



# Adult Literacy Programme

Azizi Life's Adult Literacy Programme runs classes to help adults in Rwanda learn how to read and write. The materials used in these classes also educate the students about topics such as health, nutrition, human rights, clean water, and how to prevent certain diseases. The course is free for all students and Azizi Life is therefore dependent on donations in order to run the programme.

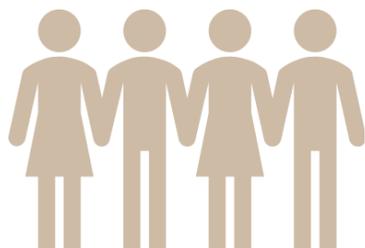


# About the Adult Literacy Programme



The Adult Literacy Programme started in 2016

The lessons take place in 7 different learning centres in Rwandan villages and one learning centre in Muhanga Prison

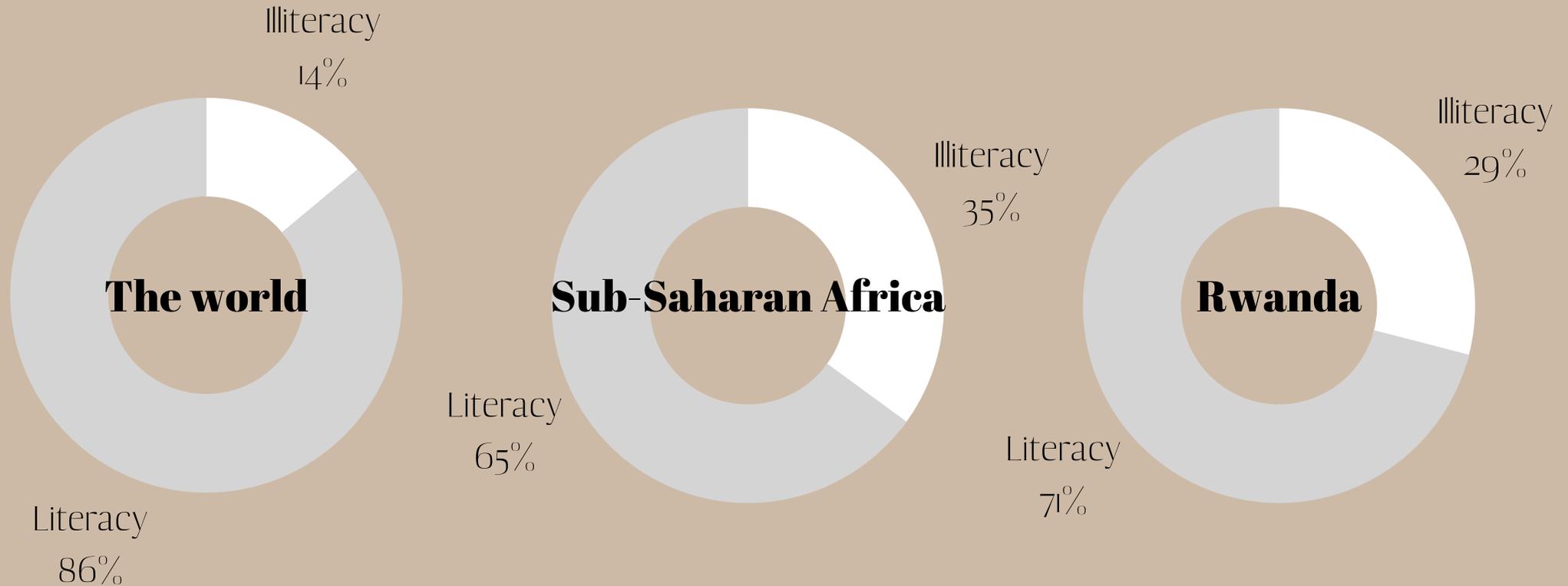


Since the start of the programme 1,126 students have completed the lessons and taken an exam

The courses normally start in January and July each year with exams and graduation taking place in June and December



# Literacy rates around the world



Illiteracy is still a big problem around the world and has consequences for both economies, communities and individuals

# How illiteracy affects life

## **Hinders progress and opportunities**

Information, knowledge and learning are important in Rwanda and without the ability to read and write adults might not be able to participate in society and find employment

## **Lack of confidentiality and greater risk of being conned**

Illiterate adults cannot read and sign documents on their own and must therefore rely on other people, which leads to a lack of confidentiality and increases the risk of being conned and misled

## **Communication problems**

Illiterate adults do not understand written communication and cannot communicate through writing, which makes communication with other people than those in close proximity difficult

# Life after becoming literate

**Can participate in their children's education**

**Ability to read road signs**

**Can open a bank account and fill in bank documents**

**Possibility to do more vocational training**

**Can decide what to share with others and what to keep a secret**

**Ability to read instructions and write instructions for others**

**No longer feeling inferior to others**

# Eulade's Story

Eulade was born into a poor family, and as a child left home and spent time on the streets. He lived through the Rwandan Genocide and eventually settled in the Eastern Province where he began work as a carpenter.

After returning to his birthplace, he married and lived in tough conditions. His carpentry experience enabled him to make basic pieces of furniture, but when he tried to apply for a job making chairs he was refused.

***"When I told them that I was not able to write, they rejected me"***

Eulade enrolled on the Adult Literacy Programme run by Azizi Life and has since grown in confidence and has seen an increase in sales of his carpentry products.

***"I have developed my carpentry, I moved to a nice place for work, and I have built my own house"***

***"My life is like a story, but today I can say I have achieved my dreams. I thank Lord and Azizi Life"***



# Marie Therese's Story

Before enrolling on Azizi Life's Adult Literacy Programme, Marie Therese spent most of her time at home.

***"I was in solitude. Communication with others was also difficult"***

She struggled to complete tasks that many of us take for granted, for example, writing a letter, reading a book, going to the shops, and opening a bank account.

***"I felt vary sad, I felt lonely, and sometimes I refused responsibilities I was assigned because of fear of incapability"***

Completing the Adult Literacy Programme has helped Marie Therese to gain confidence and develop her understanding of important areas such as hygiene and conflict management, as well as knowing her own rights.



***"The work of Azizi Life is different! They consider people more than anything"***

Learning to read and write can significantly change a person's life and Azizi Life tries to do just that through the Adult Literacy Programme. Over a thousand lives have been changed and Azizi Life wants to continue to fight against illiteracy in Rwanda so that there can be more stories like Eulade's and Marie Therese's



# Venantie Musigirende

## Azizi Life Impact Director

Venantie is Azizi Life's Impact Director and therefore responsible for the Adult Literacy Programme. She joined Azizi Life in 2011 after hearing many good things about the organisation from other people who worked there. Venantie is passionate about the Adult Literacy Programme as it is a key for sustainable development and helps people who did not attend school to participate in their communities without the barriers caused by illiteracy.



# How can you help?

The literacy courses are free of charge for the students to make it accessible to everyone. Azizi Life therefore needs donations in order to continue the important work of helping people to learn how to read and write and tackle the many problems related to illiteracy

## What a donation can do

\$480 - one part-time teacher's salary

\$35 - one student's full-year tuition

\$10 - one teacher's book

\$8 - one student's textbook



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