

LWD JANUARY NEWSLETTER

A Month of Reflection, Strategy, and Celebration



We start January, gathered at our new LWD office for a powerful two-day retreat workshop to kick start 2025 with energy and purpose. The workshop was a blend of reflection and strategic planning, where we celebrated last year's achievements

And set the stage for impactful initiatives this year. From brainstorming sessions to mapping out innovative ideas, the retreat fostered collaboration and renewed our collective commitment to growth. We are excited about what lies ahead and look forward to achieving even more together!



On 15 January, we honored to participate in an insightful introductory meeting hosted by Emilie Fernandez, the new Country Director of Plan Rwanda. LWD's Executive Director, who represented our organization, attended the meeting and actively contributed to the discussions.

The meeting brought together local partners, including LWD, for in-depth discussions about impactful programs across communities. Together, we explored strategies for strengthening future partnerships and driving lasting change to empower children, girls, and youth.

We are excited about the opportunities ahead and the potential for deeper collaboration



On 16 January, the energy was palpable as we convened at LWD HQ to map out strategies for 2025. With a sharp focus on enhancing monitoring and evaluation tools, refining partnership plans, and aligning every detail for impactful outcomes.

The day was a testament to our commitment to excellence. Our team is more inspired than ever to make this year a success and we cannot wait to see the positive impact of our efforts.



RWANDA HEROES RACE 2025

LWD Cycling Team Marks First Appearance with big Victory. On 18 January, 2025 Excitement was in the air as we participated in the Heroes Cycling Race, celebrating the success of our participants from the #Bike4Future program. The event was a true testament to the power of sports in driving change. Together with Plan Rwanda and Plan Belgique, we witnessed thrilling performances and inspiring moments as our cyclists highlighted their hard work, determination, and passion. The race symbolized more than just a competition—it was a journey toward empowerment and brighter futures.

Our team brought unparalleled energy to the race, with five exceptional girls leading the charge. Among them was our young star, Amina, whose determination and skill captured the hearts of everyone. Amina's strength and strategy shone through as she secured an impressive second place a monumental achievement for her and the team.



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YOUTH RACING CUP 2025

WAS BEST WAY TO END OUR JANUARY

LWD cycling team took to the tracks to display their skills and passion for cycling. This was first round of the Youth Racing Cup 2025 it was a good start with three of our female riders achieving podium finishes in their respective categories.

Amina's Historic Start Wins First Stage on Youth Racing Cup's opening day for the first time!

In the **U17 Cadets category**, **Amina** continued to prove her dominance by claiming **first place**, adding yet another victory to her cycling career. In the **U13 Benjamins category**, debutant **Gwiza** delivered an impressive performance, securing **second place** in her very first race in this category. Meanwhile, in the **U15 Minimes category**, **Emeline** displayed consistency and skill, also earning a spot on the podium.

The event was filled with thrilling performances, cheers, and a strong sense of camaraderie. It was heartwarming to see the community come together to support youth empowerment through sports. We are proud of our team and grateful to Plan Rwanda and Plan Belgique for making this event a success.



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New Shipment from Bikes for the World!

On 26 January we were excited to share the successful offloading of a new container of bicycles from Bikes for the World in Rwamagana. This marks another significant step in our mission to empower communities through sustainable mobility. The shipment, which involved meticulous

Planning and teamwork, will go a long way in supporting our programs and providing valuable opportunities for youth and community members. Stay tuned for more updates as these bicycles hit the ground to make a meaningful impact!



Thank you for being part of our journey. Stay connected with us for more updates as we continue to empower communities and drive meaningful change throughout 2025