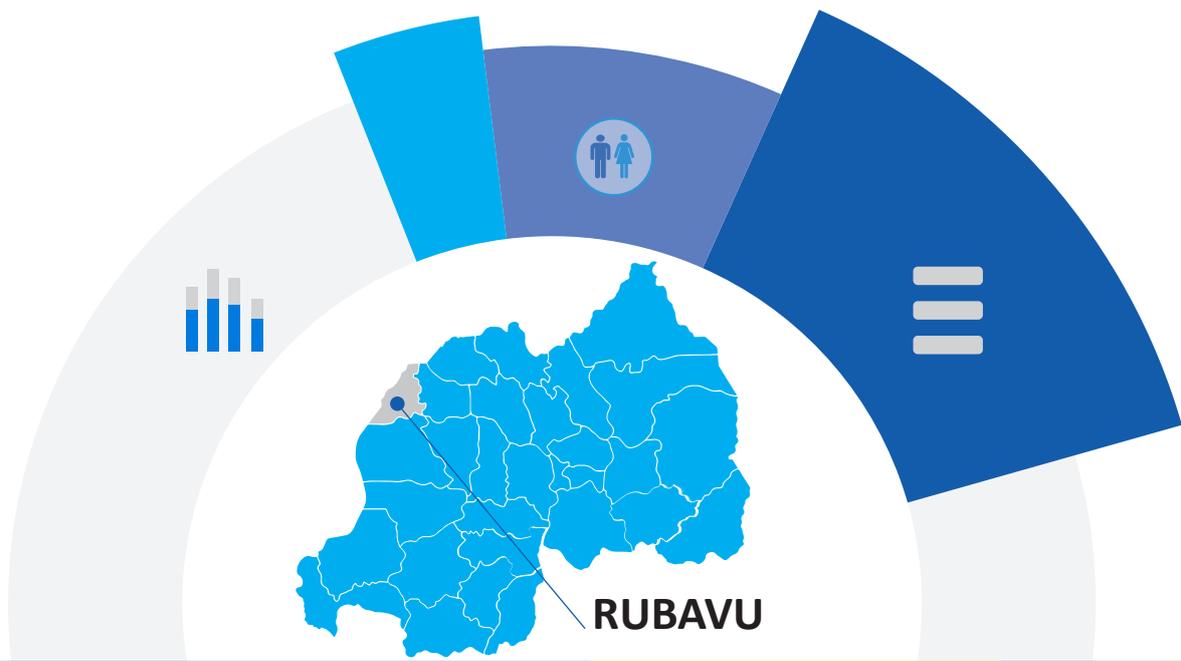




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## Foreword

This is the second edition of the Gender Statistics District Profile Report that provides the updated sex-disaggregated data in the key areas of life such as poverty and social protection, education, health, violence against women, economy, decision making, ICT and media, and Environment. These fields are classified under the three pillars of the National Strategy for transformation (NST1) namely; economic transformation, social transformation, and transformational Governance. The report also takes into account some quantitative indicators of the United Nations Minimum Set of Gender Indicators (UNMSGI) as developed by the United Nations Statistical Division (UNSD) and some approved quantitative Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with indicators related to gender.

In this context, the National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda (NISR) in collaboration with the Gender Monitoring Office (GMO), central and decentralized entities, undertook to establish and strengthen a comprehensive Gender Statistics Framework (GSF) which has resulted in the Gender Statistics District Profile Reports reflecting the status of gender equality in key development sectors at district level. The aim of the report is to encourage policy debates around gender gaps and provide quantitative evidence for planning, monitoring, and evaluation of programs. Achieving development for all requires formulation of policies that recognize the role of gender equality. Therefore, production and dissemination of timely and reliable sex-disaggregated and gender-responsive data is crucial in facilitating evidence-based policies and decision making that consider both women and men.

The report shows differences and inequalities between women and men and acts as a timely databank containing useful information on Rwanda's development. NISR looks forward to continuing its good collaboration with the European Union (EU), UN Women and all other interested partners.



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## Acronyms and Abbreviations

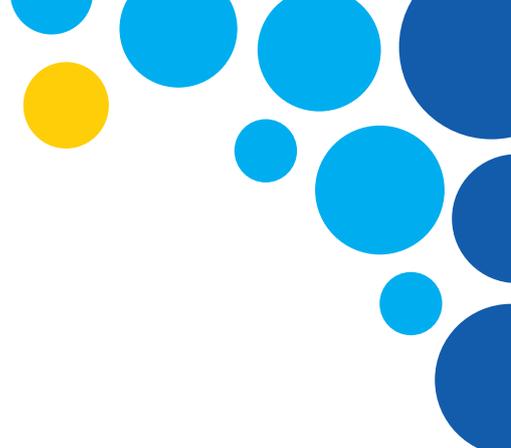
AFR	Access to Finance Rwanda
AHS	Agriculture Household Survey
ARI:	Acute Respiratory Infection
DHS:	Demographic and Health Survey
EICV:	Integrated Household Living Conditions Survey
GBV:	Gender Based Violence
GMO:	Gender Monitoring Office
HH:	Household
HHS	Household Survey 2019/20
ICT:	Information Communication Technology
MIGEPROF	Ministry of gender and family Protion
MINAGRI:	Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources
MINECOFIN:	Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning
MINEDUC:	Ministry of Education
MMI:	Military Medical Insurance
NEET:	Neither in Employment, nor in Education or Training
NISR:	National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda
RAMA:	La Rwandaise d'Assurance Maladie
RDHS	Rwanda Demography and Health Survey
RPHC:	Rwanda population Housing Census
SACCO:	Savings and Credit Co-operative
VUP:	Vision 2020 Umurenge Programme happiness

## Glossary of key terms:

KEY WORDS	DEFINITION
Sex ratio	Number of males per 100 females in a population
Crude Birth Rate	The number of live births per 1,000 persons in a population per year
Crude Death Rate	Number of deaths per 1,000 populations in a given year.
Life Expectancy at Birth	The average number of years a newborn is expected to live given the prevailing deaths rates.
Annual Population growth Rate	The average rate of population changes per year over a ten-year period
Population Density	Population per unit area (usually square meter)
Birth Registration	Percentage of children under age 5 whose births are reported/registered with the civil authorities.
Gross Enrolment Rate	Total number of students enrolled in a specific level of education, regardless of age, expressed as a percentage of the official school-age population corresponding to the same level of education in given school year.
Net Enrolment Rate	Enrolment of the official age-group for a given level of education expressed as a percentage of the corresponding population. $NER = \frac{\text{Number of pupils of specified age in the cycle}}{\text{Population of related school age}} \times 100$
Primary school net attendance ratio	Number of children of primary school age currently attending primary school.
Secondary school net attendance ratio	Number of children of secondary school age currently attending secondary school or higher.
Gender Parity Index for primary	Gender parity index (Ratio of girls to boys) in primary is the ratio of the number of female students enrolled at primary level of education to the number of male students in the same level.
Gender Parity Index for secondary	Gender parity index (Ratio of girls to boys) in secondary is the ratio of the number of female students enrolled at secondary level of education to the number of male students in the same level.
Total Fertility Rate	The expected number of children a woman who survives to the end of the reproductive age span (15-49 years) would have during her lifetime if she experiences the given age at specific rate.
Contraceptive Prevalence rate	Percentage of women of reproductive age who are using (or whose partner is using) a contraceptive method.
Infant mortality rate	Probability of infants' death before celebrating their first birthday per 1,000 live births.
Neo-natal mortality rate	Probability of infants' death before celebrating the 28th day after their birthday per 1,000 live births.
Post neo-natal mortality	Probability of infants' death between the 29th and 360th days after their birthday per 1,000 live births.
Under 5 age mortality	Probability of dying of infants before celebrating the 5 birthdays per 1,000 live births.
Maternal Mortality Ratio	Probability of women's deaths that occur during pregnancy, child birth, or within 42 days of termination of pregnancy because of any cause related to or aggravated by the pregnancy or its management but not from accidental or incidental causes, expressed per 100,000 live births.
Economic activity	Covers all market production and certain types of non-market production, including production and processing of primary products for own consumption, own-account consumption (owner occupied dwellings) and other production of fixed assets for own use
Employment	This refers to the act that engages or occupies; that which consumes time or attention; office or post of business; service; agricultural employment; mechanical employments and public employments. This may be part time or full time, permanent or temporary.
Employed persons	Persons in paid employment who work for wage or salary in cash or in kind or both and have a formal job attachment.
Employment status	Refers to the status of an economically active person with respect to his/her position at his/her place of work and his/ her mode of
Establishment	This is an economic unit engaged in one or predominantly economic activity under single ownership or control and is situated at a single physical location.

KEY WORDS	DEFINITION
Occupation	Refers to the nature of task and duties performed during reference period preceding interview by persons in paid employment, unpaid family work or self – employment jobs.
Underemployment	Refers to persons who work less than 40 hours per week but were willing and available to work additional hours within the last seven days.
Financially included	People who have/use financial products and/or services – formal and/or informal.
Financially excluded	People who do not have/use any financial products and/or services – neither formal nor informal.
Formally served	People who have/use financial products and/or services provided by a formal financial institution (bank and/or non-bank). A formal financial institution is governed by a legal precedent of any kind and bound by legally recognized rules.
Informally served	People who have/use financial products and/or services which are not regulated and operate without legal governance that would be recognized, e.g. tontine or moneylenders.
Banked	People who have/use financial products/ services provided by a bank, regulated by the Central Bank.
Served by other formal financial institutions	People who have/use financial products/services provided by other regulated (non-bank) financial institutions, e.g. remittances services or insurance products
Banking and Payments	About 26% (around 1.5 million) adults in Rwanda are banked (meaning they have bank accounts in their names or joint accounts and/or are using banking channels or services to manage their finances). The proportion of the banked adults varies considerably across the districts
Savings	Savings are the leading product type and one of the main drivers of financial inclusion for Rwanda. This is encouraging as savings enables adults to create wealth, pay for household furniture and equipment and most importantly, can be used as collateral for accessing credit.

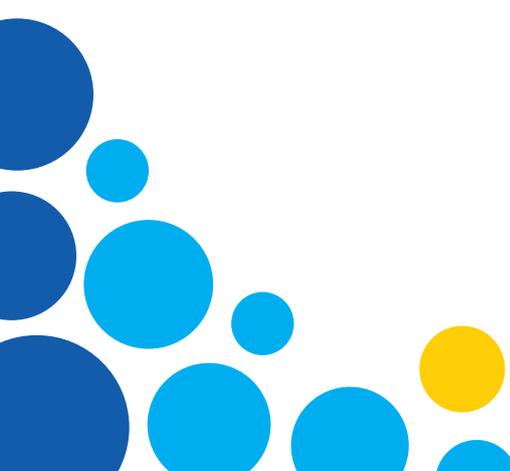




# CHAPTER 1

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Background, introduction and methodology



This is the second edition of District profile report on Gender Statistics following the Gender statistics District profile reports produced by NISR in close collaboration with MIGEPROF, GMO, UN WOMEN for all 30 Districts in 2012/13 FY.

The report reveals the differences and inequalities in the situation of women and men (girls and boys) in all spheres of life with reference to the twelve areas of the 1995 Beijing Declaration and platform for action's areas of priorities.

To better highlight the progress made in line with national priorities, these twelve areas are classified under the NST1 pillars of economic transformation, social transformation and transformational governance. It takes into account part of the quantitative indicators of the United Nations Minimum Set of Gender Indicators (UNMSGI) developed by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), some of the approved quantitative gender indicators of the SDGs and administrative indicators.

The content of this report is based on data sourced from census and surveys-based publications made by NISR and data collected from published and unpublished sources. Published sources consulted include but are not limited to: Population and Housing census, Establishment census, Integrated Households' Living Conditions (Enquête Intégrale sur les Conditions de Vie des Ménages) (EICV), Agriculture Households Survey (AHS), Rwanda Demographic and Health Survey (RDHS), Rwanda Labour Force Survey (RLFS), Rwanda Statistical yearbook, Education statistics yearbook and, the FINSCOPE report.

Since the publication of statistical results is often based on the main indicators with limited disaggregation levels, we proceeded with the use of census and surveys-based datasets to compute required indicators disaggregated at sub-national levels whenever such indicators could not be found in the officially published reports. Therefore, given the sampling limitations that may induce doubt to the level of precision for some surveys-based indicators once disaggregated to sub-national levels, indicators whose values are mentioned in parentheses are to be used with caution.

The report compilation engaged central level staff coming from NISR, GMO, MIGEPROF, MINAGRI, MINALOC, RWAMREC, Provinces and, District staff concerned with planning and gender, namely the District statistician, Director of planning and a staff in charge of gender at each District. In order to harmonize the production of the report and minimize errors, 30 teams were formed, each consisting of at least three district staff and one central level staff member. These teams were then provided with the following references to guide the compilation of the report:

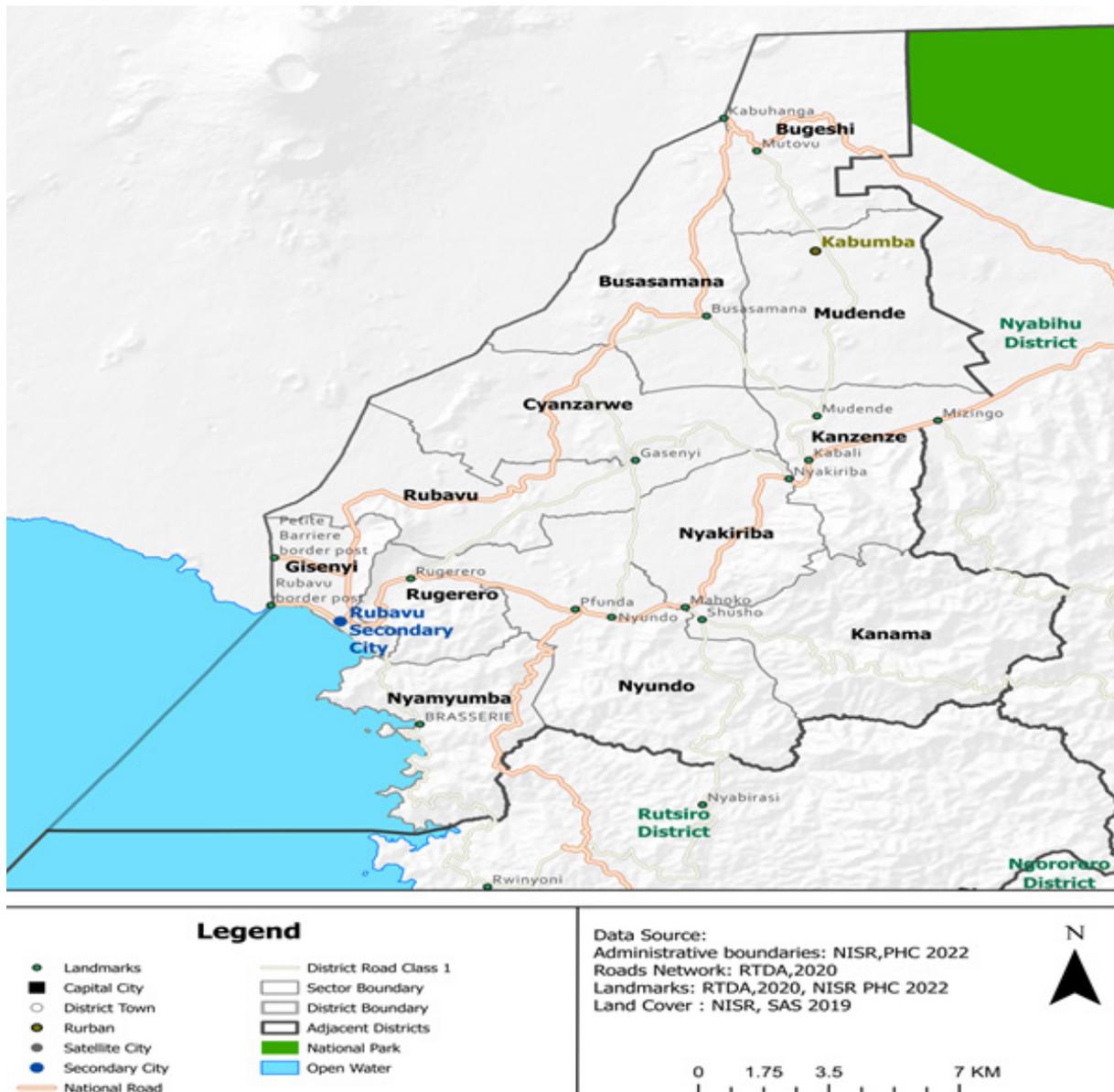
- Soft copies of all NISR surveys and census published reports from which required sex disaggregated data might be sourced.
- An excel file containing a list of indicators to be used for the report compilation, arranged in accordance with the chapters of the report.
- The model of District profile report to refer to for compiling respective Districts profiles. This model report has been developed by NISR in collaboration with GMO and was based on the situation of Karongi District.

The reports compilation was preceded by a training of trainer (ToT) workshop gathering central level staff to have a common understanding of the model report content and structure and, to well understand gender statistics concepts, analysis, interpretation, and use. The training has indeed been a good opportunity to agree on the methodology to be used for coaching and mentoring Districts' teams in a harmonized manner. The ToT was followed by a training workshop with District staff in which participants managed to compile respective Districts profile reports under the supervision and mentorship of the central level staff. Each

District’s team had at least one central level staff to support in this regard.

The above-mentioned workshop schedule was divided into three periods: (1) time to learn the theoretical aspects of gender statistics and to understand the content and structure of the district profile report template; (2) time to compile the respective district profile reports based on the report template and reference documents provided to produce a draft report; and (3) time to proofread the compiled draft reports. To this end, each district team was allocated time to review and proofread the district profile report produced by another district team to obtain the final drafts. Once the final drafts had been produced, the central level team took the time to review the reports again in order to minimize errors as much as possible and produce the final reports for publication.

Figure 1: Administrative map for the District of Rubavu



Source: National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda, 2023

The world's populations are in varying stages of a demographic transition from high to low rates of mortality and fertility (Bongaarts, 2009). In this process, the age structure gradually shifts toward older ages. Fertility is the principal component driving population dynamics, the other two being mortality and migration. A youth bulge results when decreases in fertility reduce the share of children in the population at a relatively fast rate while the proportion of elderly is still relatively small. Nations undergoing this transition can capitalize on the resulting high labour supply and low dependency rates. There is the potential to boost economic growth and poverty reduction as there are fewer dependents to support, savings are accumulated, and a relatively young population is likely to enhance investments in human capital and technology in the economy as a whole (Ashford, 2007; Bloom et al., 2003).

Reaping the benefits from this phase of the demographic transition requires, however, the right policy, economic and social environment. First and foremost, the growing youth population has to be absorbed into the labour market and enterprising young people have to be enabled to invest. They must have the opportunity to access high-quality education, matching the type of skills needed in the labour market. Also, young people will only be encouraged to save if there are efficient and trustworthy financial mechanisms to allow them to do so. Finally, investments in public health are necessary to allow a youthful population to maximize its productivity. In return, if the appropriate policy environment is not in place, unemployment and instability may result, and health, education, and social welfare systems may undergo considerable strain (Gribble and Bremner, 2012; Bloom et al., 2003).

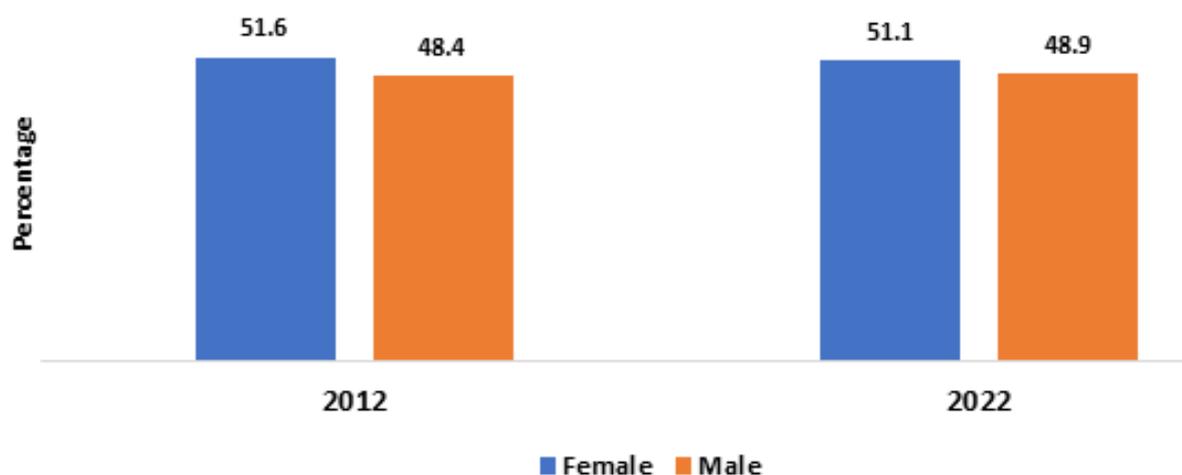
Sub-Saharan Africa is still in the early stages of demographic transition and gender equality is seriously affected by current demographic trends in countries and regions. While mortality has been reduced in recent decades, fertility has remained high in most countries and such a status quo has implications and is affected by the way gender equality between women and men behaves.

Despite the trend toward gender mainstreaming and inclusive data systems manifested in the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, gender data does not regularly inform present-day political decision-making. Women and girls and their living conditions are either underrepresented or not always prioritized in data production, leading to policy designs that inadequately address (or in some cases reinforce) existing inequalities. Even when data is available, too often gender data use is hindered by limited analysis and dissemination of existing information. The COVID-19 pandemic shed a new light on these pre-existing gaps, renewing a call for more timely and granular information on the impact of the crisis on women and girls in areas such as education, livelihoods, unpaid care work, mental health, and gender-based violence.

### 3.1 Age sex structure of the resident population

The disparities among resident population by sex are quite high in Rubavu district compared to the national level. In Rubavu District, the results from RPHC 2022 reveal that females represents 51.1% while males are 48.9% and this reflects high females proportion compared to males where a sex ratio showing 95.7 males for every 100 females while the national level result shows 94 males for each 100 females.

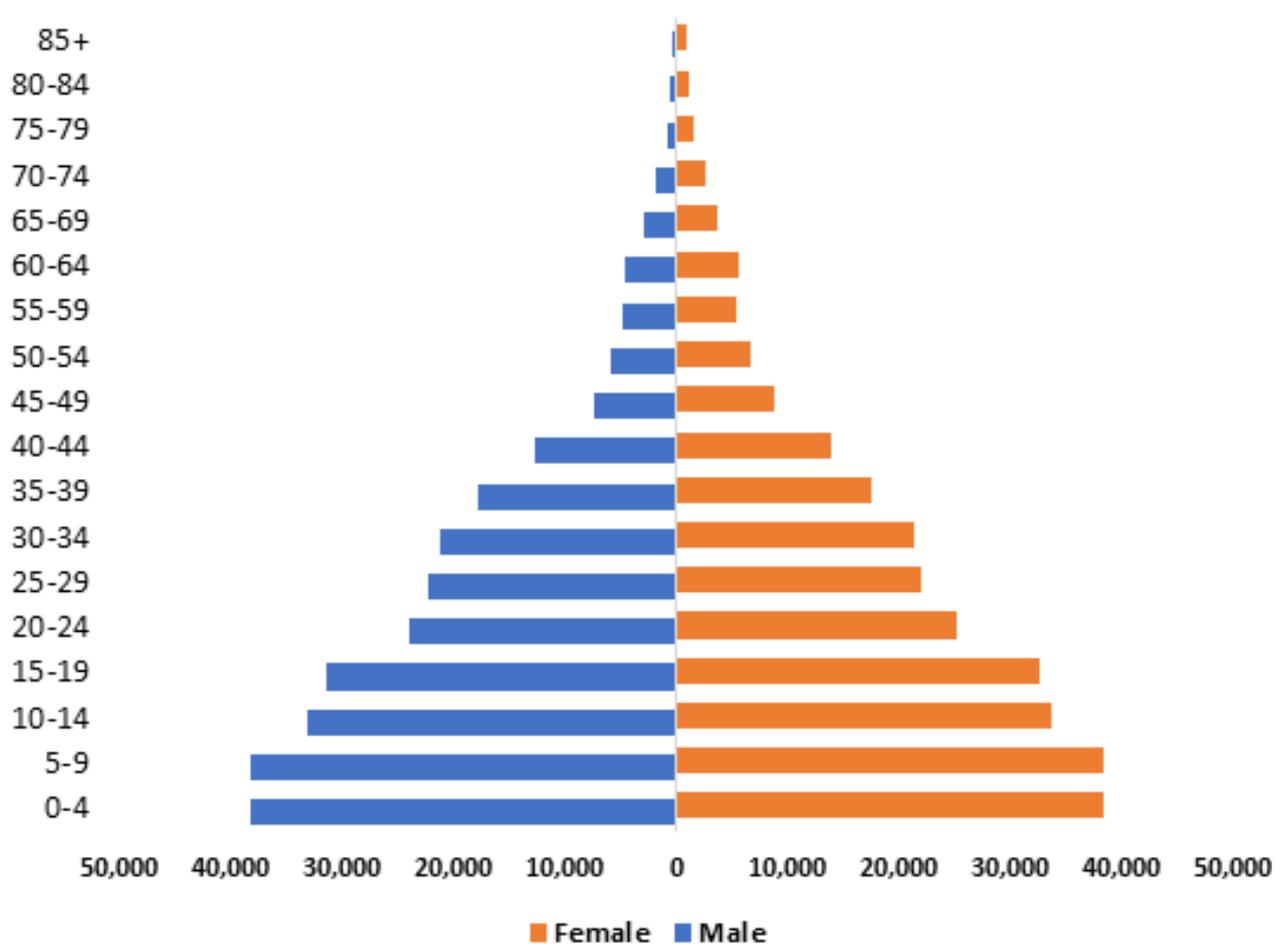
**Figure 2: Proportions (in %) of resident population of Rubavu district by sex.**



Source: Rwanda population and Housing census 2012 and 2022 (NISR)

The age sex pyramid of the resident population in Rubavu district shows that the age groups with high number of residents are 0-4, 5-9, 10-14, and 15-19 age brackets. The number of females is generally higher than males among residents aged below 20 and for population aged 60 and above. From age 20 to 29 years, males dominate. Figure below illustrates age-sex distribution of resident population of Rubavu District through the population pyramid. The same number can be found in table format in the annex section on Population by age group.

Figure 3: Population pyramid of Rubavu District in 2022



Source: Fifth Rwanda Population and Housing Census, 2022 (NISR)

The results of the fifth Rwanda Population and Housing census show that Rwandan residents' population is mostly young where the population aged 0-24 represent 55.2% of the total population, while elderly people aged 65 and above represent only 4.2%. Elderly females represent 2.5% while elderly males represent 1.7% of the total population. The youth aged 16-30 represent 27.1% of the total population at National level, of which females represent 13.3% while males represent 13.8%. With respect to international standard, youth aged 15-24 represent 20.3% of total population of which females in this age range represent 10.3% while males represent 10%. Children aged 0-17 represents 44.5% of the total population of which females and males' shares are 22.2% and 22.3%, respectively. The population aged 0-30 represent 66.9% of the total population. Table 1 below shows the numbers and shares of resident population of Rubavu District following some specific intervention targeted age groups.

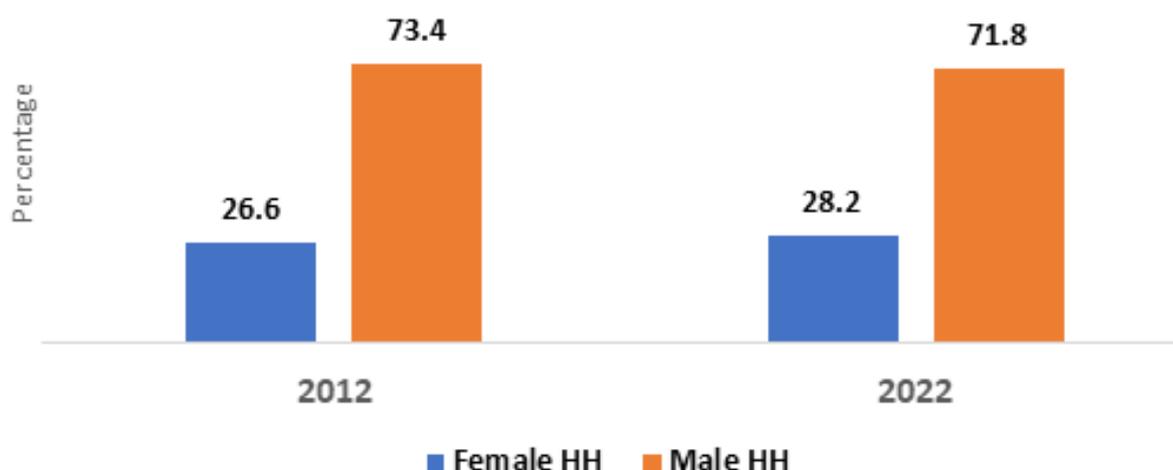
**Table 1: Distribution (Count and Population share) of some specific intervention's targets group by sex of Rubavu District in 2022**

District = Rubavu	COUNT			Percentage		
	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female
Total Resident Population	546,683	267,299	279,384	100.0	48.9	51.1
<1	15,203	7,730	7,473	2.8	1.4	1.4
<5	76,507	38,152	38,355	14.0	7.0	7.0
1-4	61,304	30,422	30,882	11.2	5.6	5.6
3-5	48,944	24,509	24,435	9.0	4.5	4.5
3-6	65,312	32,647	32,665	11.9	6.0	6.0
0-14	219,899	109,433	110,466	40.2	20.0	20.2
0-15	233,378	116,084	117,294	42.7	21.2	21.5
0-17	259,556	128,906	130,650	47.5	23.6	23.9
6-11	86,757	42,943	43,814	15.9	7.9	8.0
7-12	83,848	41,477	42,371	15.3	7.6	7.8
12-17	79,916	39,445	40,471	14.6	7.2	7.4
13-18	79,047	39,037	40,010	14.5	7.1	7.3
14-35	221,276	109,179	112,097	40.5	20.0	20.5
16-30	153,630	75,745	77,885	28.1	13.9	14.2
15-24	112,966	55,246	57,720	20.7	10.1	10.6
15-49	277,760	136,249	141,511	50.8	24.9	25.9
15-64	310,558	151,500	159,058	56.8	27.7	29.1
16-64	297,079	144,849	152,230	54.3	26.5	27.8
16-59	286,985	140,275	146,710	52.5	25.7	26.8
14+	340,462	164,576	175,886	62.3	30.1	32.2
16+	313,305	151,215	162,090	57.3	27.7	29.6
18+	287,127	138,393	148,734	52.5	25.3	27.2
21+	250,470	120,427	130,043	45.8	22.0	23.8
60+	26,320	10,940	15,380	4.8	2.0	2.8
65+	16,226	6,366	9,860	3.0	1.2	1.8

Source: Rwanda fifth Population and Housing Census, 2022 (NISR)

### 3.2 Household headship

According to Rwanda population and housing census 2022, the percentage of household headed by female is 28.9% against 71.1% headed by males at national level. In rural areas, Households headed by females represent 29.9% against 70.1% headed by males, while in urban areas females headed HHs represent 26.4 % compared to 73.6% headed by males. The Figure 4 below shows that in Rubavu District, the percentage of households headed by females slightly increased from 26.6% in 2012 to 28.2% in 2022 while males headed households slightly reduced from 73.4% in 2012 to 71.8% in 2022.

**Figure 4: Households headship (in %) in Rubavu District by sex of household head**

Source: Fifth Rwanda Population and Housing Census, 2022 (NISR)

### 3.3 Marital Status

Information on marital status was collected on the resident population aged 12 and above. The question on marital status consisted of seven categories: Married to one wife/husband officially: An individual who was in legally accepted marital union with one partner at the moment of the Census.

- Married to one wife/husband not officially: An individual who was in marital union with one partner, but that was not legally officiated at the moment of the Census.
- Live in a polygamous union: An individual is said to be in polygamous union when he is married with more than one spouse. People living in polygamous union in the context of this census were men having more than one wife or wife living in a marital union with such men. A polygamous man may be simultaneously in legal union with one of his wives and in consensual union with another wife or other wives.
- Divorced: An individual who has been separated from his or her spouse through a court decision, according to the legislation.
- Separated: An individual who has separated temporarily from his/her spouse with or without intention to be back in marital union with him/her but without any court decision on the case.
- Never married: An individual who has never been in a marital union.
- Widowed: a man or a woman who has lost his or her spouse by death, not yet remarried.

The distinction between consensual union and monogamous union does not cover all types of unions. Moreover, the concept of monogamy is applicable regarding legal unions as well as consensual ones.

Unofficial monogamy: An individual is said to be monogamous when he or she is married with one spouse and polygamous in the contrary situation (Louis Henry, 1981). In the context of this census, unofficial monogamy refers to the marital union where a man or woman is married unofficially to one spouse.

**Table 2: Percentage of resident's population aged 12 and above in Rubavu District by marital status and by sex in 2022.**

Marital status	Male	Female	Both sexes
Never married	48.9	41.1	44.9
Married to one wife/husband officially	25.7	24.3	25.
Married to one wife/husband not officially	22.9	22.9	22.9
Living in polygamous union	0.9	2.1	1.5
Divorced	0.1	0.2	0.2
Separated	0.6	2.1	1.4
Widowed	0.9	7.4	4.2

Source: Fifth Rwanda Population and Housing Census, 2022 (NISR)

Table 2 above shows the percentages of resident population in Rubavu District by marital status in 2022. Following the census results, the majority of residents population in Rubavu District were single/never married (44.9%). Males share among the never married persons was higher than females (48.9% Vs 41.1% respectively). The share of persons married officially to one partner was 25.7% among males and 24.3% among females. The share of persons married not officially to one partner was equal to 22.9%, and it was the same for females and for males. Both Widowhood, divorce and separation rates were high among females (7.4%, 2.1% and 0.2% respectively) compared to males (0.9%, 0.6% and 0.1%, respectively).

### 3.4 Mean age at first marriage

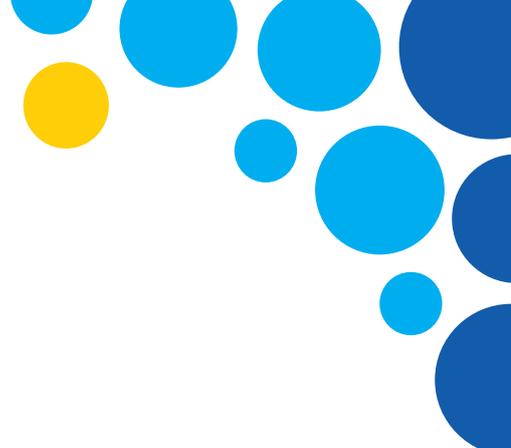
The mean age at first marriage may be defined as the average number of years lived in the celibacy status by those who marry before the age of 50 (Hajnal, 1953). It is estimated from the proportions that are single in each age group. The fifth Rwanda population and housing census show that on average, males get married at late age compared to females (28.2 years for male compared to 25.3 years for females). Table 3 below shows the variations in mean age at first marriage in Rubavu district among females and males.

**Table 3: Mean age at first marriage among resident population in Rubavu District by sex**

	Male	Female
Rwanda	28.2	25.3
Rubavu	27.3	24.7
Bugeshi	26.2	24.0
Busasamana	24.5	23.0
Cyanzarwe	24.9	23.2
Gisenyi	32.4	29.0
Kanama	26.0	24.2
Kanzenze	26.7	24.5
Mudende	25.2	23.6
Nyakiriba	28.4	24.2
Nyamyumba	27.7	25.3
Nyundo	26.3	24.8
Rubavu	27.3	24.2
Rugerero	27.2	24.0

Source: Fifth Rwanda Population and Housing Census, 2022 (NISR)

As displayed in Table 3 shows that in Rubavu district, the mean age at first marriage is less than the national average for both females and males. At national level, the mean age at first marriage is respectively 28.2year and 25.3 year among males and females, while it is 27.3 year for males and 24.7 year for females in Rubavu District. Across sectors, the mean age at first marriage among males is high in Gisenyi sector (32.4 years) and low in Busasamana (24.5 years) while among females, the mean age at first marriage is high in Gisenyi (29.0 years) and low in Busasamana (23.0 years).

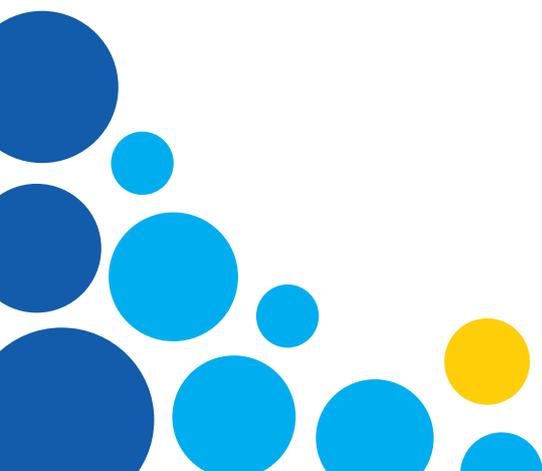


# CHAPTER 2

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## Gender and the pillars of national strategy for transformation (nst1)

This chapter provides the updated sex-disaggregated data in the key areas of life such as Poverty and social protection, Education, health, violence against women, Economy, Decision making, Human rights, ICT and media, Environment, etc. These fields are arranged under the three pillars of NST1 namely: Economic transformation, social transformation, and Transformational Governance under which the above-mentioned areas appear as the subchapters.



This section provides sex disaggregated information on a part of the twelve areas mentioned above. It focuses on the areas related to economic situation of the country to depict gender equality status using statistics. The areas covered under this section are Agriculture and livestock; Income and access to finance; Infrastructure, ICT and media; Industry and processes; Employment and, Environment and natural resources.

## 1.1. Agriculture and livestock & forestry

### 1.1.1. Agriculture

This section focuses on the agriculture sector and provides detailed insights into the living conditions of the Rwandan population with regard to agricultural production. Agriculture is the backbone of Rwanda's economy and the majority of households in Rwanda are currently engaged in some sort of crop or livestock production activity.

In recent years, the Government of Rwanda implemented several ambitious programs to increase the productivity of the agriculture sector. The motivation behind these actions is reflected in the Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources' (MINAGRI) vision: 'Our Vision is to modernize Agriculture and Livestock to achieve food security. One of the key pillars of this vision is the transformation of Agriculture from subsistence to a productive high-value, market-oriented farming that is environmentally friendly and has an impact on other sectors of the economy.

At national level, the results of Agriculture Household Survey (AHS) 2020 show that 78.1% of Households have been engaged in crop production while 61.3% have been engaged in livestock production. The same results show that 94.3% of HHs have access to the agriculture land, 44.6% of HH used improved seeds, 39.1% used chemical fertilizers, 83.7% used organic fertilizer, and 27% used pesticides. The table below shows the shares of households engaged in agricultural activities in Rubavu district by sex of household head.

**Table 4: Percentage of agricultural households engaged in agricultural activities by activity type and sex of HH head in Rubavu District**

Indicator	Male	Female	Box sexes
Agricultural HH with access to agricultural land	82.5	80.9	82.1
Agricultural HH with access to land used for fodder cultivation	5.8	2.5	5
Agricultural HH who belong to Twigire muhinzi/mworozi group	13	6.7	
Agricultural HH who belong to Farmer field school	4.5	1.5	
Percentage of crop producing HH who used pesticides	41.6	46.9	42.8
Percentage of crop producing HH who used improved seeds	47.4	36.5	45
% Of Agricultural HH incurring expenditure on chemical fertilizers through Crop Intensification program	43.8	36.9	42.3
% Of Agricultural HH incurring expenditure organic fertilizers through Crop Intensification program	66.4	52.2	63.3

Source: Agriculture Household Survey, 2020 (NISR)

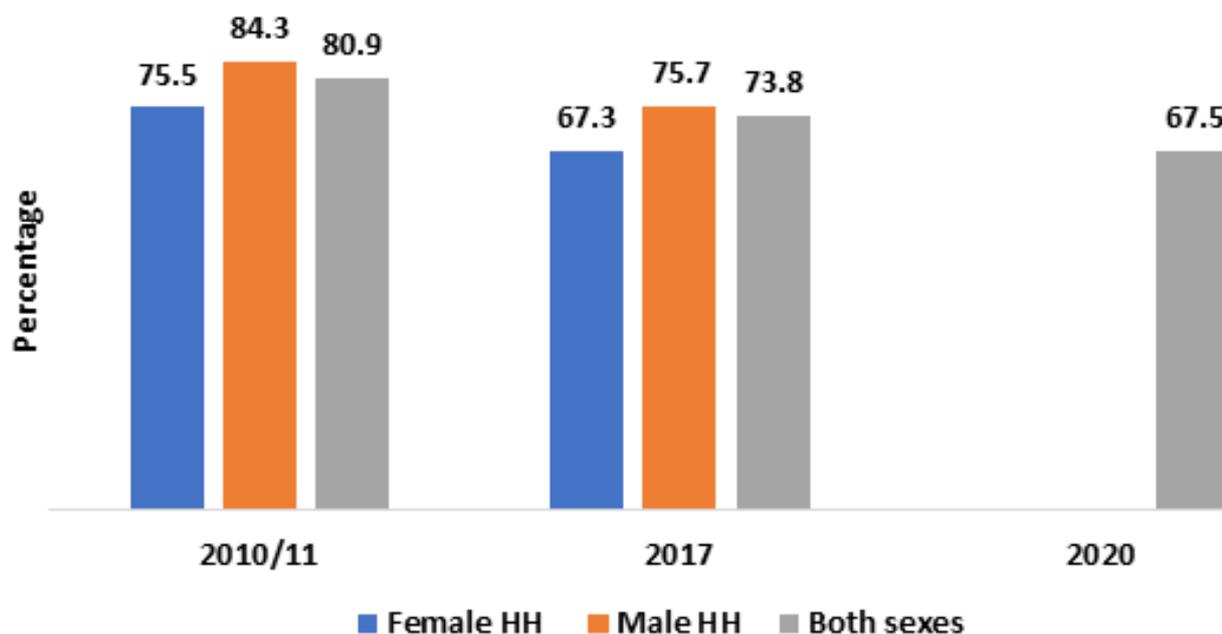
According to the results of the RPHC 2022, the number of agricultural households headed by men is 42,297 (47.5%) compared with 14,677 (41.9%) households headed by women in Rubavu district.

Table 4 here above shows that the percentage of Female headed Agricultural households with access to land in Rubavu District was 80.9% for females headed HHs compared to 82.5% for male headed HHs. Female headed Agricultural HH who belong to Twigire muhinzi/mworozi group was 13% compared to 6.7% of male headed households while the percentage of female headed HH who used pesticides was 41.6% compared to 46.9% for male household headed. The percentage of male headed HH which used improved seeds was 47.4% compared to 36.5% offemale headed households.

### 1.1.2 Livestock

In addition to crops production, livestock is another important source of income and food for agricultural households. At the national level, the percentage of Agriculture HHs which are engaged in livestock is 61.3% while in Rubavu District, 41.3% of all households raise any type of livestock in 2017. This number was 34% in 2011 and decreased to 32.9% in 2017 among female headed. Among male headed this proportion declined from 42.1 % to 43.8 Percent in the same period

Figure 5: Percentage of households that raised any livestock in Rubavu district by sex of household head.



Source: EICV 2010/11, 2017 & AHS 2020

The Figure 5 above shows the situation in Rubavu District. In 2017, 73.8% of all households raise any type of livestock. This number decreased from 80.9% in 2011 to 73.8% in 2017. In 2011, the proportion of female headed HHs that raised any livestock was 75.5% in 2010/11 and became 67.3% in 2017, while the proportion of male headed HHs with any livestock decreased from 84.3% to 75.7% in the same period.

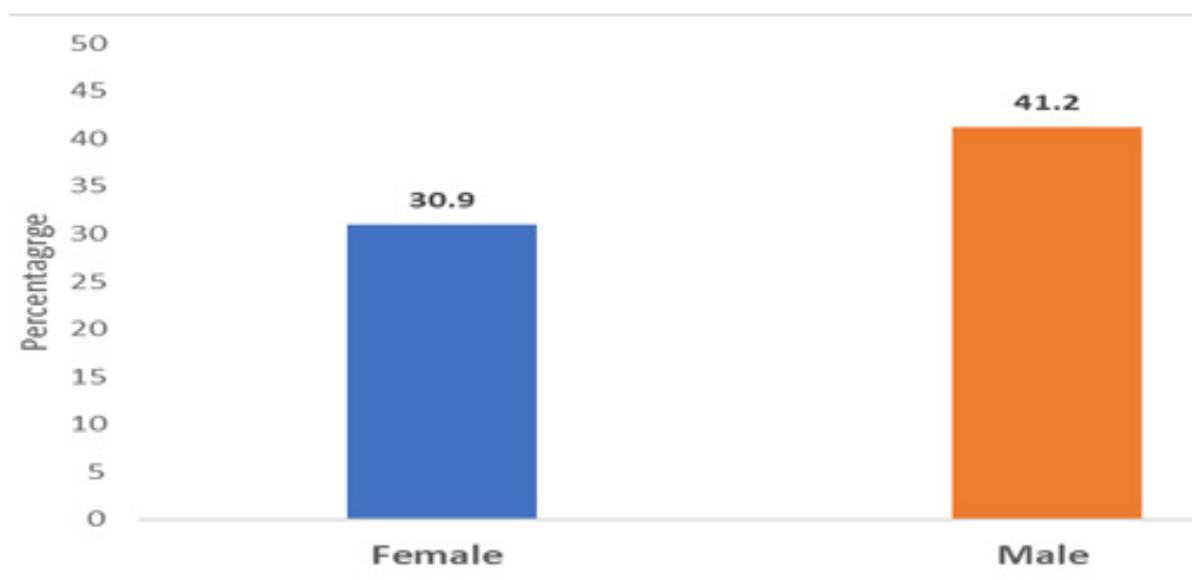
## 1.2 Income & access to finance

The concept of 'financial inclusion' is core to the Fin Scope methodology and is based on the extent to which individuals (i.e. percentage of the adult population) currently have/use financial products/services both formal and/or informal (including banking, savings and investments, borrowing and credit, insurance and risk management, remittance). This section summarizes overall levels of financial inclusion following the analytical framework illustrated below and further explores the uptake of banking, savings, credit, insurance, and remittance products/services.

### 1.2.1. Banking Status

At national level, 34% of female population use Bank services compared to 39% of male in 2020. Nineteen percent of the female population have accounts in commercial banks compared to 26% of male. According to the figure, In Rubavu District, the Percentage of female Banked population aged 16yr and above in Rubavu District was at 41.2% male as compared to 30.9 % observed among female.

**Figure 6: Percentage of banked population aged 16 and above in Rubavu District by sex in 2020.**



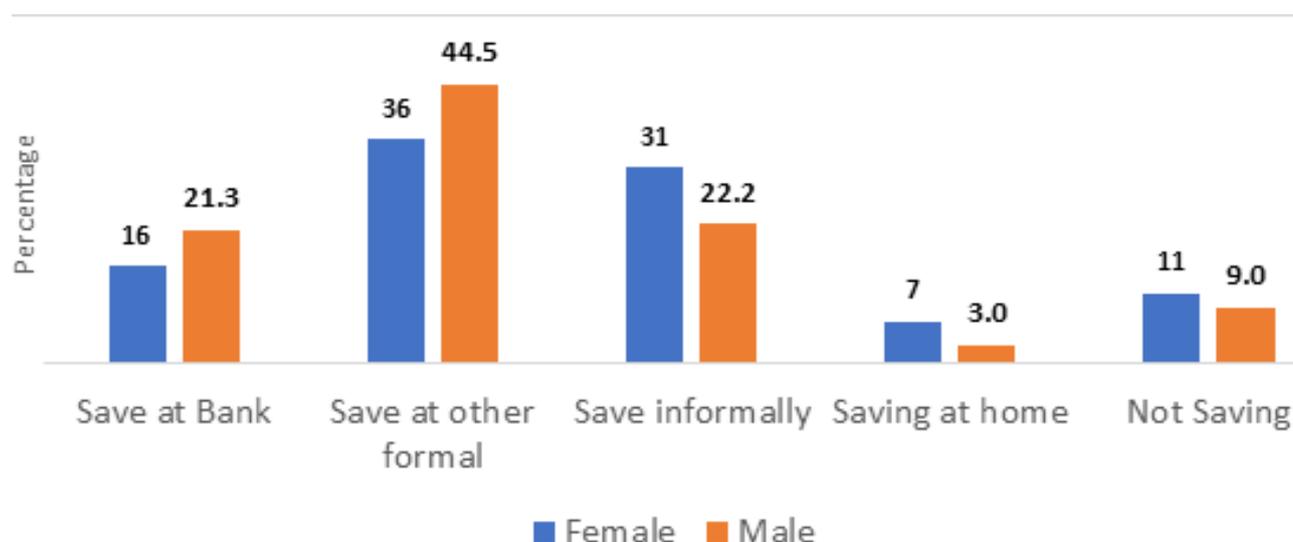
Source: Finscope dataset, 2020 (AFR)

### 1.2.2. Saving

At National level, 19% of female adult population aged 16 and above, proceed to the saving at Bank compared to 25% for male. For other formal institutions, 44% of females used other formal ways of saving compared to 54% for males. On other side, 66% of female adult population saved informally compared to 61% for males. People who do saving at home in Rwanda were 15% for females against 11% for males. With regards to the proportion of people who do not save, females were 14% in 2020 against 13% for males.

In Rubavu District, the majority of population saves informally: Those who save informally represent 31% for female compared to 22.2% for male while in other formal ways of saving, females represent 36% compared to 44.5% for males. Saving at bank (16% for female and 21.3% for male). For saving at Home, females represent 7% while males represent 3%. For those who do not save, the percentage of females is 11% and is greater than that of males (9%).

**Figure 7: Percentage of resident population in Rubavu District aged 16 and above who save by financial institution and sex.**



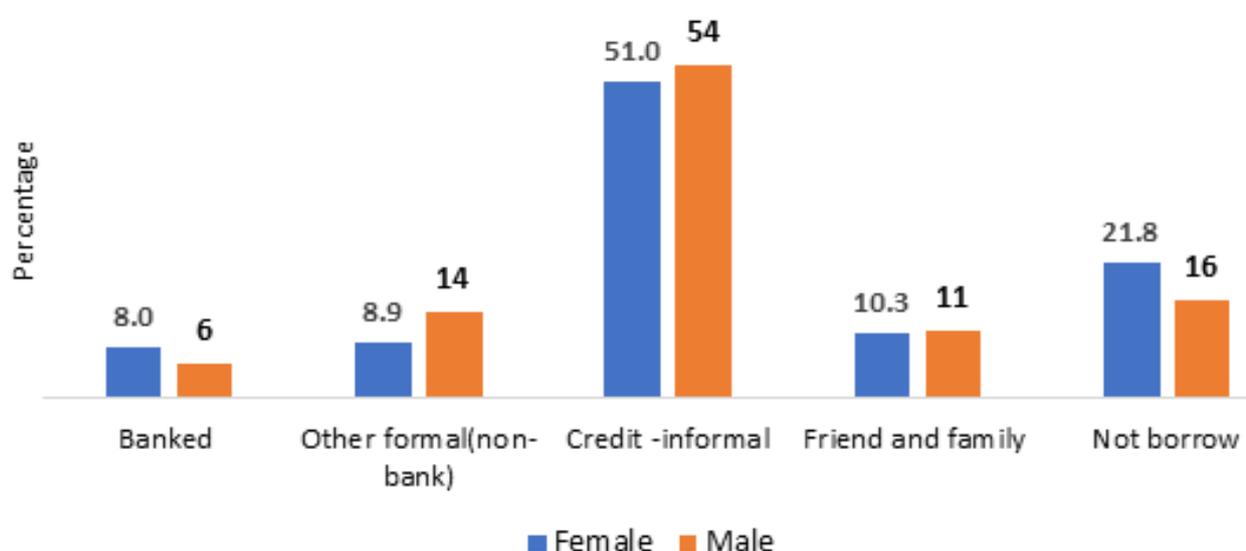
Source: Finscope Dataset, 2020 (AFR)

### 1.2.3. Credit

At national level, According to Finscope report 2020, 7% of females at national level got credit from Banks compared to 10% of men; 15% of females got credit in other formal ways compared to 22% for males; 63% of females got credit informally compared to 58% for males, 30% of females got credit from family and friends compared to 31% for males, 23 % females didn't borrow compared to 24% for males.

In Rubavu District, 8% of female got credit from Banks compared to 6% of males; 9 % female and 14% male got credit in other formal ways; 51% female and 54% male got credit informally, 10.3% female and 11% male got credit from family and friends, 22% female and 16% male didn't borrow.

**Figure 8: Percentage of population aged 16 and above who have received a loan from financial institution in Rubavu District**



Source: Finscope Dataset, 2020 (AFR)

## 1.3. Infrastructure, ICT and media

### 1.3.1. Human settlement and waste management

The impact of humans on environmental degradation can be mitigated by modern technologies (e.g. integrated pest management in agriculture or recycling/composting in waste management), but equally so simple behavioral patterns such as the proper treatment of waste or use of sustainable fuels. Traditionally, rural habitat in Rwanda has been made up of scattered and isolated dwellings. settlements make it difficult to develop accessible rural infrastructure and provide basic services for sustainable use of natural resources and treatment of the environment. However, the data show a clear trend away from the traditional isolated habitat towards Imidugudu or other clustered forms of habitat.

**Table 5: Percentage of private household by type of habitat and by sex of HH head in Rubavu District**

Indicator	Female headed HH	Male headed HH	Total
HH living in Planned rural settlement (Imidugudu)	70.7	70.7	70.7
HH living in Integrated Model Village	0.6	0.5	0.5
HH in Old settlement	6.8	6.6	6.7
HH in Dispersed/Isolated housing	4.8	4.9	4.9
HH living in Modern Planned urban housing	5.0	5.5	5.4
HH in Spontaneous/squatter housing	11.7	11.4	11.5

Source: Fifth Rwanda Population and Housing Census, 2022 (NISR)

Table 5 above shows the type of habitat in Rubavu district by sex of household head. The percentage of females and male headed households living in HH living in Planned rural settlement/Imidugudu is the same (70.7%). HH living Integrated model village are slight the same for female and male HH headed are respectively 0.6% Vs 0.5% and dispersed/isolated housing (4.8% Vs 4.9%), HH residents living in spontaneous/squatter housing (11.4% for males headed HHs Vs 11.7% for females headed HHs) and modern planned urban housing (5.5% Vs 5.0%), Female HH headed (6.8%) living in old settlement are more than male HH headed (6.6%).

In terms of waste management, data from the 2022 census shows that nationally, 4.7% of waste is disposed of in public compost dumps, 51.2% in domestic compost dumps, 10% in waste collection companies and 32.4% is disposed of in household fields or bushland.

**Table 6: Mode waste disposal in Rubavu district by sex of HH head**

Public Compost dumping	7.8	8.3	8.1
Household compost dumping	26.6	31.5	30.1
Waste collection companies	10.5	11.5	11.2
Thrown in the household's fields or bushes	51.3	45.4	47.1
Burnt	1.1	1.1	1.1
In a River/ Stream/ Drain/ Gutter/ lacs	0.1	0.1	0.1
Other	2.5	2.1	2.2

Source: Fifth Rwanda Population and Housing Census, 2022 (NISR)

Table 6 above shows different mode of waste disposal in Rubavu district, 11.2% of HH use waste collection companies on which 10.5 % are for HH female-headed and 11.5% for HH male-headed, 47.1% of HH use thrown in the household's fields or bushes and 51.3% are for HH female-while 45.4% for HH male-headed,

30.1% of HH use Household compost dumping with 31.5% of HH male-headed and 26.6% for HH female-headed, and 8.1% of HH use Public Compost dumping and 7.8% for female while 8.3% for HH male-headed.

### 1.3.2 Ownership of dwellings and main materials of the housing units

The 2022 census results show that 74.1% of the housing units are covered by metal sheets on the roof while 25.8% are covered by local or industrial tiles. At the national level, the percentage of housing units whose walls are made of sundried mudbricks is 67 % while 60.4% possess earth as floor materials. Table 8 below shows the distribution of main materials of dwellings in Rubavu District by sex of household head.

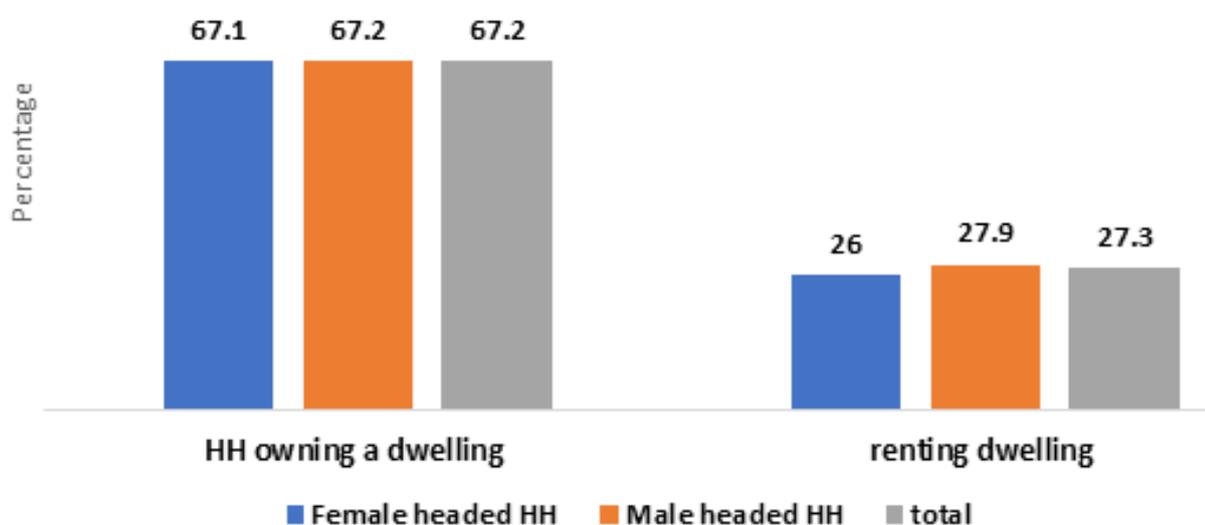
**Table 7: Main materials of the housing units by sex of HH head in Rubavu District**

Indicator	Female-headed HH	Male-headed HH	Total
Private HHs with metal sheets used as roofing material of the dwelling	76.3	78.3	77.7
Private households possessing local and industrial tiles as roofing materials	23.4	21.5	22.1
Private households possessing Sun dried bricks with cement as wall materials	36.4	41.9	40.4
Private households possessing Sun dried mud bricks without cement as wall materials	40.4	35.4	36.8
Private households possessing Wood with mud with cement as wall materials	1.5	1.7	1.6
Private households possessing Wood with mud without cement as wall materials	11.9	11.3	11.5
Private households possessing earth as floor materials of the dwelling	62.2	56.1	57.8
Private households possessing Dung hardened as floor materials of the dwelling	0.2	0.2	0.2
Private households possessing Wooden floor as floor materials of the dwelling	0.0	0.1	0.0

Source: Fifth Rwanda Population and Housing census, 2022 (NISR)

In Rubavu District, metal sheets as the main roofing materials represent 77.7% of the total housing units. Among female headed HH such materials represent 76.3% while they represent 78.3% among male headed HHs. The percentage of households possessing earth as floor of the dwelling is high among female headed HHs (62.2%) compared to male headed HHs (56.1%). The same situation is observed to households possessing sun dried mud brick as the main materials of the wall where female headed households represent 40.4% while male headed households represent 35.4%.

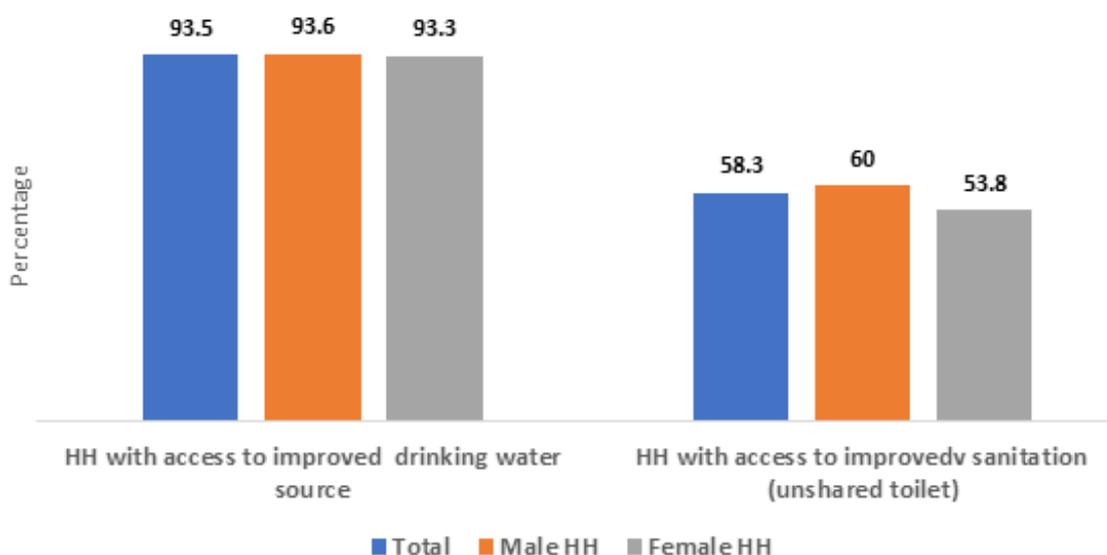
Regarding ownership of dwellings, at national level, 71.6% of households in Rwanda live in owned accommodation while 22.2% live in rented accommodation and 4.4% live in Free lodging. Figure 9 below shows that in Rubavu District, 67.2% have their own dwellings while 27.3% live in rented dwellings. By sex of HH head, the census results show that the percentage of female headed households owning dwellings is lower than males headed HH percentage (67.1% Vs 67.2%). The percentage of rented dwelling was lower for female than male headed households (26% Vs 27.9%).

**Figure 9: Dwelling ownership status in Rubavu district by sex of household head.**

Source: RPHC-5 Main indicators report, 2022 (NISR)

### 1.3.3. Access to improved water sources and sanitation facilities

The 2022 census results show that in Rwanda, 82% of households have access to an improved water source, with urban households having much better access (95.8 %) than rural households (76.9%). In Rural areas, the percentage of female headed households with access to improved sources of drinking water is 81% while that percentage is 83% among male headed households. Regarding access to improved sanitation (with an unshared improved toilet) facilities, the results show that nearly three quarters (72.9 %) of households in Rwanda have access to an improved sanitation facility where female headed HHs represent 68.2% while male headed HHs represent 75.2 %. Access to improved sanitation facilities is higher in rural (73.1%) than urban (71.2 %) areas. Figure 10 below depicts the situation in Rubavu District.

**Figure 10: Percentage of HH with access to sanitation and with access to improved drinking water source by head of HH in Rubavu District**

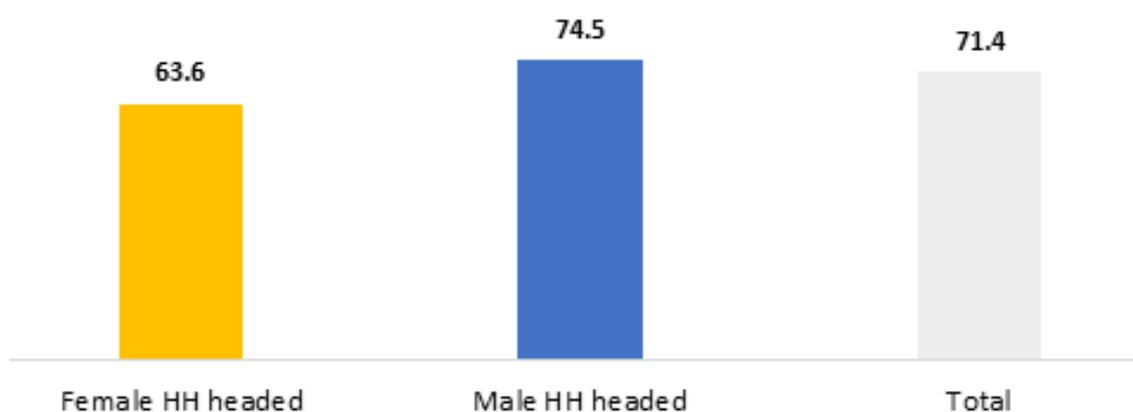
Source: RPHC-5 Main indicators report, 2022 (NISR)

The figure above shows that, in Rubavu District, the percentage of female headed HH accessing improved drinking water source was 93.3% against 93.6% for male Headed HHs in 2022. The percentage of female headed HH with improved sanitation (with unshared improved toilet) facilities was 53.8% and 60% for male headed households and 53.8% for female Households.

### 1.3.4. Electricity for lighting

According to the results of RPHC 2022, 61% of private HHs in Rwanda use electricity as the main source for lighting (including Solar energy). In Rubavu District, the Percentage of HH using Electricity as primary fuel for lighting has moved from 40.8% in 2017 (EICV5) to 71.4% in 2022. Figure 11 below shows that in Rubavu District, the percentage of female headed households using electricity as the primary source for lighting is 63.6%, less than the same percentage for male headed households (74.5%).

**Figure 11: Percentage of HH using electricity as primary fuel for lighting by head of HH in Rubavu District**

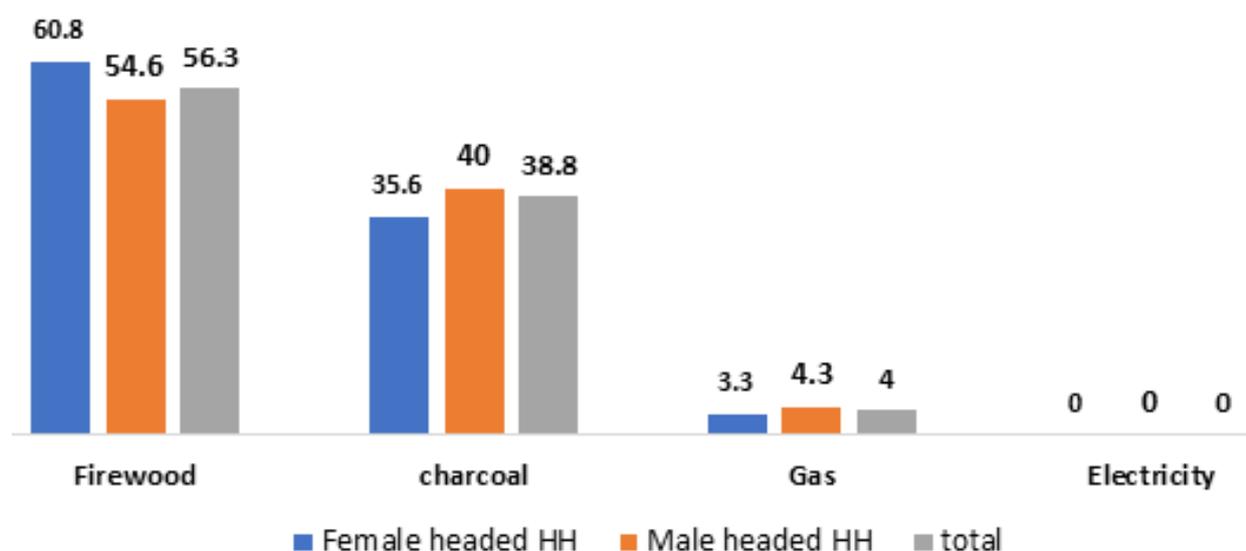


Source: Fifth Rwanda Population and Housing census, 2022 (NISR)

### 1.3.5. Main source of energy for cooking

The main used source of energy for cooking at national level was firewood and using by 76.1% of HH, followed by charcoal with 17.3%, and gas occupied 4.6%. In Rubavu District, the most used source of energy for cooking is firewood with 56.3 % of the total number of households. Among male headed households, such source of cooking energy represented 54.6% while it represented 60.8% among female headed households, the charcoal is used by 38.8% of total HH with 35.6 female head HH compared to 40% of male HH headed. The figure 12 below shows more details.

**Figure 12 : Proportion of Households in Rubavu District by Main source of Energy used for cooking and by sex of HH head.**

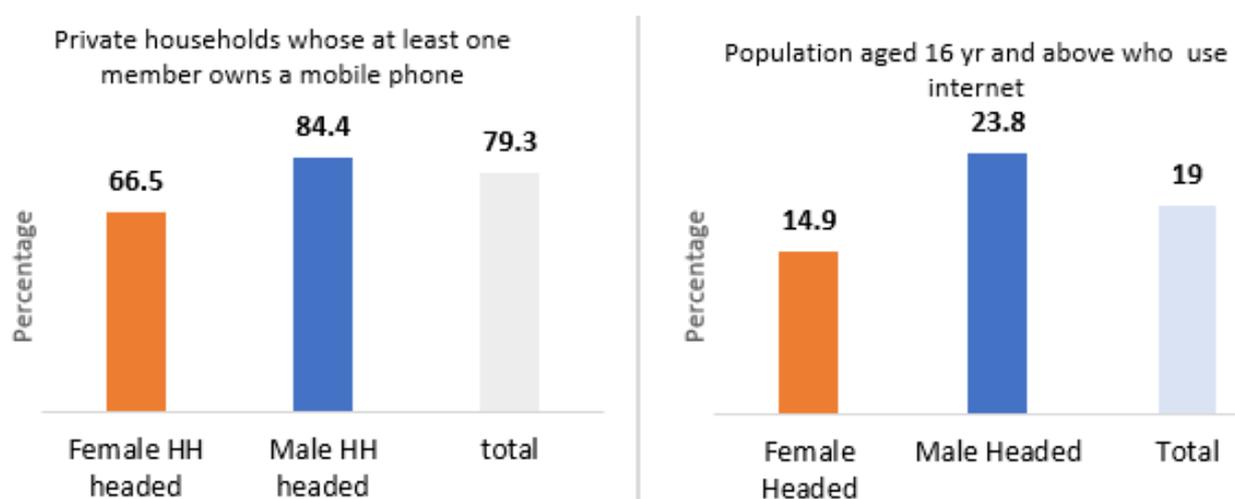


Source: Fifth Rwanda Population and Housing census, 2022 (NISR)

### 1.3.6. Ownership of ICT devises and the use of internet

At national level, the percentage of households with at least one member owning a mobile phone, according to the RPHC 2022, was 67.4% for female-headed households, compared with 82.4% for male-headed households. The percentage of the population aged 16 and over using the internet in 2022 was 12.9% for women compared with 19.9% for men in Rwanda.

**Figure 13: Percentage of households owning ICT devises and using of internet.**



Source: Fifth Rwanda Population and Housing census, 2022 (NISR)

In Rubavu district, in 2022, the percentage of Female headed HH with at one member has a mobile phone was 66.5% of females compared to 84.4% for male headed HH. For the female population aged 16 years and above who use internet was 14.9% of females compared to 23.8% of males.

## 1.4. Industry and processing

### 1.4.1 Establishment by Institutional Sector in Rubavu District

To get information on establishment's institutional sector, the following categories are identified:

**Private sector:** It is a business establishment owned and run by one or a group of people. The private sector is categorized into following components: Companies, Associations, Individual businesses.

**Public sector:** It is an establishment whose capital is totally owned by any governmental organization.

**Mixed sector (Public and private partnership):** It is an establishment for which the Government contributes to its capital with another body, whether national or foreign.

**Cooperative:** A cooperative is an autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common, economic, social, and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly- owned and democratically controlled enterprise, according to internationally recognized co-operative values and principles.

**Local Non-Governmental Organization-LNGO:** A local NGO is an organization that is neither a part of a government nor a conventional for-profit business for which the organization of its operations doesn't go beyond Rwanda. It is an establishment that does not seek profits against the activities it performs. Examples of such establishments are political parties; Sports and social clubs; and unions and syndicates.

At National level, the results of establishment census 2020, show that the number of establishments by institutional sector are: 222,159 establishments are for private sector; 3,277 are cooperatives; 2,331 are for public sector; 2,033 are for public private partnership; 2,173 are for Rwandan NGO and 310 are for International NGO.

**Table 8: Number of establishments by institutional sector and in Rubavu District**

Private sector	8,625	11,477
Cooperative	117	166
Public sector	73	64
Public-Private partnership	53	59
NGO (Rwanda)	67	71
NGO (International)	5	3
total	10,957	11,840

Source: Establishment Census 2017 & 2020

According to the results of Establishment Census, the change in number of establishments by institutional sector in Rubavu District during 3 years from 2017 to 2020 is high in Private sector where it was 8,625 in 2017 and increased to 11,477 in 2020. NGO (Rwanda) decreased from 67 in 2017 to 71 in 2020 and NGO (International) decreased also from 5 in 2017 to 3 in 2020.

**Table 9: Number of formal and informal enterprises in 2020 by sex of managers in Rubavu District**

Type	sex of Manager	2020	
		Number	%
	Female	4,803	44.1
	Male	6,082	55.9
	Total	10,885	100.0
Formal enterprises	Female	130	26.4
	Male	363	73.6
	Total	493	100.0

Source: Establishment Census, Gender Thematic Report 2020/21

According to Gender thematic report from Establishment 2020, enterprises were 83,977, and 37.1% of them are managed by females compared 62.8% managed by males at National level.

Table 10 above shows that in Rubavu District, the number of formal enterprises was 493 where those managed by women were 26.3%, less than the enterprises managed by men 73.6%. Informal enterprises were 10,885 where the percentage of those managed by women was low (44%) compared to those managed by men (56%).

## 1.5. Employment

The labour force participation rate, i.e., the ratio of the labour force to the working age population expressed in percentage terms, is an indicator of the level of labour market activity. It measures the extent of the working age population who is in the labour force. The breakdown of the labour force participation rate by sex and age group gives a profile of the labour force participation.

Persons in employment are defined as those of working age who, during a short reference period, were engaged in any activity to produce goods or provide services for pay or profit. They comprise (a) employed persons “at work”, i.e. who worked in a job for at least one hour; (b) employed persons “not at work” due to temporary absence from a job, or to working time arrangements (such as shift work, flexitime and compensatory leave for overtime)<sup>1</sup>

Unemployment is a particular form of labour underutilization. It reflects the pressure on the labour market as it is measured in terms of the number of people without employment, actively seeking and available for employment. Labour underutilization is a more general concept. It refers to mismatches between labour supply and demand, which translate into an unmet need for employment among the population. Labour underutilization includes unemployment, time-related underemployment, and the potential labour force referring to persons not in employment who express an interest in this form of work but for whom existing conditions limited their active job search and/or their availability. The unemployment rate, defined as the ratio of the number of unemployed people to the total labour force, is the most used indicator of the labour market. It is sometimes used in a general sense as an indicator of the health of the economy, not just the labour market.

### 1.5.1. Labor force, employment, and unemployment rates

At National level, Labour force survey 2022 results show that the labour force participation rate for female was 48.8 % compared to 64.1% for men aged 16yr and above. The employment rate stood at 37.3% for female and 52.7% for male, while unemployment rate remained high among women (23.7%) compared to men (17.9%).

**Table 10: Trend of labour force, employment, and unemployment among the resident population of Rubavu District**

Indicators	2021		2022	
	Female	Male	Female	Male
Employment rate	40.2	51.4	42.8	55.3
LFPR	52.3	63.2	55.7	66.3
Unemployment rate	23.1	18.6	23.2	16.7

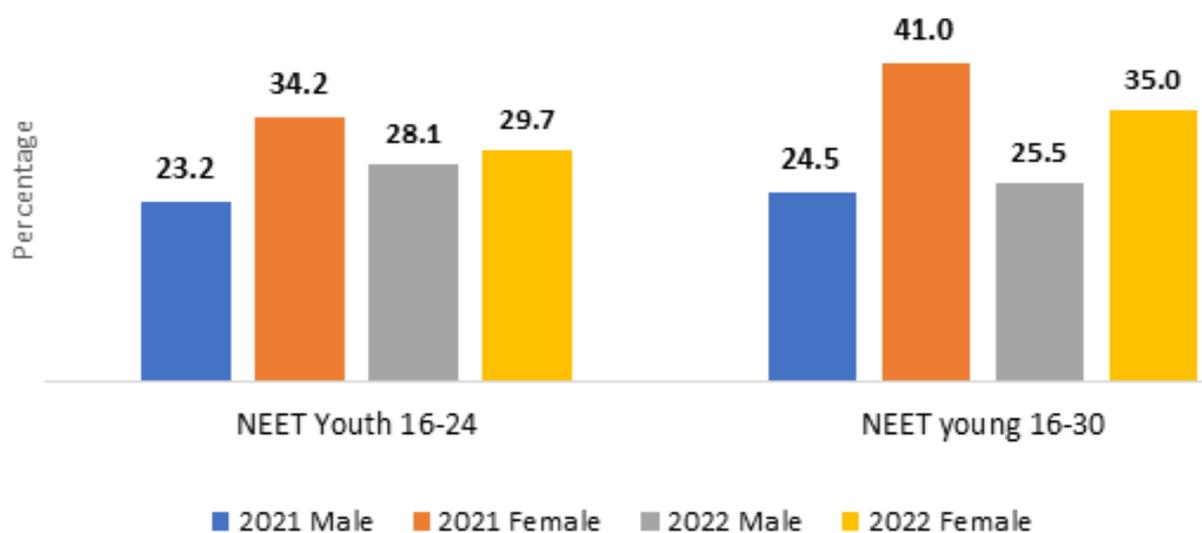
Source: Rwanda Labor force Survey, 2021& 2022 (NISR)

The table above shows the trend of labour force, employment, and unemployment rate from 2021 to 2022 in Rubavu District. Employment rate and labour force participation have increased from 51.4% to 55.3% and from 63.2% to 66.3% respectively for male while for female unemployment rate slightly increased from 23.1% to 23.2%.

#### 1.4.2. Youth (16-30 years) not in education, not in employment and not in training (NEET)

A full accounting of the labour market situation of young people is important for the formulation of employment policies regarding the youth. This provides a measure of the youth who are outside the educational system and not in employment (NEET). The NEET rate is an ILO decent work indicator and serves as a broader measure of potential youth labour market entrants than youth unemployment.

The rate of youth aged 16-24 in 2022 not in employment nor in education or training was 41% for females while for males it was 29.9% at national level.

**Figure 14: Percentage of Youth not in education, not in employment and not in training (NEET)**

Source: LFS Dataset, 2021 & 2022 (NISR)

In Rubavu District, Youth (16-24 years) not in education, not in employment and not in training NEET for females decreased from 34.2% in 2021 to 29.7% in 2022 and increased from 23.2% to 29.7% for males during the same period. Among the Youth aged 16-30, the NEET percentage increased from 24.5 % in 2021 to 25.5% in 2022 for females and decreased from 41.0% to 35% for males during the same period.

## 1.6 Environment and natural resources

Rwanda has a fast-growing population which totaled 13,246,394 people in 2022. The population growth contributes to environmental degradation due to its increased pressure on the assimilative capacity of the environment.

In addition to the overall population growth of 2.3% in Rwanda, the population density of 503 people per square kilometer is a crucial indicator in relation to the environment. The current density levels are already regarded as a major driver of internal migration as well as stress to the physical environment, and density is bound to further increase. However, such effects can be mitigated through modern technologies or awareness programs.

At National level, 80 percent of female headed agricultural households practiced erosion control measures compared to 85.2 percent of male headed households; whereas 39.6 percent of female headed agricultural households practiced agroforestry trees in their plot compared to 48.8 percent of male headed households. 10.2 percent of female headed agricultural households practiced irrigation as control measure compared to 16.3 percent of male headed households. Mechanical equipment is still not a common agricultural practice in Rwanda for both female and male headed agricultural households.

**Table 11: Percentage of HHs that have land protected against soil erosion or, planted agroforestry trees or, practiced irrigation or used mechanical equipment in 2020 by sex of HH head.**

Have land protected against erosion.	86.2	90.2
Planted agroforestry trees in their plots	27.9	28.9
Practiced irrigation	3	2.7
Used mechanical equipment.	0.0-	0.0-

Source: AHS Dataset 2020 (NISR)

AHS 2020 results show that in Rubavu, 86.2% of households headed by female protected their land against erosion compared to 90.2% of HH male headed. About 3% of Female headed households practiced irrigation compared to 2.7% of male headed households. Furthermore 27.9% of female HH planted agroforestry trees in their plots compared to 28.9% of their male counterparts.

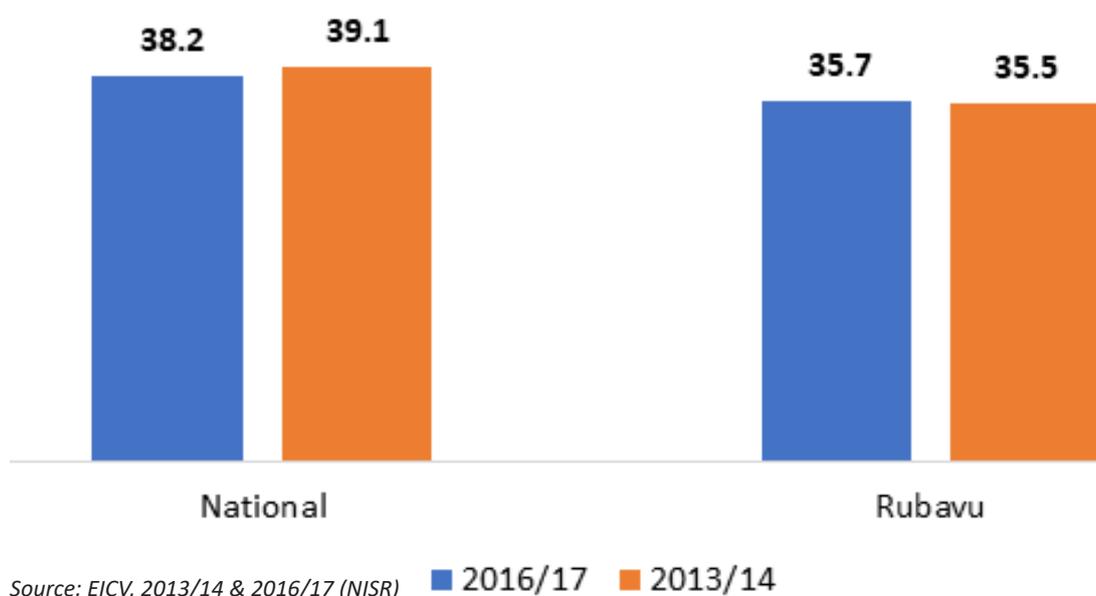
This section provides sex disaggregated information focusing on the areas related to social status of the country and depicts the status of gender equality using social statistics. The areas covered under this section are poverty, disability and social protection, health and nutrition and education.

## 2.1 Poverty, Disability and Social protection

### 2.1.1 Poverty

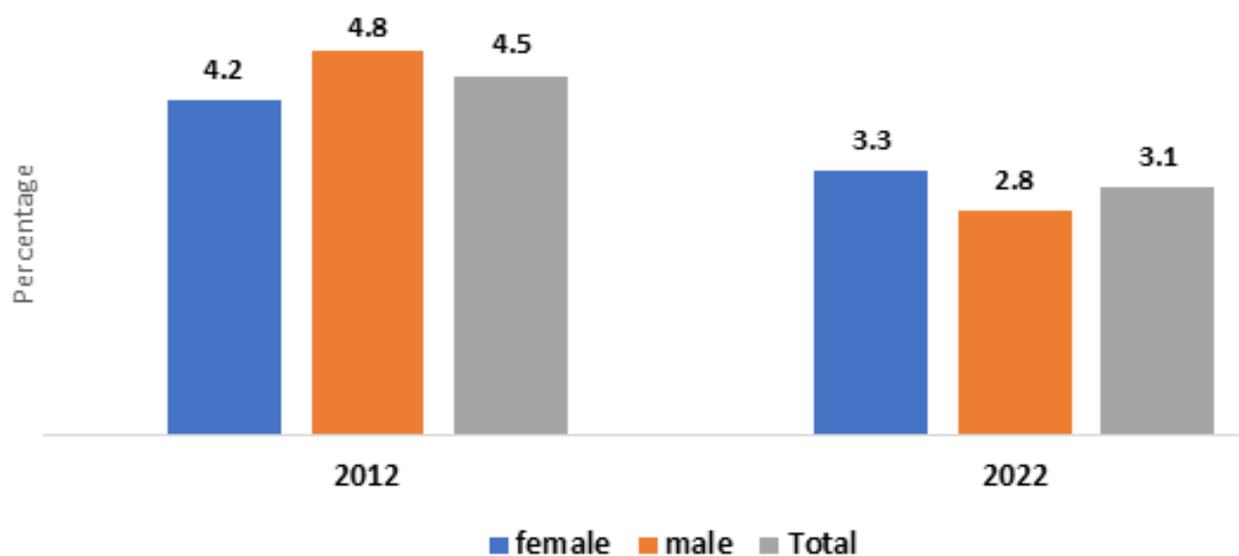
EICV5's findings show at National level, poverty levels among female headed households declined to 39.5% in 2016/2017 from 47% in 2010/2011 while among male headed households, it declined to 37.8% from 44.3% in the same period. Extreme poverty rate was 17.8% among female headed households in 2016/2017, down from 26% in 2010/2011 while among male headed households, it declined to 15%, down from 23.6% in the same period.

Figure 15: Poverty levels among households of Rubavu District, 2013/4- 2016/17



### 2.1.2 Disability

The 2019-20 RDHS included the disability module, a series of questions based on the Washington Group on Disability Statistics (WG) question which in turn are based on the framework of the World Health Organization's International Classification of Functioning, Disability, and Health. The questions address six core functional domains—seeing, hearing, communication, cognition, walking, and self-care—and provide basic necessary information on disability comparable to that being collected worldwide via the Washington Group disability tools. At national level, 14% of household members aged 5 or above have some level of difficulty in at least one functional domain while 6% have a lot of difficulty or cannot function at all in at least one domain. The results of RPHC 2022 show that the prevalence of disability among population aged 5 and above is 3.4% for both sexes while it is 3.6% and 3.1% among females and males, respectively. Figure 16 below shows the situation in Rubavu District.

**Figure 16: percentage of population aged 5 and above with disability in Rubavu District**

Source: Rwanda population and Housing Census, 2012 & 2022 (NISR)

As shown by figure 16 above, the population aged 5 and above with disability in Rubavu District decreased from 4.5% in 2012 to 3.1% in 2022. Across sex, the results show that in 2012, males' percentage was greater than females' (4.8% Vs 4.2%) while in 2022, females' percentage is greater than males' (3.3% Vs 3.1%).

### 2.1.3 Children's orphan hood and survivorship of parents

At national level, the 2022 census results show that 91.3% of children still have both parents alive; 6.0% have lost their father only; 1.9% (112,665 children) have lost their mother only, and less than 1% (45,637) are double orphans, i.e. both mother and father are deceased. Table 12 below shows the number of children in Rubavu District by survivorship of parents and by sex.

**Table 12: Children orphanhood by survivorship of parents in Rubavu District**

	Mother alive, Father alive		Mother Alive, Father died/unkown		Mother died/unkown, Father alive		Mother died/unkown, Father died/unkown		Survivorship for one or both not stated		Total	
	COUNT	%	COUNT	%	COUNT	%	COUNT	%	COUNT	%	COUNT	%
Female	119,185	91.2	7,754	6.0	2,658	2	1010	0.8	4	0	130,611	100
Male	117,906	91.5	7,291	5.7	2603	2.0	1028	0.8	6	0	128834	100
total	237,091	91.3	15,045	6	5,261	2	2038	0.8	10	0	259445	100

Source: Fifth Rwanda Population and Housing Census, 2022 (NISR)

In consistency with the table above on children by survivorship of parents, girls are more affected by orphanhood than boys according to the results of the 2022 RPHC in Rubavu district. According to the results of the 2022 Rwandan population census, in Rubavu district, 8.8% of children were orphans compared with 8.5% of boys, and 91.2% of children lived with all their parents compared with 91.5% of boys.

### 2.1.4 Social protection

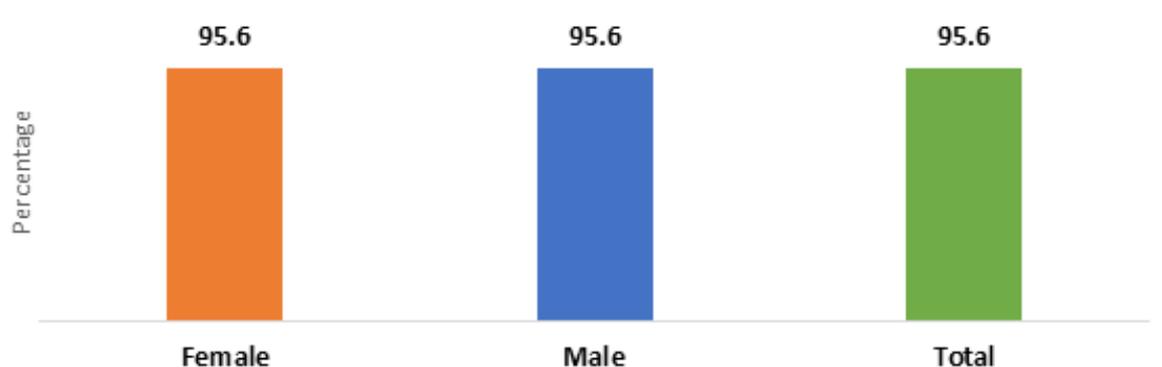
In the past two decades, Rwanda invested heavily in the healthy, skilled population, strong families as well as effective social protection programmes to ensure a dignified standard of living for all citizens. This section provides highlights of key achievements in social support programs in Rubavu District.

## 2.2 Health and nutrition

### 2.2.1 Health insurance

Health insurance improves access to health care, thus promoting good health. Reasonable access to health care encourages individuals to seek health maintenance services more regularly than they otherwise would, thereby preventing potentially serious illnesses. Additionally, health insurance protects individuals from financial hardships that may result from large or unexpected medical bills. The RPHC 2022 collected information about the percentages of women and men with any health insurance. At national level, the percentage of women and men who have any form of health insurance has increased since 2014-15 to 2019-20, from 74% to 97.6% among women and from 73% to 97.1% among men.

**Figure 17: Percentage of HH with at least one member covered by health insurance in Rubavu District**



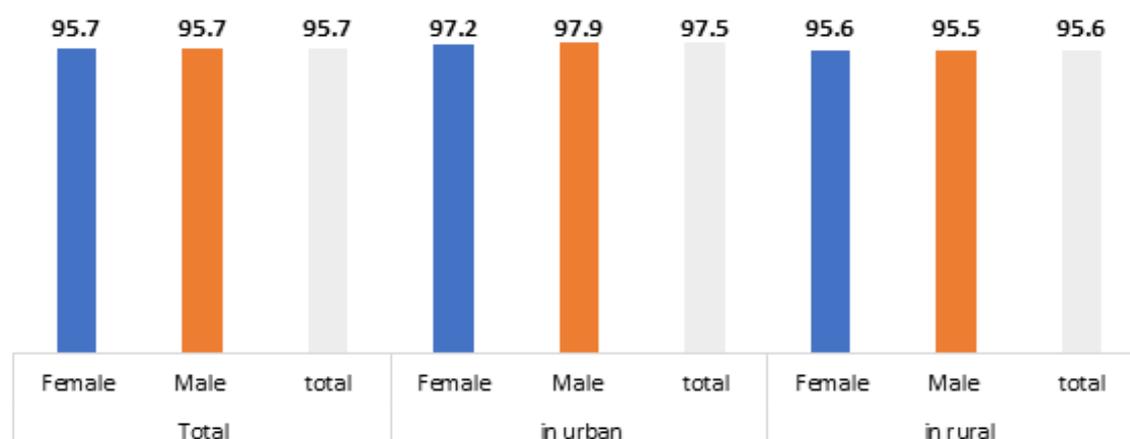
Source: Fifth Rwanda Population and Housing Census, 2022 (NISR)

The census results show that in 2022, The percentage of female headed households in Rubavu District had at least one member covered by Health Insurance is equal for the percentage of male headed households of 95.6%.

### 2.2.2. Births registration with the civil registration authorities

Birth registration constitutes the basis for legal rights and is an important prerequisite for administrative service delivery. At National level, according to RPHC 2022, the percentage of female births registered equals 94.3% and is the same for male births. Figure 18 below shows the situation in Rubavu District.

**Figure 18: Births registration rate among children aged under 18 in Rubavu District**



Source: Fifth Rwanda Population and Housing Census, main indicators report, 2022 (NISR)

At District level, the figure reveals insignificant difference between males and females' registration (95.7% for both males and females). The situation remains the same in urban (97.9% for males Vs 97.2% for females) when compared to rural areas (95.6% for females Vs 95.5% for males).

### 2.2.3. Childhood mortality

This section presents information on levels, trends, and differentials in neonatal, post neonatal, infant, and under-5 mortality rates for the ten-year period preceding the survey, according to Rwanda DHS 2019-20. Overall, boys are slightly more likely than girls to die in childhood. For example, the under-5 mortality rate among boys is 47 deaths per 1,000 live births, as compared with 43 deaths per 1,000 live births among girls. The under-5 mortality rate has decreased from 50 to 45 deaths per 1000 live births from 2014/15 to 2019/20 and it is higher in rural areas (48 deaths per 1,000 live births) than in urban areas (35 deaths per 1,000 live births).

About the Neonatal mortality, the rate decreased of 1 death, from 20 deaths per 1000 live births in 2014/15 to attend 19 deaths per 1000 children in 2019/20 while the post neonatal mortality rate increased from 13 to 14 deaths per 1000 live births in the same period. During a period of 5 years the infant mortality rate has also increased national 32 to 33 deaths per 1000 live births at national level. Table 17 shows the childhood mortality status in Rubavu District. Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. 1 Computed as the difference between the infant and neonatal mortality rates.

**Table 13: Early childhood mortality rates in Rubavu District, 2011 to 2020**

Type of mortality	2011	2015	2020
Neonatal mortality (NN)	27	23	15
Post neonatal mortality (PNN) <sup>1</sup>	27	30	21
Infant mortality (1q0)	54	53	36
Under-5 mortality (5q0)	96	77	48

Source: RDHS 2010/11, 2014/15 & 2019/20 (NISR)

In Rubavu District, as shown in table 17 above, during the last 10 years from 2010/11 to 2019/20, all types of early childhood mortality decreased. Major change is observed at Under-5 mortality that decreased from 77 to 48 deaths per 1000 live births and infant mortality from 53 to 36 deaths per 1000 live births in the last 5 years.

### 2.2.4. Nutritional status of children

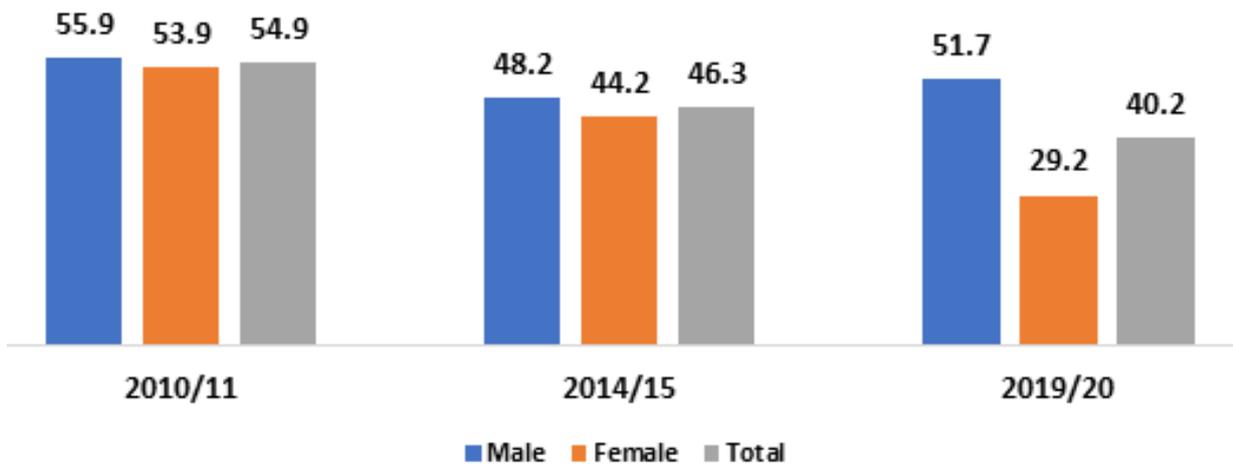
The distribution of height and weight among children under age 5 was compared against the WHO Child Growth Standards reference population (WHO 2006). A well-nourished population will be similar to the reference population, while a poorly nourished population will differ from the reference population.

Three indices—height-for-age, weight-for-height, and weight-for-age can be expressed in standard deviation units (Z-scores) from the median of the reference population, with values greater than two standard deviations from the median of the WHO Child Growth Standards used to define malnutrition.

Stunting, or low height-for-age, is a sign of chronic undernutrition that reflects failure to receive adequate nutrition over a long period of time. The most direct causes of stunting are inadequate nutrition (not eating enough or eating foods that lack growth-promoting nutrients) and recurrent infections or chronic diseases that cause poor nutrient intake and absorption. Wasting, or low weight-for-height, is a measure of acute undernutrition and represents the failure to receive adequate nutrition in the period immediately before the survey. Wasting may result from inadequate food intake or from a recent episode of illness or infection causing weight loss.

At the national level, results of RDHS 2019/20 show that in total, 33% of children under age 5 are stunted (too short for their age). The stunting is more pronounced among boys compared to girls (37% Vs 29.2%, respectively). The results also show that one percent is wasted (too thin for their height). Contrary to stunting, wasting is more pronounced among girls (1.4%) compared to boys (0.9). In total, eight percent (6.3% of girls and 9.0% for boys) of children are underweight (too thin for their age), with 1% being severely underweight. Six percent of children are overweight in general: 5% of girls and 6 percent of boys are overweight. Figure 19 below shows the status of stunting and underweight among children aged under 5 in Rubavu District.

**Figure 19: Percentage of children under age 5 who are stunted in Rubavu District**



Source RDHS 2010/11, 201/15 & 2019/2020 (NISR)

In Rubavu district, the level of children aged 6 to 59 months who were stunted decreased from 2010/11 to 2014/15 from 54.9% to 46.3% and decreased to attain 40.2% in 2019/20. According to Rwanda demographic and health survey (RDHS). Boys stunted were 55.9% against 53.9% for girls in 2010/11, slightly decreased for boys to 51.7% in 2019/20 against a decrease to 29.2% for girls in 2019/20. Boys are more affected by stunting than girls.

Wasting, or low weight-for-height, is a measure of acute undernutrition and represents the failure to receive adequate nutrition in the period immediately before the survey. Wasting may result from inadequate food intake or from a recent episode of illness or infection causing weight loss. In Rubavu District, children under 5 age who are wasted represent 0% according to the RDHS2019/20.

### 2.2.5 Prevalence of fever and diarrhea among children under five years

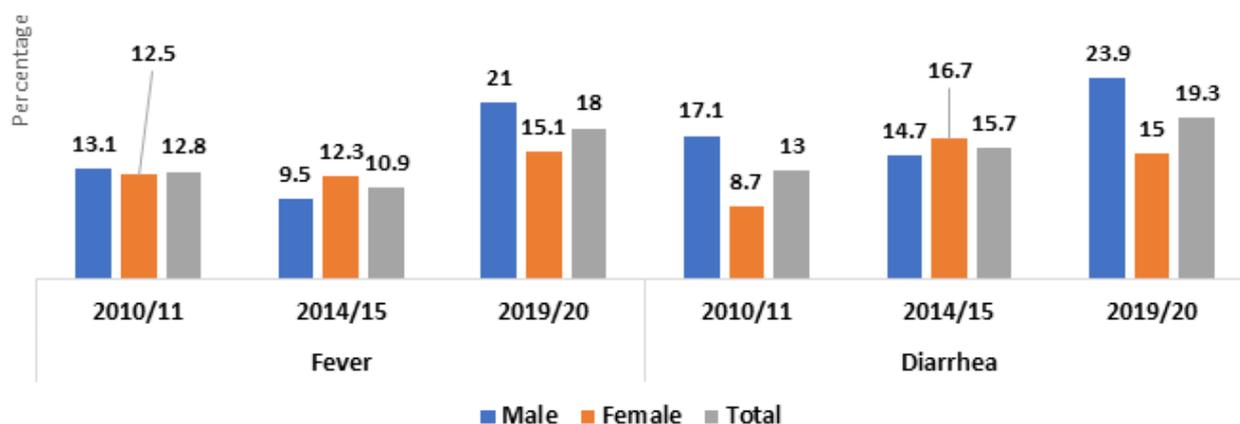
This section presents information on the prevalence of two common childhood illnesses: symptoms of fever and diarrhea. Fever is a major manifestation of malaria and other acute infections in children. Malaria contributes to high levels of morbidity and mortality in young children. While fever can occur year-round, malaria is more prevalent after the end of the rainy season. Rwanda has changed its policy from presumptive treatment of fever as malaria to confirming malaria with a rapid diagnostic test before treatment with artemisinin-based combination therapy (ACT).

At the national level, the percentage of children under age 5 with a fever during the two weeks preceding the survey was 19% in 2019/20. Advice or treatment was sought the same or next day for 34% of these children, while 40% took antibiotic drugs.

Diarrhea remains a leading cause of childhood morbidity and mortality in developing countries, including Rwanda. Dehydration caused by diarrhea is a major cause of illness and death among young children, even though the condition can be easily treated with oral rehydration therapy (ORT), the results of RDHS 2019/20 show that 14% of children under age 5 were reported to have had diarrhea in the -week period before the

survey. Advice or treatment was sought for 52% of children who had diarrhea in the 2 weeks before the survey. Figure 20 below shows the prevalence of fever and diarrhea among children aged under 5 in Rubavu District.

**Figure 20: Prevalence of Fever and Prevalence of Diarrhea among children under five years.**



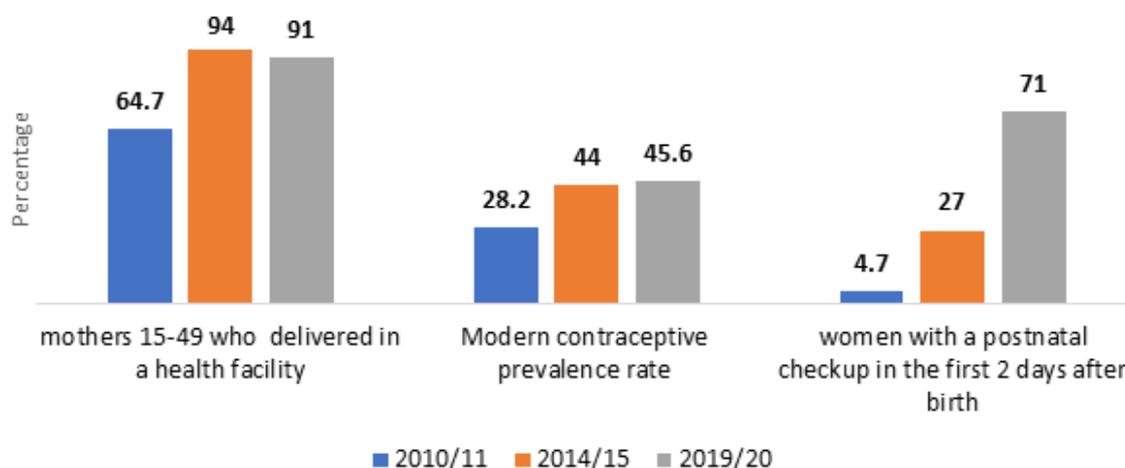
Source RDHS 2010/11, 201/15 & 2019/2020 (NISR)

In Rubavu District, the prevalence of fever among children under 5 ages decreased from 12.8% (13.1% for male Vs 12.5% for female) in 2010/11 to 10.9% (9.5% for male Vs 12.3 for female) in 2014/15 but increased thereafter to 18% (21% for male Vs 15.1 for female) in 2019/20. On other side, the prevalence of diarrhea for children under 5 dramatically increased, from 13% in 2010/11 to 19.3% in 2019/20.

## 2.2.6 Family planning among female aged 15-49

Couples can use contraceptive methods to limit or space the number of children they have. At the national level, Modern contraceptive use is higher among currently married women (58%) than among sexually active unmarried women (48%). The contraceptive prevalence rate for any method is 64% among currently married women. The figure 21 below shows that women aged 15-49 using modern contraceptive method increased from 28.2% in 2011 to 45.6% in 2019/20 in Rubavu District.

**Figure 21: Women aged 15-49 who use modern contraceptive method and who delivered at health facilities.**



Source RDHS 2010/11, 2014/15 & 2019/2020 (NISR)

In Rubavu District, figure 21 above shows that the female users of modern contraceptive method for family planning increased from 28.2% in 2010/11 to 45.6% in 2019/20. Women aged 15-49 who delivered at health facility increased from 64.7% in 2010/11 to 94% in 2014/15 and decreased to 91% in 2019/20 while women with a postnatal checkup in the first two days after birth increased from 4.7% in 2010/11 to 27% in 2014/15 and to 71% in 2019/20.

### 2.2.7. Maternal health

At national level, 93% of live births in the 5 years preceding the survey took place in a health facility according to RDHS 2019/20. 94% of births were assisted by a skilled provider, 15% of health facility births in the 5 years before the survey were delivered via caesarean section. Among women who gave birth in the 2 years preceding the survey, 70% received a postnatal check in the first 2 days after birth.

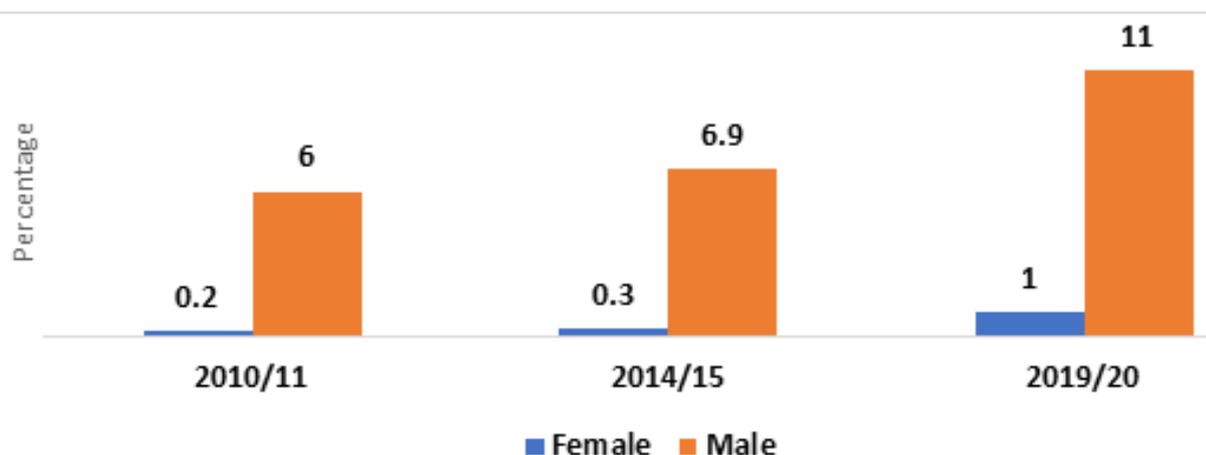
In Rubavu District, the figure 21 from the above section shows also the percentage of women aged 15-49 whose delivery took place at health facility (health center, hospital, etc..) increased during last ten years from 64.7% in 2010/11 to 91% in 2019/20. The percentage of women with a postnatal checkup in the first 2 days after birth, increased from 4.7% in 2010/11 to 71% in 2019/20.

### 2.2.8. Multiple Sexual Partners

At national level, RDHS 2019/20 shows that young men aged 15-24 are more likely than their female counterparts to have had more than one partner in the 12 months before the survey; 2% of men had more than one partner in the previous 12 months, as compared with 1% of women. Among all women and men aged 15-49, the percentage who had sexual intercourse with more than one sexual partner in the past 12 months are respectively 1.3% for women against to 5.5% for men.

The figure 22 below for Rubavu District shows that the percentage of men and women aged 15-49 who have had sexual intercourse with more than one partner in the past 12 months preceding the survey increased for women from 0.2% in 2010/11 to 0.3% in 2014/15 and to 1% in 2019/20, while for men it increased from 6% in 2010/11 to 7% in 2014/15 and to 11% in 2019/20.

**Figure 22: Percentage of women and men aged 15-49 who had sexual intercourse with more than one partner in the past 12 months in Rubavu district.**

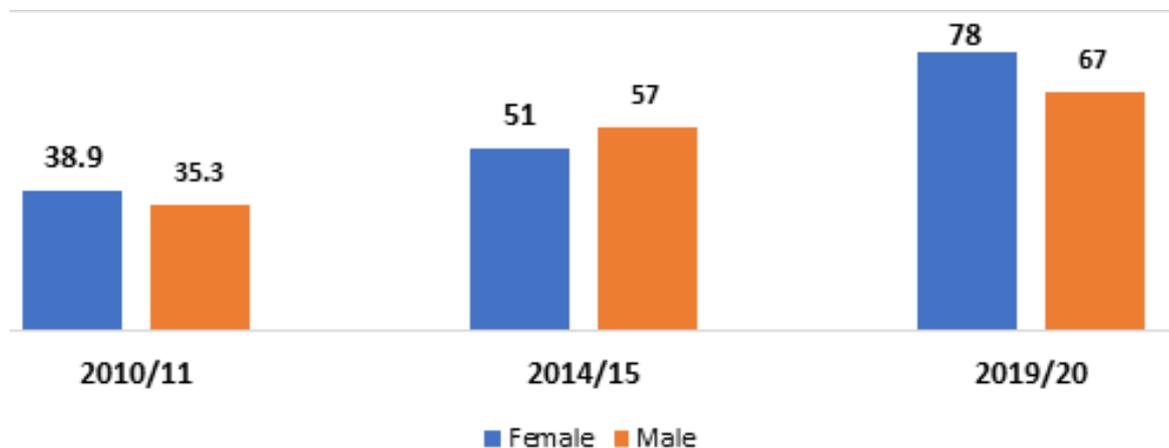


Source RDHS 2010/11, 201/15 & 2019/2020 (NISR)

## 2.2.9 Comprehensive knowledge of HIV

At national level, the percentage of women and men aged 15-49 who have comprehensive knowledge about HIV do not differ significantly (75.6% for women against 75.1% for men).

**Figure 23: Percentage of population aged 15–49 who have comprehensive knowledge of HIV transmission in Rubavu District.**



Source RDHS 2010/11, 201/15 & 2019/2020 (NISR)

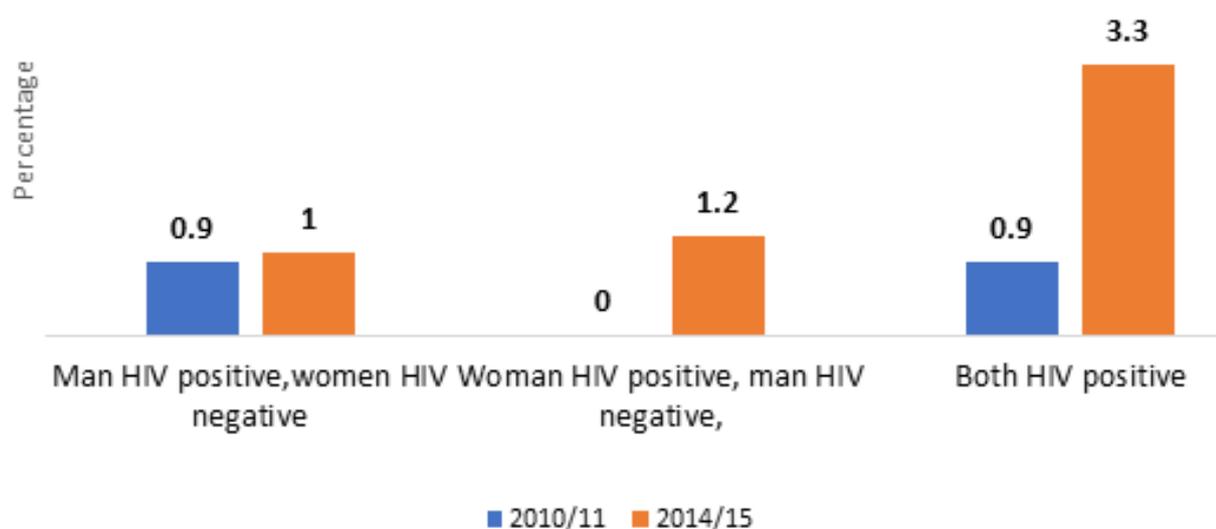
The figure 23 above reveals that from 2010/11 to 2019/20, the percentage of female who have comprehensive knowledge of HIV transmission in Rubavu District is generally high among females compared to males. Among females, this percentage increased from 38.9% in 2010/11 to 78% in 2019/20 while among males, it increased from 35.3% to 67% in the same period.

## 2.2.10 HIV Prevalence

According to the RDHS 2014/15 results 3 percent of adults aged 15-49 in Rwanda are living with HIV. The HIV prevalence rate is 4 percent among women and 2 percent among men. In general, HIV prevalence rises with age. Among women, the HIV prevalence increases from 1 percent at age 15-19 to 8 percent at age 40-44 before decreasing rapidly to 6 percent at age HIV Prevalence 45-49. Among men, the prevalence increases from less than 1 percent at age 15-19 to 4 percent at age 40-44 and 9 percent at age 45-49.

The results of 2014-15 RDHS, show that 95 percent of couples in union, both partners are HIV negative; in 2 percent of couples, both partners are HIV positive. About 3 percent of couples in union are discordant (i.e., one partner is infected, and the other is not). Discordant couples are almost evenly divided between those in which the male partner is infected, and the female partner is not and those in which the female partner is infected, and the male partner is not.

The percentage of couples in which both partners are HIV positive is higher in couples in which women aged 30-39 (3 percent) and men aged 50-59 (4 percent). The percentage of couples in which both partners are HIV positive is also higher (7 percent) when men is 10-14 years older than women as compared to 1 percent when couples are for the same age/man older 0-4 years. This is true when the male partner is infected, and female partner is not. The percentage of couples in which both partners are HIV positive is high in urban (6 percent) areas, especially in the City of Kigali (5 percent) than in rural (1.3 percent). According to the results of RDHS percentage of HIV when both positive was 1.3%, while it was 1.0% when Man HIV positive, woman HIV negative, and it was 1.9% when Woman HIV positive, man HIV negative. 2019/20, the

**Figure 24: Prevalence of HIV in couples in Rubavu District**

## 2.3 Education

At national level, according to the Population and Housing census 2022 results, residents population aged 6-11 who attained primary and resident population aged 12-17 who attained secondary, in 2022, gross and net attendance rate in Primary were respectively 141.7% and 89.3% for both, while female represents 141.4% and 90.3% compared to 142% and 88.4% for male, in Secondary, gross and net attendance rate were respectively 39.9% and 22.3% for both sex, 43.8% and 25.8% for females against 36.1% and 18.8% for male.

### 2.3.1. Gross attendance rates

Gross attendance rate is defined as the number of students attending a given level of education at any time during the reference academic year, regardless of age, expressed as a percentage of the official school-age population corresponding to the same level of education. Table 18 below shows gross attendance rate in Rubavu District outsourced from the 2022 census results.

**Table 14: Gross attendance rates in Rubavu District by sex**

Indicator	Gross attendance rates (GAR)		
	Both sexes	Male	Female
Pre- primary for residents' population aged 3-5	21.4	21.1	21.8
Primary for residents' population aged 6-11	125	125	124.9
Lower secondary for residents' population aged 12-14	48.6	48.3	48.9
Secondary residents' population aged 12-17	38.4	38.5	38.3

Source: Rwanda fifth Population and Housing Census, 2022 (NISR)

At district level: Gross attendance rate (GAR) for female is higher compared to the male, and it represents in preprimary 21.8% compared to 21.1% for male and 21.8% for females, in primary it is 124.9% against 125% for males, while in secondary, it represents 38% compared to 38.5% for males.

### 2.3.2. Net attendance rates

Net attendance rate (NAR) is defined as the number of pupils in the official age group for a given level of education who attend school at that level expressed as a percentage of the population in that age group. Table 19 below shows Net attendance rates in Rubavu District sourced from the 2022 census results.

**Table 15: Net attendance rates by sex in Rubavu District**

Indicator	Net attendance rates (NAR)		
	Both sexes	Male	Female
Pre- primary for residents' population aged 3-5	21.2	20.8	21.5
Primary for residents' population aged 6-11	78.5	77.5	79.4
Lower secondary for residents' population aged 12-14	8.7	8.1	9.4
Secondary residents' population aged 12-17	20.8	19.9	21.7

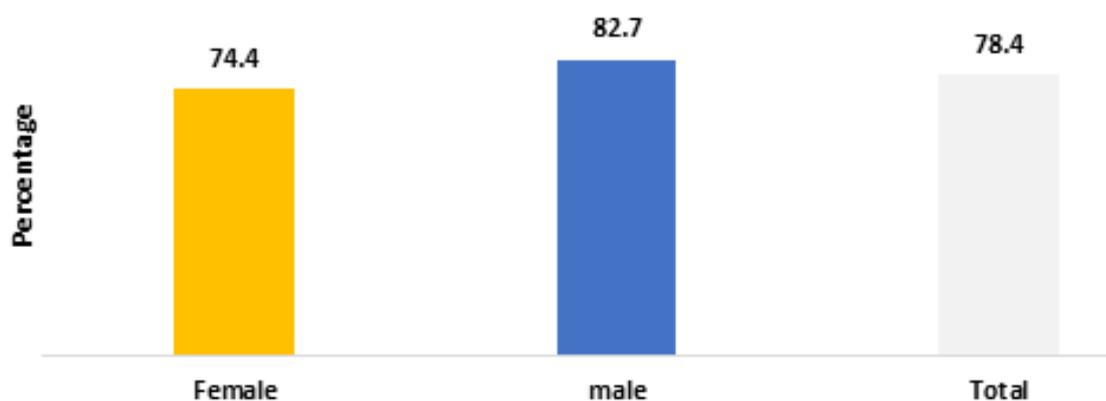
Source: Rwanda fifth Population and Housing Census, 2022 (NISR)

Net attendance rate (NAR) in Rubavu district according to the results of RPHC2022, for primary, it represents 79% for females against 77.5% for males; and in secondary education, it is 21.7% for females compared to 19.9% for males.

### 2.3.3 Adults' literacy

According to RPHC 2022, literacy rate in Rwanda stands at 78.8 % among the population aged 15 and above at national. Females' literacy rate is 76.7. %; against 81 % for males among population aged 15 and above. For the youth population aged 15-24, literacy rate is 87.6 % among females against 82.6% for males. The following figure reflects the levels of literacy among population aged 15 and above in Rubavu district.

**Figure 25: Literacy rate for people aged 15 years and above in Rubavu District**



Source: Fifth Rwanda Population and Housing Census, 2022 (NISR)

The figure above shows that literacy rate among population aged 15 and above was high among males than females in 2022. The literacy rate was 78.4 in Rubavu and was 74.4% among females' population of Rubavu District in 2022 while the males' literacy rate was 82.7% in the same period.

This section provides sex disaggregated information focusing on the areas related to governance and justice. The areas covered under this section are governance and decentralization, gender-based violence and justice.

### 3.1 Governance and decentralization sector

Transformational Governance includes the role of men and women and their participation in governance and justice to build a secure and stable nation, which provides a platform for economic and social transformation. The government of Rwanda has set legal and institutional measures to continue ensuring women's equal access to, and full participation in power structures and decision-making. The constitution maintains the 30% quota of minimum representation of women in decision making positions at all decision-making organs. The law No 10/20/2013/OL of 11/07/2013 regulating political party organizations and politicians prohibits any form of discrimination based on gender, sex, race, and religion in political parties and each political party organization shall have at least 30% of women in decision-making positions. This has increased the number of women in decision-making positions generally in appointed, elective and positions occupied through recruitment process.

**Table 16: Number of people in decision making organs by sex in Rubavu District in 2022**

INDICATOR	COUNT			Sex Distribution (%)		
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
Members of District Councils	6	11	17	35	65	100
Members of district' s executive committee	1	2	3	33	67	100

Source: District administrative records, 2022 (Rubavu District)

Females represent 35% in District Council compared to 65% for males, and it represent 33% in District executive committee compared to 67% for male in Rubavu district.

### 3.2 Violence

Rwanda has a robust legal and policy framework as well as, institutional mechanisms to create and sustain a peaceful and conflict-free nation. In addition, Rwanda has developed a National Action Plan (NAP) 2009-2012 and 2018-2022 to implement the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (UNSCR 1325) on women peace and security, as a practical step to sustain and expand registered gains in the women, peace, and security agenda. A lot has also been achieved by the Government of Rwanda in promoting and protecting the human rights of women. The principle of equality between women and men and the prohibition of discrimination based on sex are enshrined in the constitution and other legal instruments.

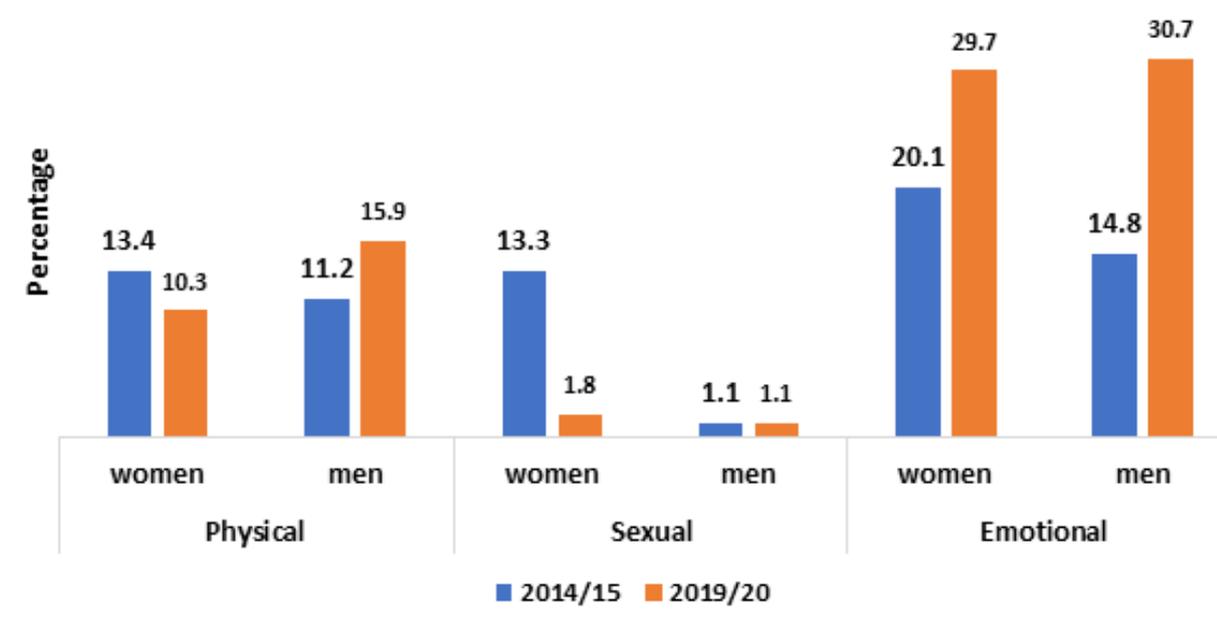
#### 3.2.1 Forms of domestic gender-based violence.

Gender-based violence is defined by the United Nations as any act of violence that results in physical, sexual, or psychological harm or suffering to women, girls, men, and boys, as well as threats of such acts, coercion, or the arbitrary deprivation of liberty. DHS focuses on domestic violence, mainly intimate partner violence, a

significant component of gender-based violence.

In Rwanda, domestic violence is widely acknowledged to be of great concern not just from a human rights perspective but also from an economic and health perspective. Nationally representative data on the prevalence of different forms of violence can help monitor progress towards the elimination of violence against persons. Among women aged 15-49, 37% have experienced physical violence since age 15 and 23% have ever experienced sexual violence. The corresponding proportions among men are 30% and 6%. 46% of ever-married women and 18% of ever-married men have experienced spousal physical, sexual, or emotional violence.

**Figure 26: Trends (in %) of Women and Men who experienced physical, sexual, and emotional violence in 12 months preceding survey in Rubavu District**



Source: RDHS2014/15 & RDHS 2019/2020 Dataset, 2022 (NISR)

In Rubavu District, according to DHS 2014/15 and 2019/20, physical violence decreased for women from 13.4% to 10.3%, while for men, it increased from 11.2% to 15.9%. Regarding sexual violence, it decreased from 13.0% to 1.8%, for women, sexual violence stays constant at 1.1% for men. On Emotional violence, for Women, it increased from 20.1% to 29.7% and from 14.8% to 30.7% for Men from 2014/15 to 2019/20.

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