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First Lady Jeannette Kagame (C) and Imbuto Foundation team received UNFPA Executive Director, Dr. Natalia Kanem (C)
Increasing access to information and services has the potential to empower young people, improve gender relations and eliminate gender based violence. UNFPA and Imbuto promised to work together to uncover factors behind adolescent pregnancy for tailored interventions including scaling up youth friendly health services.

*Interventions of the Imbuto Foundation on unintended adolescent pregnancy issue has enabled adolescent mothers to overcome stigma and discrimination, re-unite with their families among many achievements of the pilot project.*

UNFPA Executive Director Dr. Natalia Kanem meeting was a courtesy call to the First Lady of Rwanda Mrs Jeannette Kagame. She appreciated the Foundation’s work in nurturing and empowering young people, which have gained international recognition. Both officials cemented the partnership between the Imbuto Foundation and UNFPA.
Dr Natalia Kanem had the honor of visiting Kigali Genocide Memorial in Gisozi today, a place that preserves Rwanda’s history including its bitter past.

Established in 1999, Gisozi memorial center was officially inaugurated in 2004. The center holds a burial place where more than 250,000 bodies were buried.

The Museum at the center has three exhibitions. There is also a wall of names and a number of memorial gardens where each stands for certain values such as unity, protection among others.

Dr Kanem thanked the Ministry of health and the Government for inviting her to witness how the memorial serves as a place of peace.

“I find that there is a peaceful atmosphere in this place. Peace is the novel purpose of the United Nations, and as the United Nations we must come and visit and reconsider how we can play a role in the future to ensure that such atrocities never happen again anywhere in the world. The innocent lives that did not have a chance to blossom remind us that every human being is beautiful and valuable.”
Meeting between Right Honourable Mrs. Donatille MUKABALISA, Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies and Dr. Natalia Kanem, UNFPA Executive Director

The meeting was a courtesy call to the Right Honourable Speaker Chamber of Deputies.

The Speaker conveyed appreciation to the Dr Natalia Kanem for the choice of Rwanda to host the ICFP 2018 and commended the work UNFPA has provided to Members of Rwanda Parliament, to enact conducive laws especially supporting the advocacy role of the Members of the Rwanda Parliamentary Network on Population and Development.

Dr. Natalia appreciated discussions between Rwanda Members of Parliament around investment in family planning and demographic dividend. She emphasized the necessity to empower the Young Girl to allow her fulfill her dreams including that of becoming a Speaker by keeping her at school, avoiding child marriage, and providing her a bright future.

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