global Fund
- HDI
- Médecins du Monde (MDM)
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Justice
- Rubavu District
- Kayonza District
- Rwanda Civil Society Platform
- Nyarugenge District
- SFR
- UNAIDS
- UNDP
- UNFPA
- UNICEF
- LAF
- GASABO DISTRICT
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