

## STATUS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN RWANDA AND KOREA (KOICA)

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### OVERVIEW OF THE COOPERATION

- The Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) was founded as a government agency on April 1, 1991; to maximize the effectiveness of Korea's grant aid programs for developing countries by implementing the government's grant aid and technical cooperation programs. KOICA operates under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MOFAT).
- KOICA offers year-by-year training courses within the aim of supporting the human resources development of partner countries, building this way the capacity of leaders of these countries. The proposed trainings aims to transfer Korea's know-how in social economic development to the human resources sector of partner countries: Government officials, researches, and technicians receive various types of training.

### KOREA'S ODA FRAMEWORK

- Korea's ODA consists of three types of aid: 1) bilateral grants, 2) bilateral loans, and 3) multilateral assistance. Bilateral grant aid comprises of technical cooperation and various types of transfers (made in cash, goods, or services) with no obligation for repayment. Bilateral loans, on the other hand, are provided on concessional terms under the name of the Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF). Lastly, multilateral assistance is delivered either as financial subscriptions or (grant) contributions to international organizations.
- In terms of ODA implementation, KOICA is responsible for Korea's bilateral grant aid and technical cooperation programs while the Korea Export-Import Bank (Korea Eximbank) administers the EDCF loans. KOICA's bilateral grant aid makes up around 40% of the total budget of Korea's bilateral ODA.
- KOICA has 30 representative offices in 28 partner countries, and these overseas offices play a critical role in implementing KOICA's aid programs at the field level. To maximize the effectiveness of their development cooperation, KOICA continuously collects and updates information on the needs and demands of partner countries through policy dialogues with various stakeholders and/or demand surveys conducted through Korean embassies and overseas offices.

### KOICA Rwanda Mission

- KOICA resumed its activities in Rwanda in 2006 with a volunteer dispatch program affiliated to world friend Korea and up today, KOICA has been able to dispatch almost 60 volunteers who are serving in various public institutions in Rwanda.
- KOICA's Rwanda program had since 2006 shifted from volunteer dispatch to strengthening cooperation through project and program based with priority partner states.
- With an Annual ODA Volume (1991-2010) of 13,150,000 (average per year USD657,000), KIOCA' main sectors are: (i) Education, (ii) Agriculture, (iii) , and (iv) ICT.
- ODA to Rwanda from US \$3.5million in FY 2011/12 increased to US\$ 7.6million.

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