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# World Camp 2015 Rwanda

Every three years FIMCAP, the federation of catholic parochial youth movements, organizes a World Camp. After six successful editions, in 2015 FIMCAP will organize the seventh edition of the World Camp in cooperation with Xaveri Rwanda.

1992	Ghana & Chile
2000	Paraguay
2003	Philippines
2006	DR Congo
2009	India
2012	Paraguay
2015	Rwanda

From the 18<sup>th</sup> of July until the 5<sup>th</sup> of August, youth leaders from all over the world can enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime-experience during the World Camp in Rwanda.

**The World Camp will be part of the bigger “ambassadors on children’s rights” project. Interested participants will need to engage themselves for the whole project. More information on this project can be found in the joined document. Communicate this clearly to your participants!**

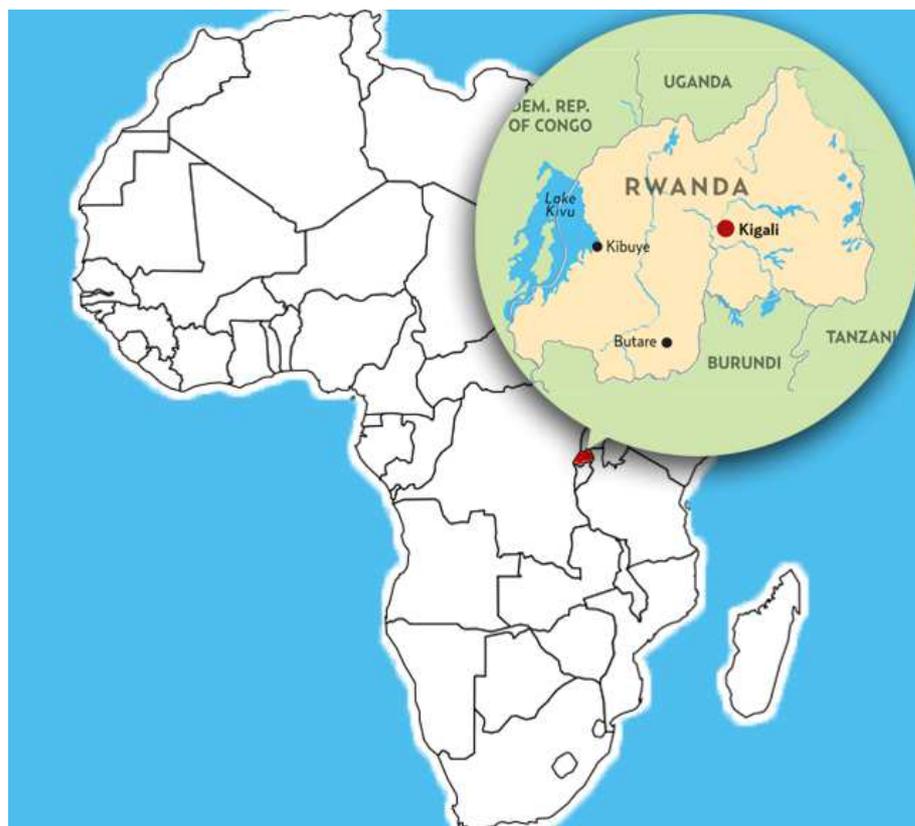
## 1. Aims of the World Camp

- The World Camp is an encounter of young people. Participants are youth leaders between 20 and 30 years old. The host organization is asked to involve their local youth groups as much as possible in the program and projects.
- The World Camp is an encounter of cultures. Through working in local projects and living in hosting families, participants will experience the reality of daily life in Rwanda, and especially the situation of the young people there. Participants will also present their own culture and get to know the cultures of the other participants. Activities like songs, dances, games and liturgy will be organized as a process of cross-cultural experiences.

- The World Camp gives us the concrete opportunity to show and live solidarity. Participants will be involved in different projects and will develop their creative talents in supporting the local community.
- The World Camp is not an isolated event. The participants will face situations that will confront them with differences in reality and possibilities. It will be an experience they will take back home to their own local/regional organisation and their personal lives. We want to use this experience and stimulate the participants to share it with their peers. During this World Camp we want to reflect on the topic of children's rights, and elaborate a clear message of peace and solidarity to be send to the world.

## 2. Host organization

FIMCAP is very happy to present Xaveri Rwanda as host organization. When looking back at our history, the first World Camp was planned to take place in 1992 in 3 countries at the same time: Ghana, Chili and Rwanda. Unfortunately, after years of preparation, the World Camp in Rwanda was cancelled due to the tense political situation in the country. The fact that Xaveri Rwanda is hosting the World Camp this year is an important sign of change.



Rwanda is located in Central Africa. It shares borders with Uganda in the north, with Tanzania in the east, with Burundi in the South and with the Democratic Republic of Congo in the west. Its capital Kigali is located in the center of the country. The country is also called the “land of a thousand hills”. The people of Rwanda speak Kinyarwanda. The country's history is marked by the genocide against Tutsis and moderate Hutus between April and July 1994.

The Xaveri movement was founded in 1952 in DR Congo by Father George Defour as a Catholic association of non-profit work. It is named after St. Francis Xavier, who is considered the model of charity and the apostolate. In Rwanda the Xaveri movement started its activities in 1956.<sup>1</sup>

The main objectives of Xaverian Movement of Rwanda are:

- To develop a spirit of charity constantly sought and lived in every community, regardless of race, tribe and religion;
- To encourage individual, apostolate action in order to spread the truth and the life of Jesus and the gospel as a way of life;
- To create communities that meet the real needs of the country, sparking initiatives of development within the teams, sections and groups of Xaveri.



The Xaverian Movement of Rwanda counts more than 27.000 members. They are active in all the parishes of the country and in almost all secondary schools and higher education institutions in the country. Xaveri Rwanda is also present in special centers such as prisons, refugee camps and orphanages.

The members of the Xaverian Movement of Rwanda are organized in four age groups. For each age group there is a specific framework and program.

- les joyeux: from 9 to 12 years
- les ardents: from 13 to 16 years
- les rayonnants: from 17 to 24 years
- UXA (Union des Xaveris Adultes – Union of Xaveri Adults): from 25 years upwards



<sup>1</sup> In FIMCAP several member organizations belong to the Xaveri family: Xaveri Uganda, Xaveri Burundi, Xaveri Congo and Xaveri Rwanda.

In general there are three kinds of activities:

- charitable activities
  - Visiting and helping persons in need, like the sick, the poor, prisoners, ...
  - Helping war refugees .
- apostolic activities
  - Participating in liturgical activities
  - Helping young children to prepare for their first communion.
  - Formation of the new sections and revitalizing the weak sections
- Development activities
  - Forming small socio-economic groups who are involved in agriculture and livestock
  - Doing small handicrafts

### **3. Programme of the World Camp**

The World camp will take place from the **18<sup>th</sup> of July till the 5<sup>th</sup> of August 2015**.

The World Camp consists of 3 main parts (exact dates can still shift):

- 18 – 22/07: getting to know each other, teambuilding games, getting to know the host country, presentations of participants and organizations, visiting local groups and the local area, reflections and sessions on the topic of children's rights (ambassadors of children's rights project).
- 22 – 31/07: splitting up in smaller, mixed groups and working in different projects, while staying with local host families. During the day the participants will help in the projects, in the evening there will be activities with the local Xaveri groups.
- 1 – 5/08: Getting back together with the whole group and sharing the experiences, reflections and sessions on the topic of children's rights (ambassadors of children's rights project), evaluation and closing.

### **4. Projects of the World Camp**

The participants will be divided over 3 projects.

Here below you can find a short description of the 3 projects. Take into account that the projects or the specific tasks can still change.

#### **A. Collecting rainwater**

This project will take place in the district of Gisagara, located in the south-east of the Southern Province.

Over 87% of Rwanda's population depends on subsistence agriculture, which holds mainly due to rainwater. This means that the Rwandan agriculture is generally dependent on rainfall, which unfortunately is not well distributed in time and space. Added to this is the lack of efficiency in the use of rainwater. Much water is lost or wasted through inefficient water supply systems. It results in the fact that Rwanda uses less than 3% of its water resources including rainwater.

Such a situation affects the agricultural production heavily and most members of Rwandan households have to travel miles to get to water sources. Letting rainwater spill away is also a major threat to soil fertility, as it creates erosion which takes away a fertile layer of the soil.

This project aims at constructing 2 water tanks to collect rainwater for domestic use and agriculture. The collected water will be used by different households, but also for the artificial watering of vegetable gardens, to be planted by the participants.



## **B. Fighting against malnutrition**

This project will take place in the city of Kigali, in the district of Nyarugenge.

The project aims to improve the nutrition standards, while keeping the environment safe from harm. It aims to do this by encouraging people to breed rabbits and to make better use of natural fertilizers in their gardens.

This project focuses on the two youngest age groups: les joyeux (9-12) and les ardents (13-16). Through the project they will discover that it is possible to serve a rich and balanced meal with limited financial and economic resources.



### C. Building a house

This project will take place in the district of Rwamagana, in the Eastern Province of Rwanda.

The 1994 genocide still leaves its marks on the Rwandese society. In memory of the genocide and in solidarity with all the victims, this project aims to construct a house for the victims of the genocide to come together. For the construction clay bricks will be used, as is custom in the rural areas.

### 5. Preparation for the World Camp

The World Camp is part of the bigger “ambassadors on children’s rights” project. Interested participants will need to engage themselves for the whole project. More information on this project can be found in the document in attachment.



The participants will work on the topic of children’s rights during a year, in order to become true “**ambassadors on children’s rights**”. No specific knowledge or experience of the participants is required, only an interest in the topic and an engagement for the full duration of the project.

The objectives of this project are to train youth leaders in the topic of children’s rights and to stimulate them to spread their experience in their own organization and community. As FIMCAP we want to do more with the intense experience that a World Camp offers and reach out to our peers.

The participants will receive the challenge to work as a team and to develop an end product presenting 25 ways to work on children’s rights. The idea is not to invent new materials or games because we are aware that already incredible much exists. The objective is more to research what exists and distil 25 ways they see useful for youth leaders like them. The end product will be a tool for them to use when spreading their message as ambassadors.

The format of the end product and the 25 ways will be completely in the hands of the ambassadors, but with the needed guidance on the part of FIMCAP. Each continent will produce its own end product, seeing the different realities and needs on each continent.

**The first stage of the project is the preparation of the participants.** Each continent has the task to bring together and prepare the participants coming from their continent. This can be online (for example by setting up a facebook group) or in person (a seminar).

During this stage the participants will have the opportunity to get to know each other and share their concerns and questions before the start of the World Camp. They will get a first introduction in the topic of children's rights.

**Active participation in this preparatory stage is expected from each participant!**

Exact information on this preparatory stage will be send to you by your continental representatives. We can already inform the European member organizations that for FIMCAP Europe there will be a preparation seminar in Malta from 12 to 17 May.

**The second stage of the project is the World Camp itself.** Here the youth leaders will meet "ambassadors" from the other continents to discuss children's rights as a worldwide issue.

## **6. Follow-up after the World Camp**

Not only before the World Camp a commitment of the participants is expected, also afterwards.

The third stage of the project is the conference of ambassadors. The youth leaders come together again on continental level to share their work and experiences of the past months, in order to develop their personal plans as ambassadors and finalize their joined end product. This conference is very action-oriented. At the end there will be a ceremony to award them with the title of ambassador of children's rights.

**Active participation in this follow-up stage is expected from each participant!**

Exact information on this follow-up stage will be send to you by your continental representatives.

## **7. Participants**

### **Number of participants**

Each member organisation is invited to send 3 participants to the World Camp. We would advice you not to throw away this opportunity, as it will be a great experience for your participants, as well as for your organisation.

We also foresee a waiting list. Each organisation can put 2 extra participants on the waiting list. In case of open spaces the persons of the waiting list will be accepted as participants.

Inscriptions (and waiting lists) must arrive at the international FIMCAP secretariat **before the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2015**. After this deadline will inform the organisations as soon as possible about the number of vacant places for their people on the waiting list.

By **the 1<sup>st</sup> of June** all flight information of the participants must be handed in.

**Conditions to participate:**

- Age: between 20 and 30 years
- Experience in local and/or regional youth work, training in youth work
- Knowledge of English, French or Spanish + willingness to speak and learn other languages. The main language during the World Camp will be French (host families, local groups, children, ...) and there will not always be somebody translating for you.
- Open mind and flexibility
- Respect for camp rules and local customs
- Optimism
- An active engagement for the full project (preparation, World Camp and follow up)
- To be prepared to develop yourself as an ambassador and pass on the experience in your local group, your youth organization and your community.
- Participants can only participate one time in a World Camp.

**8. Fees and travel costs**

- Travel costs
  - The participants of the European member organisations pay for their own travel costs. Should this be a problem, please contact the FIMCAP secretariat to look for a solution together.
  - FIMCAP will reimburse the full travel costs of one participant and half of the travel costs of the second participant from non-European member organisations.
  - Tickets should be booked by the organisation itself. In case of travel cost reimbursement, a list with maximum reference prices will be provided. Open membership fees and debts will be deducted from the travel cost reimbursement.
- Participation fee
  - The participation fee for every participant is € 200.

We encourage all member organisations to look for financial means to support their participants. Ask local/regional authorities, church institutions, companies and foundations for support. If required, FIMCAP can provide personal documents stating their participation.

For the general costs of the World Camp, FIMCAP is looking for funds and subventions. If you raise money to support the general costs of the World Camp, this will lead to a reduction in the participation fee of your participants.

Contact the FIMCAP secretariat in order to receive a complete subvention file that can be used when contacting possible donors.

## 9. Contact information

If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to **contact the secretariat:**

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# See you in Rwanda!

