

# FIYO

## Profile



Striving for an educated society

## History:

Fight Illiteracy Youth Organization (FIYO) is an education-focused organization which pursues a rights based approach in achieving its mission. The organization was founded in 2003. It is registered as a Rwandan Non Governmental Organization through Ministerial Order No. 146/08.11 of 25th November 2009 that was published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Rwanda no. 12 of 22 March 2010.

## Vision:

A peaceful and empowered society where all people enjoy decent living.

## Mission:

The Mission of FIYO is to promote formal and informal education as pillars of a prosperous society.

## Governance Structure:

FIYO is a membership based organization with a solid governance structure which guarantees efficiency, effectiveness, transparency and internal democratic values. The key organs of the organization are:

### **General Assembly:**

It is the supreme organ of the organization. It is composed of all the effective members of the organization.

### **The Executive Board:**

It is composed of 7 members: the Chair Person, Vice Chair Person, Secretary General, Treasurer, and three advisors. It is elected by the General Assembly among the effective members.

**The Audit and Control Committee:**

The committee plays and oversight role on behalf of the General Assembly. It is in charge of controlling and conducting internal auditing of both the financial and programmatic components of the organization's transactions.

**The Conflict Management Committee:**

The control and evaluation committee is composed of 5 members and is charged with prevention or resolving any conflicts that may arise within the organization.

**The Permanent Secretariat:**

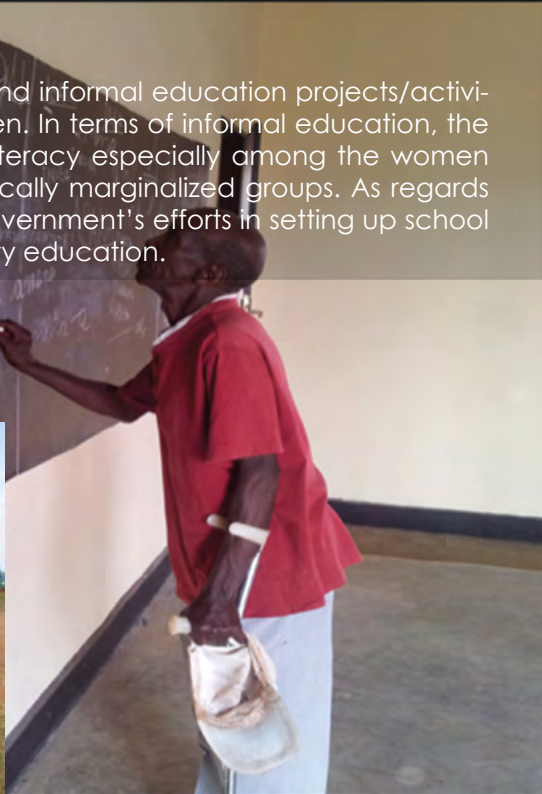
The organization has a permanent secretariat headed by the Executive Director. It is in charge of the day to day management of the organization's programmatic and financial transactions.

**Description of Program interventions and core activities:**

FIYO implements three core programs namely; Education, policy research and advocacy as well as Economic empowerment. Besides, peace building, gender, HIV&AIDS as well as environmental conservation are cross cutting issues.

## EDUCATION PROGRAM:

Under the Education program, formal and informal education projects/activities have been simultaneously undertaken. In terms of informal education, the focus of FIYO's intervention is fighting illiteracy especially among the women and vulnerable groups especially, historically marginalized groups. As regards formal education, FIYO complements government's efforts in setting up school infrastructures as well as promoting quality education.



## POLICY RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY:

Under the Policy research and advocacy program, FIYO is actively engaged in conducting evidence based research around different policy issues in the education sector in order to inform its advocacy and campaigning work. Examples of research conducted include a research on the effectiveness of School General Assembly Committees (Parents Teachers committees) in fostering quality education.

Advocacy campaigns conducted include; advocating for maintaining the ban of the ownership and use of mobile phones by secondary school students while at school pending thorough consultations with all key stakeholders.

In addition, through RENCP, FIYO contributed actively in the design of several education policies and strategies.



## ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

FIYO strongly believes that economic empowerment is crucial in ensuring that FIYO achieves its mission and vision. As such, the organization supports youth women beneficiaries to start up income generating activities from their own savings as well as organizing them into cooperatives. Over the last 12 years, FIYO supports 50 cooperatives with over 1,000 members of whom 60% are women. The majority of the members of cooperatives are graduates of literacy classes.



## CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES:

Peace building, Gender, HIV/AIDS, Environment protection are cross-cutting issues.

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## OUR PARTNERS

FIYO is grateful to its different partners without whom, it would be impossible to realize its activities. They include donors, Government Institutions and Civil society partners listed below:

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- Norwegian People's Aid (NPA).
- Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)
- International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD)/ Umutara Community Resources and Infrastructure Development Project (UCRIDP)
- GENEVA GLOBAL
- WORLD BANK/ Rural Sector Support Project (RSSP)
- European Union (EU) / National Unity and Reconciliation Commission (NURC) project

### GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS

- Ministry of Education
- Rwanda Education Board (REB)
- Ministry of Youth and ICT
- Ministry of Local Government
- District Authorities (Bugesera, Nyagatare, Kayanza, Gatsibo, Nyarugenge, Gasabo, Kicukiro and, Rulindo )

### CIVIL SOCIETY

- Rwanda Youth civil society Network (RYOF)
- Rwanda Education NGO Coordination platform (RENCP)
- Health Development Initiative (HDI)
- Youth Association for Human rights Promotion and Development (AJPRODHO).
- Community of potters of Rwanda
- Never Again Rwanda
- Civil society Coalition on sexual minorities
- Center for Rule of Law Rwanda ( CERULAR)

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