

# VOA Broadcasting to Central Africa

The Great Lakes region of Africa is the place where the last known genocide in human history took place in 1994. Since then the region has been torn by years of ethnic and political strife. VOA Kirundi/Kinyarwanda is a balancing medium that sets the standards of impartial and comprehensive reporting, promotes democratic values and fosters civil dialogue and reconciliation between political stakeholders. Through the Kirundi/Kinyarwanda language service, the people of the United States speak directly to the citizens of the African Great Lakes region.

## Quick Facts

<b>Established:</b>	July 1996
<b>Target Areas:</b>	Rwanda, Burundi, Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, Southern Uganda, Northwest Tanzania
<b>Weekly Audience:</b>	Burundi 57%, Rwanda 46%
<b>Radio Programming:</b>	21.35 hours per week

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## Programs and Features

**Murisanga (Call-in Program)** - One-hour Program M-Su engages audiences on issues of peaceful cohabitation and political tolerance, combating hate speech and dissipating disinformation, especially among the younger audience that heavily relies on social media.

**Dusangire Ijambo (Panel Discussion)** – Weekly program that seeks insights from scholars, government officials and civil society leaders on major issues of the day in the Great Lakes region, Africa and the world.

**Iwanyu mu Ntara (Burundi From the Provinces)** – In-depth coverage with reports and features from the 18 provinces of Burundi, 4 provinces of Rwanda, and the 4 major refugee camps hosting Burundians in Tanzania, DRC, Rwanda and Uganda. Locally-based stringers visit regular folks in their own communities and report on their daily lives in their own voices.

**Amakuru (News)** – Three 30-minute segments daily about local, regional and world news, with analysis and perspectives.

**Ejo (Tomorrow)** – A 30-minute weekly youth program from Rwanda that focuses on youth entrepreneurship and promotes the culture of civil discourse, unity and reconciliation among the youth in the Great Lakes region.

**Americana** - Tells American stories from U.S. history, politics, cultural and scientific heritage, and presents the American perspective on world issues.

**Music** – This is a 30-minute weekly segment of listeners' music requests, and highlights of local, regional and international hits.

**VOA60Afurika** - A one-minute roundup video of Africa's top stories each day. It is published online and distributed by Hooza, a Rwanda-based online media outlet.