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RWANDA RECOGNIZED BY WORLD BANK GROUP AS TOP PERFORMER ON HUMAN CAPITAL INDEX

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KIGALI, Rwanda – The World Bank Group has rewarded Rwanda as a top performer on the expanded Human Capital Index Plus (HCI+), in recognition of the country's strong progress in building human capital relative to its income level.

The HCI+ measures how effectively countries build human capital through sustained investment in education, health, and employment, capturing both gains from these investments and losses when skills are not applied. Rwanda was selected for its outstanding performance compared to peers with similar income levels.

Rwanda achieved an HCI+ score of 157, surpassing both the Sub-Saharan Africa average (126) and the low-income country average (116). The country has demonstrated notable improvements in health and on-the-job learning since 2010, along with above-average education outcomes.

Key areas where Rwanda performed well include:

- ▶ **Survival to age 60:** 79% (above Sub-Saharan Africa average of 73.8%)
- ▶ **Reduction of stunting:** 70.2% probability of no stunting (above low-income average of 63.9%)
- ▶ **School quality (Harmonized Learning Outcomes):** 417 (well above regional average of 341 and low-income average of 342)
- ▶ **Tertiary completion ratio:** 22.8% (more than double the regional average of 10.5%)
- ▶ **Youth employment:** 55.8% of youth at work (above regional average of 50.8%)
- ▶ **Wage employment among youth:** 65.2% (significantly above regional average of 26.7%)
- ▶ **Adult wage employment:** 62.4% (more than double the regional average of 30.1%)

"This recognition from the World Bank Group reflects Rwanda's sustained commitment to investing in its people," said Yusuf Murangwa, the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning. "Our focus on health, quality education, and creating pathways to productive employment is delivering measurable results for Rwandans and the economy, and we are integrating sustainability into every sector to ensure these gains endure for decades to come."

The HCI+ expands on the original Human Capital Index by including higher education, labor market transition, and job quality, allowing countries to identify specific gaps and quantify how human development translates into economic outcomes.

While Rwanda's performance exceeds regional and income-level benchmarks, the country continues working toward the upper-middle income average of 2035.

About the Human Capital Index Plus (HCI+)

Launched by the World Bank Group, the HCI+ measures expected lifetime productivity based on education, health, and work experience. It tracks the likelihood that children born today will grow into healthy, educated, and productive adults.