

Ex-Combatants Attend Half-Year Skills Training

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Over one hundred ex-combatants have been offered the opportunity to acquire skills in various domains.

According to Rwanda Demobilisation and Reintegration Commission (RDRC) officials, two vocational institutions were contracted to carryout the training. The Chairperson of RDRC, John Sayinzoga aid on Wednesday that the trainings will take six months. The contracted vocational schools are Amizero Training Centre in Kayonza District, Eastern Province and Gako Organic Farming in Kicukiro District, Kigali City. Whereas Amizero Training Centre will train the beneficiaries in tiling, plumbing, welding and fabrication, bricklaying and plastering, electronics, carpentry and hotel operations, Gako Organic Farming will train them in modern crop farming and zero grazing practises.

"It is through vocational training that ex-soldiers can be able to transform their social welfare," Sayinzoga said.

Sayinzoga, who was speaking at the launch of one of the training sessions at Amizero Training Centre in Kayonza, said: "Follow attentively what instructors teach you to graduate with the necessary skills.

He added: "it is your technical performance that will demonstrate your practical competence."

A hundred ex-combatants are training at Amizero whereas thirty are at Gako but it was not possible to establish the cost of the two training sessions immediately.

But the proprietor of Amizero Training Centre, John Bideri, promised to get the best out of the limited training facilities.

"Having turned this country what it is toady, they merit this training opportunity," Bideri said.

After the function at Amizero, Sayinzoga, accompanied by other RDRC officials, also opened related training at Gako Organic Farming.

Richard Munyerango, the proprietor of Gako Organic Farming, said: "I am happy that demobilised soldiers are offered the opportunity to benefit from modern agriculture trainings we provide to other members of our society. They equally have full rights to benefit." Also present at the function was the Belgian Ambassador to Rwanda, Francois Roux, who also said that that vocational training is essential in human development.