

COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN:

Base Camp 2 Rwamwanja Nkoma Kamwenge Uganda

A Blueprint for Safety, Prosperity, and Quality of Life

Vision Statement

To establish Rwamwanja as an official **International City of Peace** where refugees and host communities live free from fear, thrive through shared economic opportunities, and collaborate as co-architects of a dignified, sustainable, and harmonious future.

Mission Statement

To operationalize the United Nations/UNESCO Culture of Peace tenets within Rwamwanja by empowering grassroots youth leadership, bridging economic divides between local and displaced communities, and fostering community-led conflict transformation.

Pillar 1: Safety (Freedom from Risk, Injury, and Discord)

“If there is to be peace in the world, there must be peace in the cities... and peace between neighbors.”

In Rwamwanja, true safety stems from mutual trust, proactive mediation, and breaking the cycles of historical regional trauma.

Strategic Objectives & Action Steps:

- **Establish a Youth-Led Peace Mediation Bureau:** Expand the current Youth Parliament framework into a formal peer-to-peer conflict transformation unit. These trained youth mediators will resolve local disputes (resource-sharing, domestic friction, minor land misunderstandings) before they escalate.
- **Early-Warning Community Systems:** Launch cross-border and cross-community dialogue circles between Congolese refugees and Ugandan hosts. This serves as an informal early-warning network to dismantle rumours, hate speech, and ethnocentric biases.
- **Safe Spaces for Vulnerable Groups:** Create trauma-informed counselling hubs specifically targeted at women, girls, and orphans who have escaped regional conflict, integrating psychosocial support with peace education.

Pillar 2: Prosperity (Freedom to Achieve a Good Standard of Living)

“Peace is not merely the absence of war, but a condition where society has achieved a balance of prosperity.”

True peace is structurally unsustainable without economic equity. We combat poverty as a primary driver of resource-based community conflict.

Strategic Objectives & Action Steps:

- **The Integrated Cooperative Model:** Scale the success of the *Union Milling Machine Project* by legally incorporating joint-venture refugee and host VSLAs (Village Savings and Loans Associations). This creates shared economic dependency when one thrives, both thrive.
- **The Green Peacebuilding Initiative:** Expand the *Native Food Forest Project* across 100+ acres. This project functions as an eco-enterprise, generating local employment through agroforestry while mitigating climate-induced resource competition over wood and arable land.
- **Digital Micro-Entrepreneurship Hubs:** Partner with local telecom networks to improve mobile-money infrastructure and offer digital financial literacy workshops, specifically targeting underemployed youth to spark micro-enterprises.

Pillar 3: Quality of Life (Freedom to Enjoy Health, Happiness, and Harmony)

“Elevating human dignity through health, education, and shared cultural celebration.”

A thriving City of Peace ensures that its children can learn safely, its families can eat nutritiously, and its diverse cultures are celebrated rather than feared.

Strategic Objectives & Action Steps:

- **Peace Education in Schools:** Introduce the official ICP peace education modules, artistic storytelling, and conflict-resolution curricula into local primary and secondary school PTAs (Parent-Teacher Associations).
- **Nutritional & Health Solidarity:** Support local agricultural groups to grow resilient, nutrient-rich indigenous foods, ensuring food security and reducing the health disparity between community sectors.
- **Annual Rwamwanja Peace and Culture Festival:** Commemorate the **UN International Day of Peace (September 21st)** with shared traditional music, sports tournaments, and artistic exhibitions that celebrate the rich, diverse cultural heritage of both Congolese and Ugandan residents.

Commitment to the Golden Rule

As a designated community pursuing official status within the global association of International Cities of Peace, the leaders, youth, and elders of Rwamwanja explicitly commit to the ethical focus of **The Golden Rule**: *"Do for others as you would have them do for you."*

Through this Action Plan, we step forward not as passive recipients of aid, but as an active, self-reliant global model of grassroots peacebuilding.

Submitted on behalf of the Rwamwanja Peace Team & Youth Leadership Council for designation as an official International City of Peace.