

UNICEF Rwanda @ 40 | Call for Submissions: Pan-African Student Competition

Innovating for Every Child

Student Contributions to Children's Rights in Rwanda and Africa

Are you ready to make an impact on children?

UNICEF Rwanda, in collaboration with the Diplomatic Corps in Rwanda and universities, is looking for bold, creative, and practical solutions that can transform the lives of children in Rwanda and across Africa.

If you are a Bachelor's or Master's student studying in Rwanda and have an innovative, practical, creative, and evidence-informed solution that tackles today's challenges and creates opportunities for children facing multiple and overlapping disadvantages, we want to hear from you.

Why Rwanda, why Africa? Rwanda has emerged as a premier African education hub, hosting over 11,800 international students drawn from across the continent, driven by innovation and growing academic reputation. This concentration of continental talent presents a strategic opportunity: to engage African students not only as learners -but as advocates, researchers, innovators, and long-term 21st Century champions for children's rights.

Fields: Health and nutrition; education and skills; climate, agriculture, and children; child protection; innovation and technology; creative arts; community development; engineering and safe environments; biotechnology and health sciences; mathematics, statistics, and evidence.

Submit: An idea, project, prototype, campaign, research concept, video pitch, digital story, technology or AI concept, or social innovation model.

Format: Written submissions: maximum 1,000 words. Video, creative, technology, or prototype submissions: add a summary of up to 500 words.



Review focus: Innovation, evidence, feasibility, clarity, youth voice, inclusivity, and national, continental, and international relevance.

Rewards: Selected submissions will be presented to Ambassadors, policymakers, and UNICEF; be highlighted during World Children's Day on 20 November 2026; receive certificates and visibility; and gain access to mentorship, incubation support, policy platforms, and possible internships or structured learning opportunities.

From ideas to action: This call connects UNICEF Rwanda, the Diplomatic Corps, and universities in support of the Government of Rwanda's priorities, while positioning student solutions for learning and impact in Rwanda, across Africa, and through international child rights platforms.

**Think boldly. Act practically.
Shape a better future for children.**

Submit by 23:59 on 15 August 2026

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Full call and FAQ: www.unicef.org/rwanda

Questions on the call:

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