



Rwanda Land of 1000 Hills

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What do you know about
Rwanda?



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What would you like to know?



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Overview

- Our Interest in Rwanda
- Introduction to the country
- History
- Reconciliation and Rebuilding
- Sample Programs
- Learnings
- Questions



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privileged to travel - this one especially impactful - wanted to share

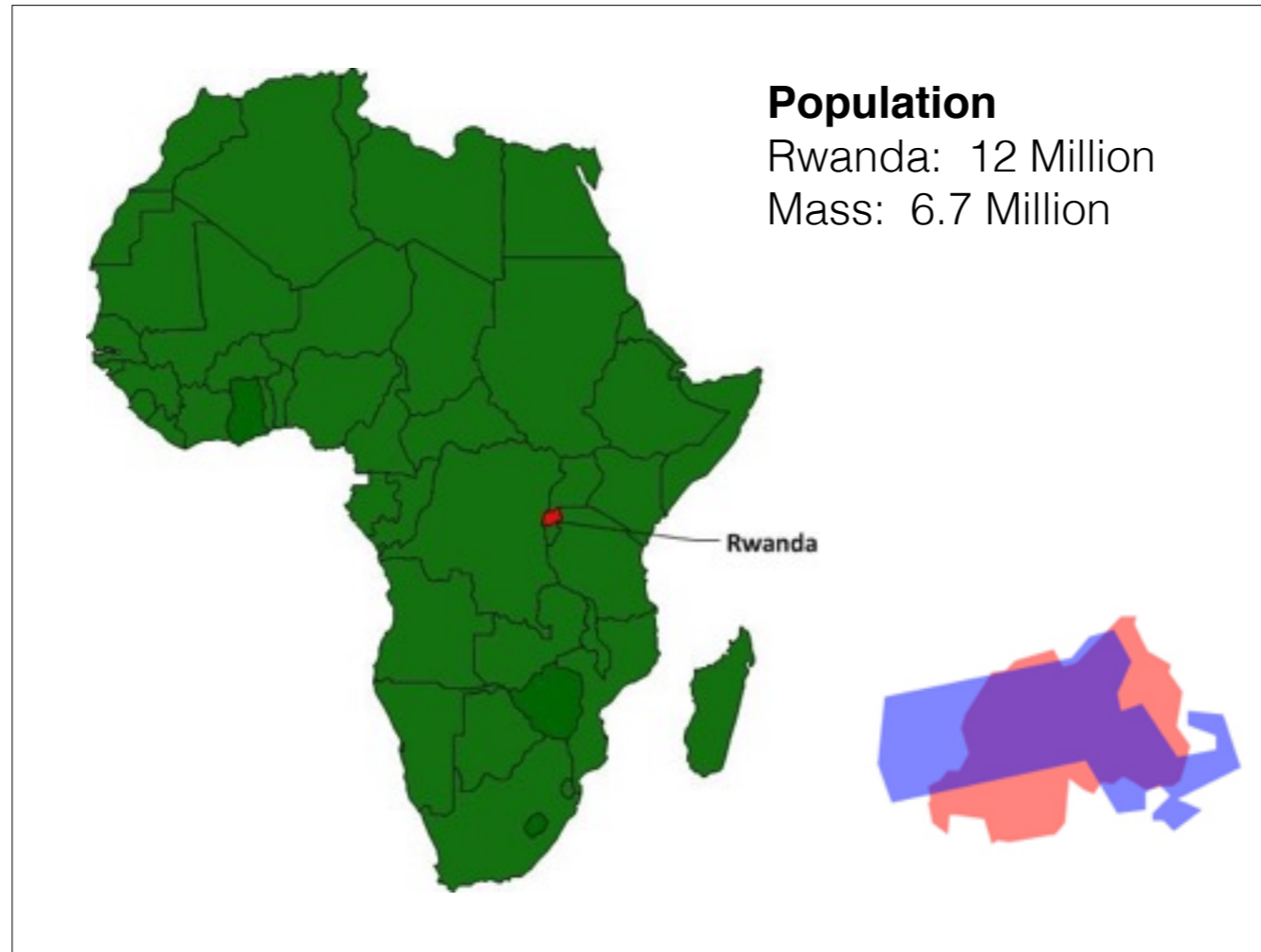
Delegation for Friendship Among Women



Beth start - Delegation overview
started in '60s Mcnamara's wife, officiall delegation
every 2 years - emerging countries, non political
Country embassy/US representatives
Lybia, Cuba, N. Korea

Beth - why
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Each talk about our interest in going



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landlocked country
compare with Mass
most densely populated in Africa
Equatorial, high elevation

Rwanda



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Kigali

S Eastern - dry

Western - mountainous - 14K ft - fertile, volcanic soil

3 Main parks (gorillas)

limited transport - roads, no rails, pipelines (mountains)

Lake Kivu

Source of Nile and Congo rivers

Ethnic Groups

- Hutu - 85%
- Tutsi- 14%
- Batwa (Twa) 1%



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Tutsis, herders and rulers - palace

social system based on number of cows - 10 or more - Tutsi

Hutus - farmers

Batwa - pygmies - hunters, forest dwellers, potters

Kigali



biggest city, capital, growing/construction/crowded
densely populated - houses piled up the hills, no real streets
motor bike taxis, helmets, traffic, most cars in country

Kigali



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hills - densely populated - more cars in Kigali

no addresses, developing - much construction

many nice streets and communities, most dirt roads - businesses on the side of the road under an umbrella

safe, clean, moto taxis - helmet law

Rural Life



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80% population rural - villages
subsistence farming - small rain-fed fields
steep - no tractors - farmed by hand
Villages, walk main transportatio, narrow paths
small plots
typical house - glass window - hand made bricks, corrugated roofs

Agriculture



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57% below poverty
malnutrition
farms - bananas, rice, potatoes, cassava, corn
Bee hive

Infrastructure



Transportation - limited roads - paths to fields and homes
walking, carry on head bikes, carts, motorcycles, busses
Energy costs - oil, electricity
water

Commerce



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cash crops - coffee, tea, pyrethrum - insecticide - looks like small daisy - drying in picture
small cash crop - vegetables to cities
tourism - 40%
carrots and cabbages ready for market



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small village main street - typical - little shops, many services - same design everywhere -

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comodities not readily available in most villages - Lauren's idea - ordered through SMS, motorbikes, delivered with GPS (no addresses in Rwanda) - feminine sanitary products
fabric store, potatoes on bikes, charcoal - main cooking fuel

History

- Pre Colonial Rule
- Colonial Rule
- Transition 1959 -1962
- Genocide 1994
- Recovery- Present



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Pre Colonial - no written history

Explorers - looking for source of Nile, German colony

Belgium acquired after WW I

1930 - separated races - identity cards - elevated Tutsi - for control

Belgians and Tutsi brutality towards Hutu

Independence - élection - Hutu majority - retribution - to Tutsi

1959 - King died, Tutsi refugees leave country (700 K '59-73)

1961 - election - Hutu win - repressive for Tutsis

Genocide 1994

- How?
- Why?



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Genocide Fueled by repressive rule - Belgians - Tutsis

Divide - Tutsi cockroaches (considered outsiders by Hutu)

illiteracy - radio propaganda - conditioned hatred

compliant society

Hutu race theory - 10 commandments

Training - Hutu, giving out machetes

Death list was prepared: Tutsi, moderate Hutu

Spark - mysterious plane crash April 6, 1994- killed president

mobilized killings within an hour

Roadblocks, house to house searches - inflict pain, hatred

Rampant lawlessness, looting

Genocide 1994



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Abandoned by UN - Gen Dalier, orders to only observe

details - bloody - brutal - machetes

Rape - spike in HIV

neighbor to neighbor

mass refuge in churches, schools - slaughter

- couldn't clean up and bury people - found after it was over - memorial - piled up clothes

- 1M people in 100 days

300,000 orphans

destruction - infrastructure, physical and institutional

looters down to window frames

PTSD- whole country - some never recovered, some resilient

Rwandan Refugees - RPF



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Kagame - led force from Uganda

Rwanda Patriotic Front - RPF

- first minister of defense - Hutu refugees went to Congo - raids
- 2 M refugees - 2/3 population displaced after genocide
- elected in 2003 - constitution

Memorials



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Kigali Genocide memorial 250,000 in mass grave
Churches and schools where massacres occurred

Aftermath



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130,000 - perpetrators - prisons overcrowded

Gacca Courts - traditional and modern administered by local judges in communities - perpetrators, victims and witnesses - everyone came aimed to promote truth, peace, justice, healing, forgiveness and reconciliation.

Separated crimes - stealing, destroying, killing

when people admitted guilt, asked for forgiveness - leniency - returned to community - community service - rebuild, reparations i.e. building houses, returning livestock

12,000 courts

1.9 million cases

Role of church in helping people understand forgiveness

Face to face

living together side by side

prisoners do community works construction

Rebuilding

- Vision 2020
- Women in parliament
- Focus on Education
- Health



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Vision 2020 - national plan - audacious goals

- middle income
- reconstruction
- infrastructure and transportation
- good governance
- agriculture production
- private sector development

coordinate efforts - NGOs, national programs

NGOs - opportunity and maybe guilt for abandonment

2002 Constitution - 30% women in leadership positions

64% women in parliament currently - largest # in world

Education - programs - financial literacy, family and reproductive health, entrepreneurship, building schools - sending students to US

Malnutrition and AIDS - problem - neonatal aids almost eradicated, adolescents and women raped during genocide

17 dentists, heart surgery

Structures

- Strong strategic vision
- No corruption
- Safe, Clean
- Community work days
- Community/cooperatives
- Women in leadership



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- IT center, health hub in Africa
 - Rwandan air
- Entrepreneurship
- Mercedes - district governors - returned, no lying
- doubled economic growth since 2000, reduced red tape for new businesses
- Singapore example
- knowledge society

Work day - last Saturday of the month

Many cooperatives

provide structures - for safety and support

Programs



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Western Support - governments - USAID huge donor, EU, DFID,

NGOs, Tony Blair personal consultant to Kagame

Returning Expatriates

Women to Women International



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- Agriculture - Bees, cheese
- Cooperatives - crafts
- Workshops - financial literacy, entrepreneurship and family and reproductive health
- Coffee growers cooperative pictured
- Weaving cooperative
- Eco tourism

Women's Cooperatives



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Community, learning together, support
Ineza, sewing
Weaving
Beading
Pottery

Focus on Girls Education



Gashora Acad. for Sci & Tech



Akilah Institute



Girl Hub

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Developing and educating girls

law - can't get married until 21

Gashora Academy for Science and Technology

- top girls - boarding, Costco heir, going to top US schools

Akilah Girls Institute - 3 yr jr college

- entrepreneurship, IT, hospitality (coming health)

Girl Hub, Nyimyinginga

Imbuto Foundation



Community Building



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Batwa Relocation
mountain hunters, pottery makers
relocated because of landslides





planned community - given the wood to build homes
4 rooms and a hall, outhouse - kitchen/bedroom
low fuel charcoal stoves

Social Entrepreneurship



Inema Art Center



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Inema Art Center - created by 2 brothers

- cooperative of 10 artists (was artist in residence at Arcadia)
- help support students in school - pay tuition and uniforms
- classes for art - kids - kids gallery
- beading cooperative
- dance and music lessons
- Community outreach

Heaven - partner gallery

Imbuto Foundation



- AIDS Epidemic
- Education for Girls

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Jeannette Kagame's personal foundation

AIDs Epidemic - first oder of business

Education for girls - focus on pre adolescent girls

Container of books and computers donated to Imbuto foundation through Books for Africa



Imbabazi Foundation

- Roz Carr's Plantation
- Education
- Agriculture development



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Roz Carr socialite from NY married English game hunter moved to area in 1949,

- grew pyrethrum - until '70's - artificial insect repellent in vogue
- switched to cut flowers
- 1994 created orphanage - she was 84!
- now nursery school
- supports former orphans, local school
- experimental agriculture
- ag lessons for community



Friend of Dian Fossey

Beautiful gardens around house

Sunday afternoon tradition - traditional dances and tea!

Former British ambassador ex dir of foundation - niece lives in phoenixville

book - Land of 1000 Hills: My Life in Rwanda - movie coming!

Tourism



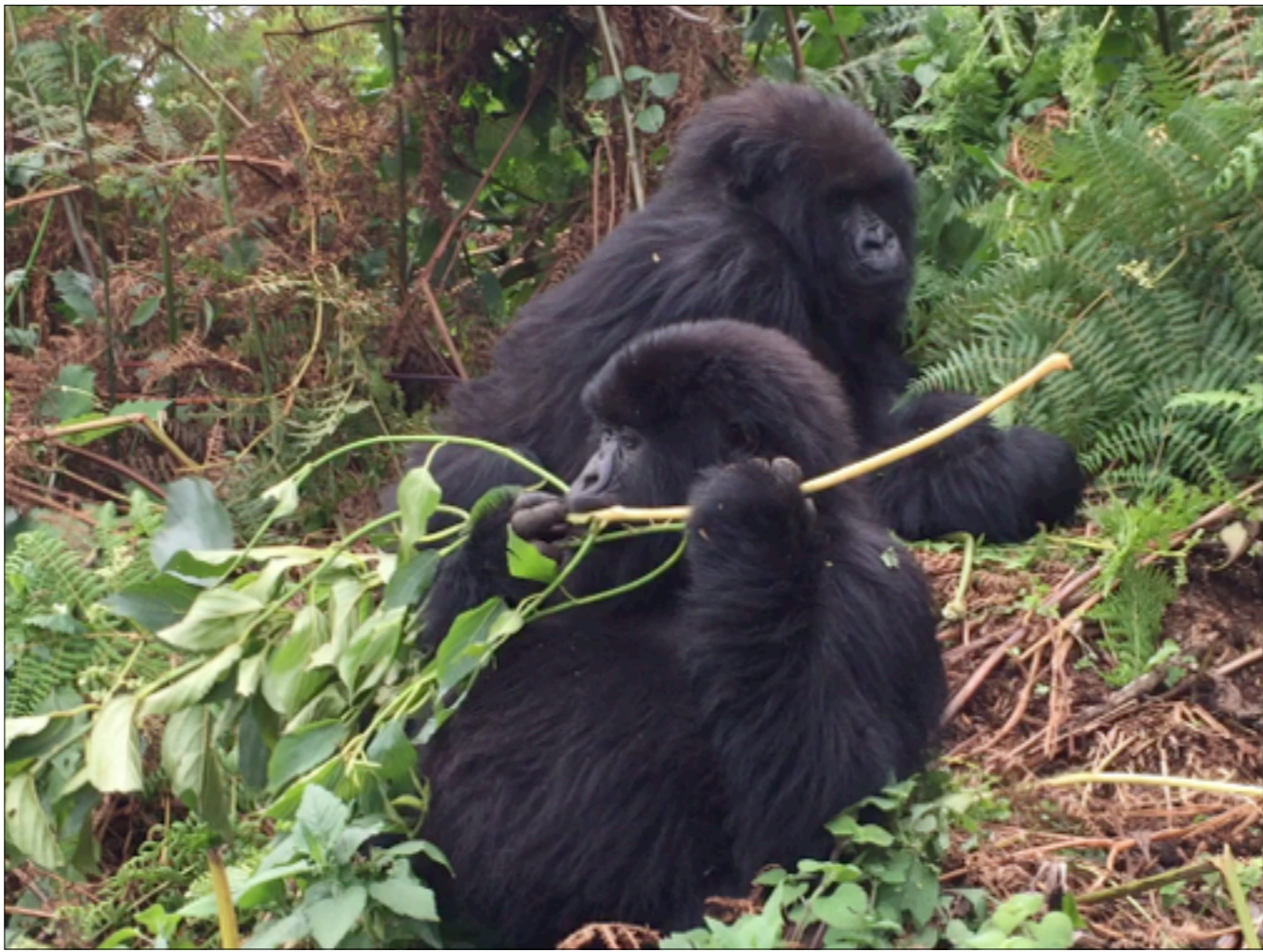
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40% economy - tourism

3 National parks

- Volcanoes national park (NW) (Virunga) - mountain gorillas
one of 3 places in the world - 780 exist
- Nyungwe National Park (SW) - rainforest 13 primate species
- Akagera National Park (NE) - plains - rhino, elephant, giraffe 10% of Rwanda

Dian Fossey - pioneer interest in Gorillas, - Rwandan policies support





Holly - Singapore - PTSD - strong structures - enlightened, criticism, 2017 election - will tell
inspired by dignity

Beth - ability to move into healthy forgiving lives
little disputes settled, not letting things fester



Questions???

Resources

- The Delegation For Friendship Among Women
www.friendshipamongwomen.org
- Books for Africa www.booksforafrica.org
- Blog- Rwanda 2015 <https://hjobe.wordpress.com/>
- Links to organizations, reading list



Thank you for Coming!