

MAIN SUCCESSES



Strong Technical Capacity

- Programming, training, field visits enhance capacity of government experts, development agents, and beneficiaries
- Focus on lead farmer training (512 lead farmers)



Successful Uptake Practices

- Lead Farmers
- Annual community tree planting days (Umuganda)
- Media (radio, TV, newsletters)
- Joint Action Forums (held monthly at district level, including all development partners and seeking mayoral approval of decisions)



Policy and Government Agency Support

- Formulation of National Agroforestry Strategy to meet landscape restoration goals
- Taskforce on Agroforestry involving multiple government ministries, NGOs, cooperatives, private forestry sector



Suitability of Agroforestry Practices

- **Tree planting** works best to restore rangelands and provide timber, fodder, and additional income
- **FMNR** provides benefits in farmland for ecosystem and soil health, additional value through firewood and timber
- **Fruit Orchards** established with female beneficiaries provide enhanced household nutrition and income source



Sustained Movement with National Uptake

- Coalition of international and national NGOs, government ministries, research institutions, civil society organizations
- Collaboration with government has benefited ambitious national reforestation targets and increased support of agroforestry



Mindset Change

- Participatory approach with Lead Farmers
- Strengthened Savings for Transformation Groups
- Farmers have begun practicing biomass incorporation to increase soil organic carbon with fertilizer trees
- Many farmers adopting on-farm trees like G. Robusta for timber
- Fruit trees for consumption enhances diets, reduces malnutrition
- Ownership of Regreening practices by Government of Rwanda, embedding Regreening into contract performance agreements between mayors and president