

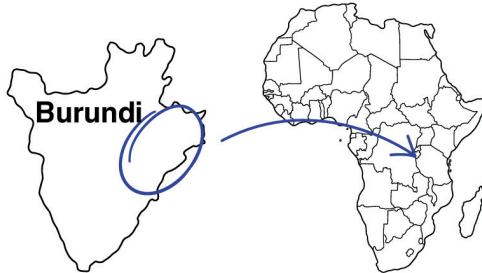
Tip a Tool



Your gift of a **Shovel and Hoe** means farmers can grow healthy food for their growing families, and have extra to sell at market.

Your Gift of Grace delivered in:

Cankuzo and Ruyigi provinces, Burundi



<p><i>Why your help is needed</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burundi is one of the 20 countries most impacted by climate change • From Sep 2023-Apr 2024: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Wet season plus El Nino caused heavy rains ◦ Led to landslides and floods ◦ Strong winds and hailstorms caused further damage ◦ 40,000 hectares of crops destroyed ◦ El Nino continuing to be a threat • Major problem for livelihoods and food security: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 84% of people are farmers ◦ area provides 95% of Burundi's food supply • Families already very vulnerable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ More than half of all children are malnourished ◦ Women more vulnerable as do not get inheritance nor access to land ◦ Plots of land are small ◦ Not enough seeds and tools to go around = low yields ◦ Lack of knowledge on climate-friendly farming ◦ Greater risk of natural disaster.
<p><i>How your gift changes lives</i></p>	<p>Your Shovel and Hoe allow families to farm better ... PLUS training in climate-friendly farming techniques ... and support to form Cooperatives to share resources ... means food for families + household income + protection of environment!</p>
<p><i>Your gift delivered by</i></p>	<p>LWF Burundi</p>

DID YOU KNOW...

Burundi is one of the poorest countries, ranking 187 out of 193 countries on the UN Human Development Index. Your *Gift of Grace* shows extra care to those in danger of being forgotten.

CASE STUDY

Hoe, hail, & harvest

“My name is Merisiyana. I really thank LWF for teaching me modern farming techniques.

Thanks to these activities, I was able to earn a kitenge (like a sarong), a hoe and a bucket.

My husband and I work together.

My husband hasn't had any training, but he's delighted with the techniques we've learned.

I thank God I'm part of this LWF-supported cooperative, because it has helped us a lot.

Thanks to village savings and credit associations, I was able to borrow money. It's this credit that enables us to make a living.

I'm going to continue growing maize and beans, groundnuts, rice and manioc, as well as potatoes.

During September to February, the crops didn't grow because of the rain and hail. I planted 4 kgs of maize and harvested 60 kgs.

Normally it should have been around 400 kgs!

I planted 10 kilos of beans and harvested just 50 kilos. As I had a small quantity, I'm going to eat it with my family, and not sell any.

As for the hailstorm that destroyed my crops, it's a real shame. There are fields where we couldn't harvest anything.

It was the first time I'd ever seen hail in my life. I thought it was the end of the world!

We're still adapting, and we're praying to God that the situation doesn't happen again.”



All photos: LWF Burundi/Lea Gillibert

How your gift grows

The great thing about your gift is it keeps on giving for many years!



Through ALWS, you support people to **keep on growing**. Along with your farm tools, you also empower people in Burundi with ways to make a living, like chicken and goat raising.



ALWS also follows a **community-based empowerment approach**. This means giving people the training and support to make their own decisions about the development in their community. They have responsibility for the activities, and grow the confidence needed to become self-sufficient.