



VI AGROFORESTRY IN RWANDA

About us

Vi Agroforestry is a Swedish development organisation fighting poverty and climate change together. We work in Rwanda, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda, promoting sustainable agricultural land management and empowering small-scale farmer families and their organisations. Our work contributes to reaching the Sustainable Development Goals.



Agroforestry – our cornerstone

The cornerstone of our work is agroforestry – a system of growing trees alongside crops and animals. Farmer families who use agroforestry experience increased yields and incomes, improve their food security, become more aware of issues around gender inequalities and injustices, and increase their resilience to the effects of climate change. By shifting to agroforestry, farmers also help fight climate change itself, restore agricultural land, and increase biodiversity.

Partners – our implementers

Our local partners implement and sustain our projects across Rwanda. We provide our partner organisations with knowledge, resources and process facilitation so that they can be strong and stable and serve small-holder farmers even better.

Our focus areas:

- **Sustainable agriculture based on agroforestry** – for climate change adaptation & mitigation
- **Economic security** – through agricultural value chains and financial services
- **Systems and governance** – for strong farmers' organisations
- **Gender equality and empowerment** – of women, children and youth
- **Communication, fundraising and resource mobilisation** – securing funds for our work
- **Advocacy** – for our focus areas

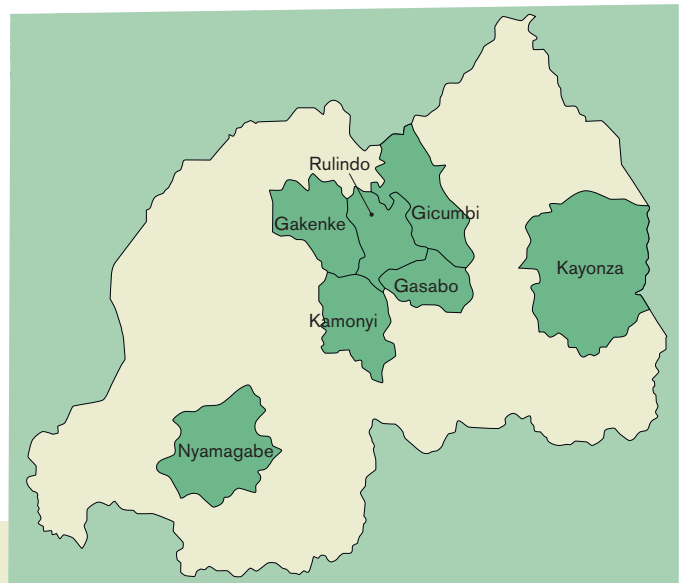
In Rwanda we work in:

Northern province: Gakenke, Rulindo and Gicumbi districts

Southern province: Kamonyi and Nyamagabe districts

Eastern Province: Kayonza district

Kigali city: Gasabo district



**AGROFORESTRY FOR LIVELIHOOD EMPOWERMENT
– THE ALIVE PROGRAMME**

Under the umbrella of the ALIVE programme, Vi Agroforestry supports numerous projects to empower small-holder farmers. Our partners and projects in Rwanda are:

COOPRORIZ works with watershed management for improving farmers' livelihood in the Kamonyi district.

COTUMU teaches agroforestry methods for sustainable maize production to farmers in the Gakenke district.

Koperative Abizerwa Byumba (KAB) helps fruit framers in the Gicumbi district be more resilient to climate change.

UCOCARU is a union for coffee producers in the Rulindo District. The union helps coffee farmers increase their productivity and sustainability – thereby improving their livelihoods.

UNICOOPAGI is a union working for economic empowerment of farmers in the Nyamagabe district through agroforestry.

ZAMUKA a cooperative in the Gasabo district teaches their members everything from how to market their products to how to secure their lands from droughts, floods and landslides.

INADES Formation is focused on national and international advocacy. They map how well Rwanda has managed to implement international commitments under the Maputo and Malabo Declarations, gathering learnings and recommendations to empower smallholder farmers.

BENISHYAKA is focussing on youth empowerment for sustainable agriculture in the Kayonza district.

Action Aid Rwanda (AAR) is supporting our other partners in advocacy and how to engage in improving national policies on sustainable agriculture, agroforestry, food security and social accountability.

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