

AMAHORO MUSIC SCHOOL

THE FIRST MUSIC SCHOOL IN BURUNDI

HISTORY

Running since 2014, the Amahoro music school was born in Bujumbura, the main city of Burundi, where the musicians Lorenzo Frizzera and Carlo Alberto Canevali taught music courses at the Centre Jeunes Kamenge to the many young people who went there.

The school is also greatly appreciated for the events and concerts it puts on constantly, which help build a climate of unity and sharing in a society deeply divided along ethnic and political lines.

The word 'Amahoro' means 'Peace'.



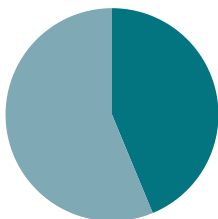
TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Four teachers — Divin, Goreth, Melchisedek and Gilbert — teach **96 students**:



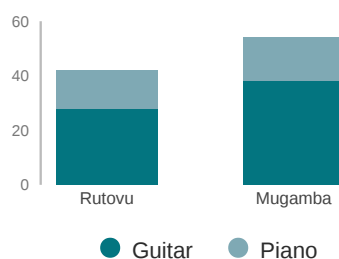
The school has **two sites**:

Rutovu (42 students)



Mugamba (54 students)

Most students learn the guitar



Management and administration

-  **Father Philippe Mbonicimpaye** is the head of the school
-  **Sister Sylvie** looks after the administration
-  **Lorenzo Frizzera** is the Italian contact for the project

FUNDING



- Echoo – formerly UpDoo World (Italy) **35.2%**
- Ass. Spagnolli-Bazzoni (Italy) **35.2%**
- Rutovu parish (Burundi) **7.3%**
- Mugamba parish (Burundi) **7.9%**
- Ass. Asenabu (Burundi) **7.3%**
- The school's own income (Burundi) **5.9%**

Every year the school costs

€ 4.925

About **one third** of the costs is covered by **Burundian organisations**.

The four teachers are employed on regular contracts, with insurance cover and social contributions paid.

CONTEXT

Burundi is the poorest country in the world (IMF, 2022), with an average monthly income per person of

€ 26

SOCIAL IMPACT

"Many young people became fighters and were killed; others moved to Congo, where they are still fighting today. Our school teaches peace, reconciliation, tolerance and brotherhood. That is why the parents of Mugamba push their children to attend it."

Father Philippe Mbonicimpaye (head of the school)

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