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# Enabel in Rwanda

## Cooperation Programme 2024-2029

Enabel has been active in Rwanda since 1999 through partnerships and programmes with funding from Belgium and other commissioners. The current Belgian cooperation programme 2024-2029 of 95 million euros aims to contribute to Rwanda's socio-economic development, with focus on healthcare, agriculture and urbanisation. It is complemented with a five-year Belgium-funded thematic portfolio on social protection worth 17.6 million euros. This highlights Belgium's and Rwanda's joint commitment to fostering significant, long-term growth and prosperity, to enhance the quality of life for all Rwandans.

With a budget of 45 million euros financed by the European Union, the Luxembourg Government, the Green Climate Fund (GCF), the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and the Agence Française de Développement (AFD), Enabel has several projects focusing mainly on health, agroforestry and urbanisation.

Healthcare

Climate-resilient  
agriculture

Urbanisation: Smart  
and Green Cities

Public Financial  
Management

Decent Work and  
Social Protection

# Priorities

The projects align with Rwanda's Vision 2050 and the 2nd National Strategy for Transformation (NST2, 2024-2029), with priority sectors and objectives mutually agreed upon by the Belgian and Rwandan governments. Their goal is to promote sustainable development, enhance living conditions, and encourage inclusive growth within a climate-resilient welfare state.

## 1 Healthcare

In the health sector, total investment amounts to 55.2 million euros, which include 32.5 million from Belgium to contribute to strengthening access to quality healthcare, with a focus on sexual and reproductive health and combatting gender-based violence. About 75% of this envelope will be executed under the Result-Based Financing (RBF) modality that will be implemented through the national financial system. The programme will also support putting in place a coordinated system of getting evidence-based health research into policy and practice, through direct grants for research to the Ministry of Health, the Rwanda Biomedical Centre, the University of Rwanda, and specific cooperation agreements with local and international academic partners, based on the identified needs.

Another component of the health programme is funded by the EU under the Team Europe Initiative on Manufacturing and Access to Vaccines, Medicines and Health Technologies in Africa. It contributes to strengthening the health system ensuring access to quality health products to all, while enhancing the business environment in Rwanda for pharmaceutical investments. It works closely with the Rwanda Biomedical Centre, the Rwanda Food and Drugs Authority and Rwanda Medical Supply Ltd.

The EU Support to Public Health Institutes (4.2 million euros) supports core functions and services of schools, the University of Rwanda and the Rwanda Biomedical Centre in provision of evidence-based and locally adapted policy advice.

Another 4 million euro project from Agence Française de Développement will complement the Belgium-funded result-based financing, expanding its geographical scope from four to eight districts in Rwanda.

## 2 Agriculture

The agriculture sector combines both agriculture and agroforestry components. The agriculture component brings together both the PRISM Project funded by Belgium (20 million euros) and the Kwiwaza project financed by the EU and the Luxembourg government (10 million and 7.5 million euros respectively). The component aspires to contribute to increasing access to the consumption of quality food for the growing population with a specific focus on pig and poultry, beekeeping, rabbit, aquaculture, and horticulture value chains.

Enabel's agroforestry initiative in Rwanda's Eastern Province aims to restore the ecological balance and improve human well-being in deforested and degraded areas. These include projects funded by

## Cross-cutting issues



### Climate resilient projects: all projects are climate-resilient

Addressing climate change requires implementing both adaptation and mitigation strategies in our programme to enhance community resilience against climate impacts. Adaptation is key to managing current and future climate issues like heat islands, droughts, and flooding. Mitigation will support the country's shift towards greener economic growth and a low-carbon energy transition, enabling access to future technologies.



### Gender equality: Promoting equal opportunities for women and men

Rwanda and Belgium aim to promote gender equality by ensuring equal opportunities for women and men. By integrating gender perspectives across all sectors, the programme ensures that women and men benefit equally from development efforts, fostering an equitable and inclusive society in Rwanda.

the European Union, the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and SIDA – the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency.

The DeSIRA project funded by the EU and implemented by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) in partnership with Enabel aims to improve farmers' resilience to climate change through innovative, climate-smart agroforestry and the efficient use of arboreal resources in the Eastern Province and peri-urban areas of the city of Kigali.

The Transforming Eastern Province through Adaptation and Mitigation project (TREPA), funded by the Global Climate Fund (GCF), is implemented by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the Rwanda Forestry Authority (RFA) in partnership with Enabel. It aims to restore degraded land through agroforestry plantations to increase community resilience to climate change.

The Community-based Biodiversity conservation Project (COMBIO), funded by SIDA, aspires to set up biodiversity sanctuaries through the restoration of degraded land with native species. This project has developed community biodiversity sanctuaries, producing over 300,000 seedlings of more than 40 native species based on seeds collected from natural forests.

### **Urbanisation**

With the Urbanisation programme, Enabel contributes to developing sustainable and attractive satellite cities

by enhancing the living conditions of the population, especially the most vulnerable, generating a socio-economic and environmental ecosystem that is inclusive and climate-proof. The programme supports two satellite cities, Bugesera and Rwamagana, in creating strategic urban planning frameworks and prioritising socio-economic investments. This approach aims to generate decent jobs, ensure access to essential services and quality housing, and support mixed-neighbourhood development for better living conditions across all social groups.

The programme is funded by Belgium (22 million euros), supplemented by additional funding from the European Union (10 million euros) and the Brussels Capital Region (1.7 million euros).

### **Social Protection**

The Social Protection portfolio in Central Africa (2022-2027), implemented in DR Congo, Rwanda and Uganda, aims to enhance opportunities for decent work among women and young people of working age, ensuring they are protected by labour rights and benefit social protection and inclusive dialogue.

The project implemented in Rwanda, worth 17.6 million euros, mainly targets the City of Kigali and the five border districts around the Kivu Belt: Rubavu, Karongi, Rusizi, Rutsiro, and Nyamasheke.



#### **Support to decent work and private sector development**

To strengthen the private sector, as envisaged in the programme, it's important to support micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and startups with innovation, technology, business services, and affordable financing. This approach aims to improve job opportunities, advance value chains, and enhance competitiveness in local and regional markets. Additionally, it seeks to promote economic stability through import substitution and increased regional exports.

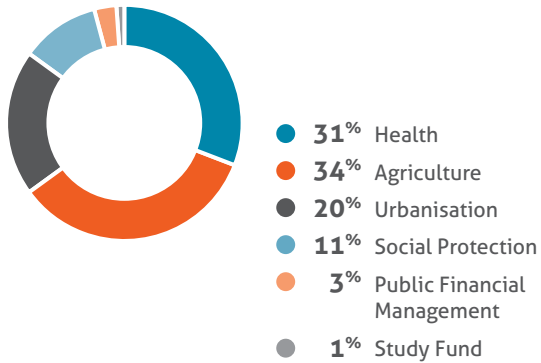


#### **Public Financial Management**

The Public Financial Management (PFM) assures accountable and capable institutions. This initiative seeks to enhance the effectiveness and efficient use of public resources, aligning with Rwanda's goals for climate- and gender-smart budgeting and reporting. By focusing on transparency, efficiency, and accountability, the programme seeks to improve PFM systems, thereby supporting effective governance and ensuring that public funds are optimally utilised to drive socio-economic development.

## Breakdown of financial commitments 2024-2029

The overall programme of Enabel in Rwanda, worth 180 million euros for the period 2024-2029, includes projects funded by Belgium and those funded by the European Union, Luxembourg, SIDA, the GCF and Agence Française de Développement as detailed below:



## Geographical concentration of the Cooperation Programme



Enabel's programmes in Rwanda cover the entire country.

### About Enabel

Enabel is the Belgian development agency. It implements Belgium's governmental cooperation. The agency also works for other national and international commissioners. With its partners in Belgium and abroad, Enabel proposes ideas to address pressing global challenges - Climate Change, Economic and Social Inequality, Urbanisation, Peace and Security and Human Mobility – and to promote youth engagement. With 2,000 staff, Enabel manages about 200 projects in twenty countries, in Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

This cooperation supports Rwanda's sustainable development agenda for the socioeconomic welfare of its population.



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