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Brother Jean Népomucène Bigirimana
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Dear Brother Bigirimana

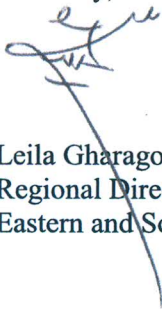
Thank you for your invitation to the Ubuntu Center activities in Rumonge. I was met with a very warm welcome and the unique hospitality of staff, youth, and communities touched me.

The time spent there allowed me to interact with the staff and youth. I enjoyed the testimonies, singing and dancing and was impressed by the enthusiasm of the youth and the professionalism of the staff.

Please convey my deep appreciation to the Ubuntu staff and youth as well as the local communities for the excellent work they are doing. It is my hope that their partnership with UNICEF, which started two years ago, will grow stronger thus contributing to the empowerment and wellbeing of youth.

As I look forward to my next visit to Burundi, rest assured of UNICEF's full commitment to continue supporting the Ubuntu Center and its partnership with local communities so that they engage into a constructive and peaceful transformation of the country.

Sincerely,



Leila Gharagozloo-Pakkala
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