

## Description of Umuganda and its Logo

Umuganda” community works can be translated as “*coming together in common purpose to achieve an outcome*”. It is one of the precious tools of mutual help in the Rwandan culture. “Umuganda day” called “*Umunsi w’Umuganda*”, is designed as a day where citizens contribute to the building of their country. The concept of Umuganda originates from Kinyarwanda word meaning woods used to construct traditional house.

In the post-genocide period, Umuganda was reintroduced as one of the Rwanda’s Home grown solutions; as means of the social and economic reconstruction of the country.

The developing and application of home grown solutions in development strategy signifies the use of cultural resources in mitigating effects of scarce resources as envisioned in different strategies such as National Strategy for Transformation. Rwanda aims to become a modern united and prosperous nation founded on the positive values of its culture anchored on principles of accountability, transparency and efficiency in deploying scarce resources.

One of the NST1 priority emphasizes strengthening of citizen participation and demand for accountability by using “home grown solutions” notably Umuganda to promote citizen participation.

It in this background that, RGB in collaboration with the Ministry of Local Government have elaborated the” Umuganda Logo”. The Logo seeks to manifest and seal the unshaken belief of the Rwandan people to their togetherness in all development and mutual help activities.

The logo is made up of a word Umuganda, four persons standing on the earth coloured in blue, yellow and green, lifting a black cube.



The word “Umuganda” which means «common work » performed by Rwandans for the Development and Prosperity of their country which is one of the Rwandan Home Grown Solutions. “Four persons” representing Rwandan community whose members are unified around common work. While “a black cube” representing overall public works done by communities while strengthening the vision of the country.