

# Rwandan Youth Fight AIDS-Stigma

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(Centre de Formation et de Documentation), a partner of WACC in Rwanda, organised a very successful training seminar for youth leaders coming from different churches and the Islamic community of Rwanda.

More than 80 young people, women and men, attended the seminar where they actively participated in formulating communication strategies and using communication tools to address AIDS-related stigma issues.

This important training event, the 3rd of its kind but with different beneficiaries (women, couples), was funded by WACC's Swiss long-term partner, Bread For All, based in Bern, Switzerland. Different tools were used including theatre, posters, dance & music. Video viewing was also used to stimulate discussion and debates.

The Seminar was officially opened by the Rwandan Minister for Youth, Sports and Culture, Mr. Joseph Habimana. In his speech, He strongly invited and encouraged young people to use their communication talents to de-mystify HIV transmission misconceptions and misunderstandings. He promised to do his best to support their efforts to fight stigma and discrimination in their schools and communities.

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