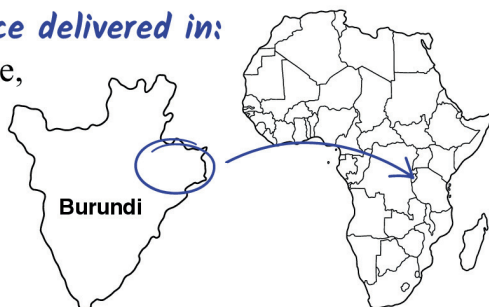


# Scope out Soap



Your gift helps start a **Soap-making business** for a whole community - for a reliable new source of income for families.

*Your Gift of Grace delivered in:*  
Cankuzo province,  
Burundi



<b>What you give</b>	Everything needed to start a soap-making small business (details p2)
<b>Why your gift is needed</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burundi is one of the 20 countries most impacted by climate change</li> <li>• High risk of natural disasters like flooding</li> <li>• Major problem for livelihoods, as 84% of people are farmers</li> <li>• More than half of all children are malnourished</li> <li>• New, reliable ways to make a living desperately needed</li> </ul>
<b>How your gift changes lives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soap-making offers a sustainable livelihood, not dependent on weather fluctuations</li> <li>• Income from selling soap + by-product (animal food and compost) can be used to pay for:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ food</li> <li>◦ education for children</li> <li>◦ medicine for family</li> <li>◦ livestock</li> <li>◦ land</li> <li>◦ and growing soap business</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>... so whole communities become strong, healthy, and resilient!</p>



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Isaia Niyorozima, Burundi



## CASE STUDY

# “Our soap is better than in the city!”

**“First, you supported us with the palm oil trees.**

We created a Co-op to transform the palm oil into soap. When we were in refugee camps in Tanzania, we saw how to create soaps so we started doing the same here.

We used to take the nuts, cut them with stones and then bring them to the city to press and get the oil.

But thanks to the donors and LWF, now we have this pressing machine.

**Before, when we had to go to the city we were working without making benefit. Now we save on travel time and costs. And the money stays here in the community.**

Our soap is better than in the city!

The community likes to buy our soap because you can get a bigger block for less money and our soap is cleaner.

We charge 500-1000 Burundian francs (25-50 cents) depending on the size of the block.

Other Co-ops also come here and use our resources to process their products. We don't charge them for using our equipment. They come to buy our product and go to sell in another area or they buy palm nut oil to use for making soap.

**The whole nut is used – every part of it we use for something.**

Some residue is used to make compost to use on our crops. The excess water goes into a small pond – it also contains husks and is left to decompose and used with the compost. We also grow beans and bananas around here.

This year with the benefits we could buy a cow. Previously we bought a pig.

In the future, we would like to buy a plot of land where we could plant our own palm trees to continue to develop the activity.

**We are really happy about the support from LWF and donors from Australia. We are really working on our development.**

**We would like to thank the donor for this and the way we can now live better.”**



*Isaia Niyorozima is part of the Twogorore Twese Cooperative, one of the Soap-making groups supported by kind people like you through ALWS*

