

## **PART III**

### **A NATIONAL RECONCILIATION POLICY THAT HEALS OLD WOUNDS AND UNITES ALL RWANDAN IN A COMMON ENDEAVOUR TO REBUILD OUR COUNTRY AND PROVIDE A PLATFORM ON WHICH TO BUILD ENDURING PEACE AND PROSPERITY FOR ALL OUR PEOPLE**

#### **3.1 The Individual**

The good, good-inspiring and qualified individual is the basis of development and revival of civilisation, without which development is a lost endeavour. For this reason **RPP - IMVURA** programme aims to achieve qualitative step in the individual's aspiration, his understanding and his comprehension which qualifies him to perform his role and carry out his responsibilities and transform him from the fringes and ineffectiveness, to effectiveness and presence at the heart of social, political and economic movement as good reforming catalyst and an effective tool in social change.

That will be achieved through the following:

1. Provision of the suitable environment to release the energies of the individual and his creativity, surrounded by justice and provided with legal and material protection to ensure his dignity, freedom and rights are adequately protected
2. The physical well being of the individual through complete health care, provision of the necessities of life (water, food, clothing, shelter and medicine), controlling the causes of decease and fighting all dangerous hazards that not only destroy the body of the individual but his mind such as substances.
3. Nurturing the individual's national spirit and promote the values of belonging to his homeland and nation.
4. Freeing the individual from the deposits (aftermath) of the periods of declines and despairs , with all that was widespread then - such as superstition, stagnancy, passivism and dependence - and deepening his understanding of his current period as well as providing the necessary means to develop the mentality of programming, planning and creativity.
5. Training the individual so as to enable him to participate in the revival of society and its development rather than being dependent on it.

#### **3.2 The Family**

The family is the first social institution in which the individual starts life and derives his moral values. Hence, the **RPP - IMVURA** programme seeks to protect the family and strengthen the bonds between its

members and focus the efforts to support it so that it fulfil its role as the flowing source that supplies society with good individuals that are able to build good society and a developed life.

This will be carried through the following.

1. Promoting good values and morals in the family and strengthening the pillars of affection, mercy, solidarity and justice among its members and building the family on the basis of consent, choice and consultation and entrenching the values of the family.
2. Protecting the cohesion of the family as a basis for social cohesion and protection of society from disintegration so that the individual is given the opportunity to grow in a balanced manner in a secure environment.
3. Provision of all the conditions that ensure the protection of the family from corruption, as well as relevant support for the family should it increase in size or require such support for any other reason. In so doing the principle of social solidarity is fulfilled.
4. Promoting the role of the family within the education system as well as educating the parents in the importance of this role. Implementing the plans and programmes which support their nurturing and developmental role in preparing their children according to the guidance of the social and cultural values of Rwanda.
5. Strengthening the relationship between the family and the school, as well as the rest of society with all its institutions, ensuring the complementary roles of all concerned in providing the appropriate environment which enables the good upbringing of children and their protection from going astray.
6. Criminalising early marriage, forced marriage, human trafficking and as well as practising Female Genital Maturations (GTM) on the Rwandan territory.
7. Give due importance to the programmes of home economics and training of families to enable them to carry out their roles towards their families by better upbringing of children as well as participation in shouldering other family responsibilities, such as increasing family income.
8. Promoting the widespread adoption of the programmes of income-generating families and transforming the homes to centres of production to increase household income.
9. Protection and welfare of mother-and-baby and the provision of adequate means to ensure the safe growth and development of the child.

### **3.3 The Society**

The strength of a society and its effectiveness in affecting change towards reform and realisation of desired revival depends on the soundness of the individual and the development of his talents as well as the cohesion of the family and the effectiveness of its role. The existence of a social system, in which all its constituent parts work in a complementary and harmonious manner, within the principles and value system that motivate towards work and protects the balance of the individual and community, achieving the highest level of integration and harmony among members of society. This in turn makes society a solid structure that supports one another and one people that has a shared feeling uniting its constituents in happiness and sorrow.

The **RPP - IMVURA** works to mobilise society with the values of good and excellence, build its social structures and organisations, release all its energies and remove all obstacles from its way, whether psychological or material, so that it becomes a society that is supportive, shouldering its responsibilities, alert to its interest, ahead of the authorities in its initiatives, able to organise itself and defend its achievements and produce organisational structures and mechanisms that facilitate self-induced movement. A society in which the initiative of the individuals' and their contributions in all their societal activities form the most important social actions.

The existence of a society based on institutions and excellence and good values is the best guarantor of firm adherence to the democratic values and widening popular participation and the best way to safeguard the process of development from being turned into an elitist monopoly at the expense of the wider sectors of the population.

Hence, our programme gives special priority to a number of issues, amongst which are the following:

1. Deep-rooting the culture values, its principles and rules within society, and establishing all society's structures and organisations on democratic basis.
2. Supporting the free development of popular forms of creating and enjoying culture, of cultural association and cultural life, recognising and enhancing their dynamic role in the formation of a national identity;
3. A Policy of cultural democracy which is a factor of individual, social and national emancipation, a factor of multi-faceted development of the individual and of society, as a powerful incentive to dialogue and national reconciliation among Rwandan.
4. Building up a progressive social consciousness which will uphold the humanistic values of Freedom, Equality, Tolerance, Solidarity, Democracy and Peace
5. Affirming society's Rwandan identity, defending it against all that threatens it by deepening its bases and protecting its constituents and entrenching the feeling of pride in it among all members of society.
6. Consolidating the foundations and pillars which realise the strength and coherence of the social fabric of Rwanda society so that all its social structures and institutions fit in with the legal and cultural ones.
7. Developing the organisational structures that are linked to the value system prevalent in society, so that awareness, education and moral motivators and legal controls together may work to fashion the social environment which facilitates the agreeable existence of members of society. This will also help release their talents, organise their efforts and support their personal and social endeavours.
8. Promoting high morals within society and spreading values of excellence within it and developing its noble traditions and values.
9. Protect general morals, fortify society against vice and rid it of all damaging practices or traditions and fighting all aspects of sectarian, xenophobic, corruption and incitement of genocide.
10. Achieve justice in society as the most important mean of protecting cohesion and balance of society.

11. Provision of welfare services which would secure, to all members of society, their right to medical care, education, security, shelter and livelihood, and in doing so realising an honourable standard of living on the basis of securing due rights and fulfilling obligations.
12. Consolidation of unity among members of society and strengthening social cohesion through common interest together with the bonds of neighbourhoods and kinship, and by doing so liberating society from the detested sectarianism conflicts which are tearing Rwanda and weakening its roots of unity and social solidarity.
13. Activating and strengthening society-based motivators which make society assume its unique responsibilities, and deepening its awareness of it and its consequences. Implanting the motivating values for work and production. Work is an assured right and a responsibility leading to a productive and self-sustaining society.
14. Deepening the values of cultures and promoting its wider practice in society, as well as ensuring a climate of political freedom enabling popular participation in development to take place.
15. Guaranteeing society's right to organise itself, and strengthening its institutions in all aspects of spiritual, cultural, social and economic activity. Providing the appropriate climate which enables the mechanisms of social solidarity to operate in an organised manner ensuring the mobilisation of society to achieve the necessary social transition and attaining the desired progress.
16. Adhering to the principle of social planning in order to avoid the negative results of random social development.

### **3.4 Healing old wounds and unite to build Rwanda of the future**

Rwanda is a country that has gone through great trauma, not just in the recent genocide but for the last 51 years of communal conflict. Its hidden killer today is HIV/AIDS, mainly caused by rape and sexual violent abuses during the last genocide, poverty and social deprivation. As a party, we do not believe Kagame and his RPF party are capable of resolving the greatest challenges of Rwanda and we do not believe he has any viable policy of national reconciliation that would unite the Rwandan people. The RPF and President Kagame have totally failed to address the current issues of national reconciliation of the Rwandan people and in fact are a hindrance to it. The **RPP - IMVURA** has a viable and verifiable policy of national reconciliation and the national unity of Rwanda as a nation.

The reconciliation of Rwanda is a blessing which should be bestowed on our people. We are obliged to protect such a historical achievement by entrenching the roots of unity and stopping in the way of any one's intent to spoil this achievement.

The **RPP - IMVURA** appreciates the enormity of the challenges inherited from the colonial past as well as the periods and decades of division, wars and genocides, all of which reinforce the backwardness which cannot be simply overcome in a short period of time with limited efforts based on minor corrective measures in the political institutions or changes of positions within the ruling establishment. What is needed, however,

is the interaction and participation of the whole population and all the popular forces, social and political, that are sincere and true to this country, through a programme that achieves a comprehensive revival based on firm principles which facilitate consensus and allow for the building of the individual, as the core of society, and activates and mobilises society by utilising all its powers to build **RWANDA**. A state based on justice, law and order. Such a programme requires strong will from people who must possess ability and integrity.

For this, the **RPP - IMVURA** puts forward a programme of action for reform and development representing a vision based on culture belief and governing guidance. This is because we realise that success of national reconciliation will not be the result of any programme that is not based on people's belief and noble values, or not taking account of their suffering and embodying their hopes and aspirations, while at the same time it should be centred on the realities and events of their experiences. As well as appreciating the networks of capacity, external and internal factors that influence the running of its affairs. A programme that appreciates the need for a gradual approach and recognition for the time factor in the plan for reform and changes that is desired in Rwanda. In addition, the modes of public administration defence and armed forces will be central to consolidating the national reconciliation process for all Rwandan people.

This is the **RPP – IMVURA** programme and direction to which we invite and to which we adhere. We will work to achieve it, through our participation in Government or in opposition, by working with all the political and popular forces in society.

The **RPP - IMVURA** believes that unity can be protected through the following:

1. The speedy removal of the remains of division where they exist within the laws, state apparatus and schools syllabi as well as public organisations associations and trades unions. The removal also of all the deformities which the periods of divisions and despairs have left behind.
2. A Policy of cultural democracy which is a factor of individual, social and national emancipation, a factor of multi-faceted development of the individual and of society, as a powerful incentive to dialogue and national reconciliation among Rwandan;
3. A physical education and sports policy viewed as a means of human enhancement and a factor of personality development and democratisation of social life;
4. A Policy to building up a progressive social consciousness which will uphold the humanistic values of Freedom, Equality, Tolerance, Solidarity, Democracy and Peace;
5. Deployment of the factors of capacity, internal and external as the only parameters guaranteeing the success of the national reconciliation and unite of Rwandan people.
6. The encouragement of forgiveness for the horrific crimes committed 16 years ago remains an important part of everyday life.
7. Provision – that ensures that Rwandan are forgiving on their own free will but not as the only option provided to them by the government
8. Making the Gacaca courts fairer, simpler and speedier by inserting additional legal talent to make them effective and ensure that the Gacaca courts can not be used for settling of personal vendettas within communities
9. Work to resolve the status of the Rwandan refugees and to facility their unconditional return and resettlement schemes in an organised environment.

10. A judiciary system-based safeguards which guarantee the neutrality of individuals
11. Provisions for fundamental right to habeas corpus, right to legal process and trial and compensation for damages suffered by the victims of crimes and judiciary errors.
12. Provisions of non-judiciary form of courts of resolving community conflicts.
13. Provision for community rehabilitation and gradual general amnesty for of all convicts over 65s
14. Provision of free education to all Rwandan mainly orphans, displaced children and children born of rape as result of genocide.
15. Provisions of economic support and empowerment of all Rwandan people affected by the war and genocide
16. Utilisation of the media, culture and education to affirm the meaning of unity and directing developmental programs to nurture its roots.
17. Reinforcing national unity as the only means to accomplish peace and stability and the building of a strong Rwandan in which all sections of society live in harmony.
18. A nation that is built on the inherited culture and language and history which makes it difficult for enemies to transgress against. Through this the concepts of justice and equality are re-enforced and balance within society is achieved.
19. A Public Administration geared toward development, and be decentralised, spatially distributed, de-bureaucratised, modern, efficient, and open, in close touch with the population and serving community interests. It shall operate with honesty, without bias, with fairness and impartiality, be held accountable for its operation, comply and enforce compliance with democratic laws.
20. The Armed Forces, loyal to the Constitution and to democratic values, will be fully dedicated to defending the nation's independence and sovereignty and the territory's integrity against all external threats.
21. Public security and order will be ensured by the State and guaranteed by adequately coordinated and organised forces and services which are non-partisan, institutionally controlled solely by national authorities, within the judiciary and under the Public Attorney, guided and trained to respect the Constitution, the law, the freedoms, rights, equality, security and peace of citizens.