

Rwanda

This factsheet provides an overview of economic inclusion programs in Rwanda. Economic inclusion programs are a bundle of coordinated, multidimensional interventions that support individuals, households, and communities in raising their incomes and building their assets. The data used for this factsheet comes from the Partnership for Economic Inclusion's Landscape Survey 2023.

COUNTRY FACTS

Region	Population	Income Group	FCV country (WB FY24 list)
Sub-Saharan Africa	13.46 million	Low income	No

Poverty Headcount (share of population below the poverty line)

National Poverty Line	Multidimensional Poverty Index	\$2.15/day (2017 PPP)
38.20%	48.82%	52.00%

PROGRAMS

Number of economic inclusion programs

14

Institutional delivery (lead agency)



■ Nongovernment-led ■ Government-led

Geographic area



■ Rural only ■ Urban/peri ■ Mix (urban & rural)

PARTICIPANTS

Number of participants

516,785

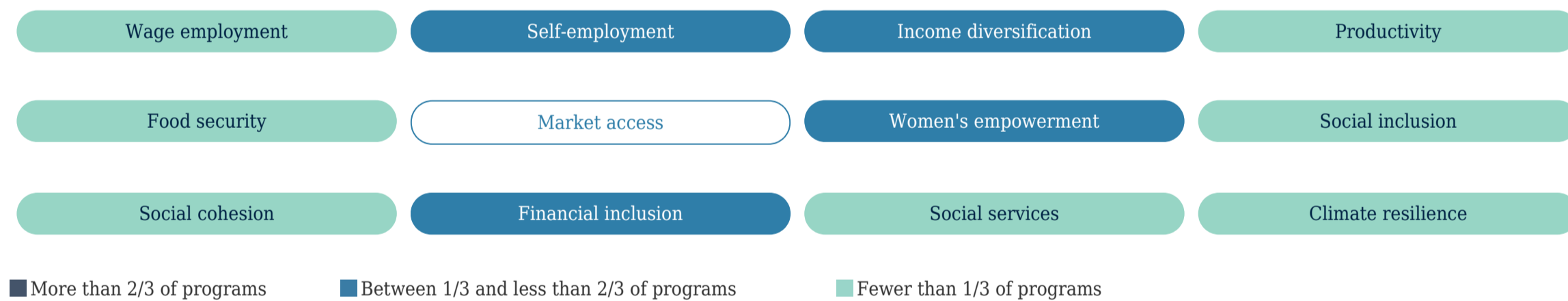
Number of people benefiting

2.33 million

Participants served by government-led programs (%)

50.64%

MAIN PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

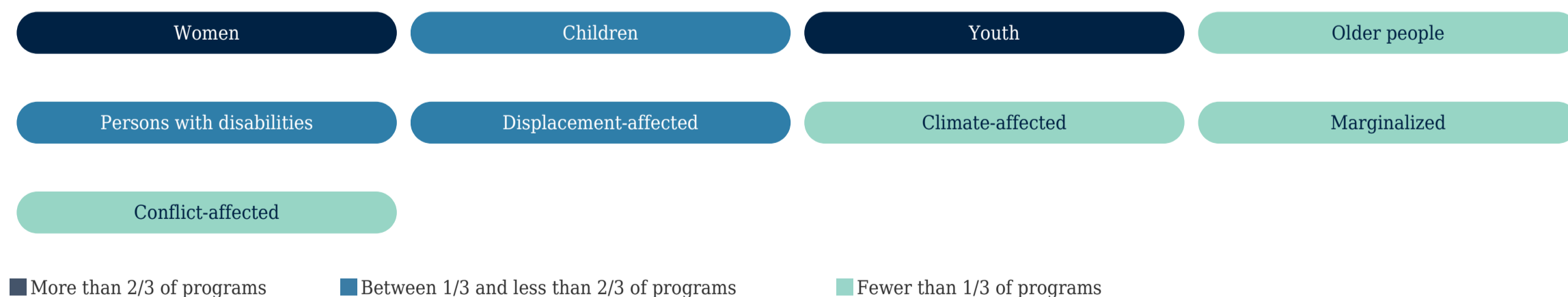


PARTICIPANT PROFILE

Targeted Poverty Segments



Targeted Population Groups



CORE PROGRAM COMPONENTS



TRANSFER



BUSINESS CAPITAL



WAGE EMPLOYMENT FACILITATION



SKILLS TRAINING



COACHING



FINANCIAL SERVICES FACILITATION



MARKET LINKS



CLIMATE RESILIENCE SUPPORT

ECONOMIC INCLUSION PROGRAMS SURVEYED

Program Name	Year program began	Lead Agencies	Program Description	No. of Current Participants	% Female Participants	Poverty Targeting	Digital
Area Program (AP)	2020	World Vision Rwanda	The program is a community development initiative to address the causes of poverty for ultra-poor households.	4,079	51-75% of participants	Targets XP/UP only	Yes
Caritas Archdiocese of Kigali	2021	Caritas Archdiocese of Kigali	The program assists people in need and promotes integral human development through social, health, and economic initiatives that improve livelihoods, build resilience, and support economic development of the active poor through cooperatives and income-generating activities, while providing interventions in cases of emergency.	460	51-75% of participants	Targets poor broadly	No
Developing Human Capital	2022	World Relief Rwanda	The program is implemented in areas with high stunting rates and harnesses the power of integrated programming for nutrition and social protection to address the complex dimensions of poverty.	9,050	51-75% of participants	Targets XP/UP only	Yes
Graduation Pilot Pathways to Economic Inclusion and Self-reliance of the Refugees and their Host Communities	2020	CARITAS Rwanda	The program aims to graduate vulnerable refugee and host community households out of extreme poverty.	1,143	51-75% of participants	Targets XP/UP only	Yes
Green Graduation	2023	Concern Worldwide Rwanda	The program uses the graduation approach, combining social protection, livelihood promotion, financial inclusion, and social empowerment with a focus on environmental protection, to graduate households out of extreme poverty in a sustainable manner.	2,100		Targets XP/UP only	Yes
Poverty Alleviating Coalition (PAC) Project	2021	World Vision International	The program aims to graduate households of refugees and host community members out of poverty, by providing a package that includes mindset and social behavior change, financial inclusion, livelihood promotion, seed capital, mentoring, and coaching.	2,921	51-75% of participants	Targets poor broadly	Yes
Rwanda Priority Skills for Growth Program	2017	Ministry of Education	The program aims to expand opportunities for acquiring quality, market-relevant skills in energy, transport, logistics, and manufacturing by reinforcing governance of the skills development system and capacity development, providing market-relevant trainings, and upgrading job-relevant skills for sustained employability.	3,548	26-50% of participants	Does not target by poverty level	Yes
Social Economic Inclusion of Refugees and Host Communities in Rwanda Project	2019	Five Districts hosting refugee camps, Development Bank of Rwanda and Rwanda Transport Development Agency	The program seeks to improve access to basic services and economic opportunities for refugees and host communities, and support environmental management, in the target areas.	116,628	26-50% of participants	Does not target by poverty level	Yes
Stronger Women Stronger Nations Program	1997	Women for Women Rwanda	The program empowers ultra poor conflict-affected women through informational and vocational trainings, monthly cash stipends, resources, referrals, access to savings groups and connections to networks.	703	All (100% of participants are female)	Targets poor broadly	Yes
The Sustainable Livelihoods Enhancement Scheme	2017	Local Administrative Entities Development Agency (LODA)	The program provides eligible households with a two-year package of interventions, including the Vision 2020 Umurenge safety nets, asset transfers, skills training, financial literacy, entrepreneurship training, coaching, linkage to markets and value chains and other inputs tailored to their needs.	141,539		Targets poor broadly	Yes

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Village Enterprise Rwanda	2021	Village Enterprise	The program is an innovative, cost-effective and evidence-backed graduation program in Northern Rwanda by Village Enterprise.	5,058	76-99% of participants	Targets XP/UP only	Yes
Volcanoes Community Resilience Project	2021	Ministry of Environment	The project aims to reduce the risk of flooding, strengthen land management, and improve livelihoods of people in the Volcanoes Region			Targets poor broadly	Yes
Zoe Empowers	2007	Zoe Empowers Rwanda	The program empowers orphaned children and vulnerable youth to overcome poverty through a family-based and peer-led program that promotes safety, health, and skills for long-term success.	11,513	51-75% of participants	Targets XP/UP only	Yes

Only programs that have given their consent to share their program data are included in this table



The Partnership for Economic Inclusion (PEI) is a global platform that unites non-governmental organizations, UN agencies, research institutions, funding partners, and the World Bank to support government adoption and scale up of economic inclusion programs that empower vulnerable people to lift themselves out of extreme poverty.

DNA: Does Not Apply; FY: Fiscal Year; FCV: Fragility, Conflict, and Violence; MPI: Multidimensional Poverty Index; NPL: National Poverty Line; N/A: Not available; WB: World Bank