

Plan International Rwanda has announced a new five-year strategy aimed at reaching 1.2 million people by 2030, with a focus on gender equality, youth empowerment, and child protection. The announcement came as the organization celebrated its achievements from 2020 to 2025, during which it reached more than 770,000 people across the country.

The event, held Thursday, October 23, brought together government officials, partners, and civil society representatives. It was attended by Minister of Gender and Family Promotion Consolée Uwimana and Plan International Rwanda Country Director Emilie Fernandes.

Fernandes said the organization, which began operating in Rwanda in 2007, continues to focus on advancing children's rights and promoting equality between girls and boys. "In the last five years, our programs have reached more than 770,000 people, including 467,000 girls and young women," she said. "Many of them share powerful testimonies of how our work has transformed their lives."



Under its new strategic plan for 2026–2030, Plan International Rwanda aims to deepen its support for young people by expanding opportunities for education, employment, and leadership. The organization plans to reach 1.2 million Rwandans, 750,000 girls and 450,000 boys through partnerships with local organizations.

The new plan will emphasize economic empowerment, skill development, and access to sustainable jobs. It will also prioritize protecting children and youth from violence, strengthening early childhood development (ECD) programs, and promoting climate resilience through technology and advocacy.

Minister Uwimana praised the organization's contribution to Rwanda's development goals. "Your programs complement the government's efforts under the National Strategy for Transformation by supporting vulnerable citizens and promoting gender equality," she said.

Plan International Rwanda implements its projects through partnerships with local organizations including African Evangelistic Enterprise (AEE), Rwanda Dream Village Organization, Caritas Rwanda, Imbaraga, Bamporeze, Association des Guides du Rwanda (AGR), Health Development Initiative (HDI), and Learn Work Develop (LWD).

Officials say the next five years will focus on ensuring that girls and young people not only gain access to education and skills but also become leaders in driving social and economic change.