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IKAMBERE

IKAMBERE was born in 1997 in France following a university study carried out by Bernadette Rwegera (founder and director of the association) in 1996 on migrant women and children living with HIV in Ile-de-France. IKAMBERE created a safe and friendly day center that offers a multidimensional form of social care to women who expressed the need for a wide range of support to manage their disease and their socio-economic situation.

To address all social determinants of health, IKAMBERE has also been building local partnerships with assistance services for housing, access to rights, or employment to strengthen its action and now has about 30 operational partners in the region..



Project Manager

Governance team

There is a multidisciplinary team of social workers, therapeutic education officers, health mediators, professional integration officers, a dietitian, and a fitness coach and developed an integrated community care approach to accompany women towards empowerment.

Unique members of the team are health mediators, some of whom are former beneficiaries of IKAMBERE, who are trained in helping navigation and communication between patients and healthcare professionals. Roukhaya is a part of the Management Team, she is responsible for partnerships, projects monitoring, grantmaking proposals. The team (20 people) is having very flexible roles.

What inspires Roukhaya was the way of giving hope to the women that lost hope. IKAMBERE with its activities, life, chatting, music, resilience, and learning that when things happen it is a question of perspective, and you can find your way out.

She can share experiences on how to create a safe space, built trust, and peer support. She is looking for exchanging tools, recommendations and becoming a part of a global community of changemakers.

Values and expertise

- How to make community care being more recognized on a policy level?
- How to balance management, operations, and strategic discussions?
- How to be more effective in fundraising and reporting?

Questions to the Forum