



Empowering Women Storytellers

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REGIONAL HUB:	Eastern Africa
CULTURAL SECTOR(S):	Performing Arts, storytelling
BENEFICIARY (IES):	Illume Creative Studio
COUNTRIES COVERED BY THE ACTION:	Rwanda
PROJECT DURATION:	03/2023 – 01/2024 (11 months)
BUDGET:	EUR 90 000 – EU FUNDING: EUR 90 000 (100 %)
WEBSITE:	N/A

The **'Empowering Women Storytellers'** project aims to strengthen capacities and create platforms for African female storytellers, primarily in Rwanda.

In this context, monthly workshops, masterclasses, and portfolio reviews were conducted by experienced African professionals, providing a transfer of practical skills and knowledge.

The beneficiaries were 60 female storytellers, aged 20 to 50, including photographers, videographers, filmmakers, designers, writers, and producers, with a particular focus on the inclusion of marginalized groups such as LGBTQ participants and individuals with disabilities.

A database of Rwandan creators was established, including a directory and access to resources such as grants and digital exhibitions.

Additionally, networking for creative professionals was facilitated by connecting them with organizations and individuals offering employment opportunities. This created income-generating opportunities for the target group of Rwandan female creatives.

Finally, the project included the creation of a digital community through social media, event promotion, and showcasing the work of individual storytellers involved in the programme.

