**Initial Teacher Education at Higher Education Institutions**

**Sites of data collection:**

1. Urban - Western Province, Gacuba TTC Primary (Cert Ed)  
2. Rural - South – Gitwe: BA / Bsc / Diploma (religious)  
3. Rural - Eastern Province, Rukara Lower secondary (Diploma)  
4.Urban - Capital Kigali - B. Ed UR-CE Secondary

**ITE 1 - Gacuba TTC Primary -** Urban - Western Province, Gacuba TTC Primary (Cert Ed)

ITE 1 is a government-owned Teacher Training College (TTC), located in an urban area in the

Western Province. The college trains teachers to teach at primary school level. The current

student population is 395 student teachers (221 female, and 174 male) and number of teaching

staff is 18 (4 female and 14 male). The male college principal has been in the position for more

than 12 years at this TTC. The college has boarding facilities, meaning that students live on

campus. The school buildings are relatively in good shape; there is a college library and a computer lab

with a few computers, though it is not proportional to the number of students. The college also

has a science laboratory which is not well-equipped.

**ITE 2 – Gitwe** – Rural - South – Gitwe: BA / Bsc / Diploma (religious)

ITE 2 is a college with a university status, meaning that students graduate with a university degree

in Education. The college is part of a larger university established in 1993 to address the issue of

lack of higher learning institutions in the surrounding region. ITE is located in the Southern

Province and is a private institution run by the Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

The college was undergoing construction and does not have a complete fence. It has more than

5 large classrooms that can accommodate 100 students each in addition to other, smaller

classrooms; there is also a large library with digital and Internet facilities. There are play areas for

volleyball, basketball and football. The college has a small laboratory for medical students and

education final year students who come there only during weekend.

**ITE 3 - Rukara Lower secondary TTC -** Rural - Eastern Province, Rukara Lower secondary (Diploma),

ITE 3 is a government owned Teacher Training College (TTC) located in Eastern Province in a semi urban area. The TTC trains teachers to teach at Primary school level, and is made up of 3 year levels of study, namely year 1, 2 & 3. The College was founded in 1998 and currently has a total number of 582 student-teachers, with 257 males and 325 females. There are 22 teaching staff (12 males and 10 females).

The office buildings are in good condition and are fully operational, offices are equipped with

computers and there is a computer laboratory with 46 desktop computers for students to use,

although there is no Internet connectivity. The ITE has an HIV/AIDS club and there are messages

posted about HIV/AIDS prevention and harmonious living.

**ITE 4 (UR-CE)** – Urban - Capital Kigali - B. Ed UR-CE Secondary

This is a government owned ITE with a university status, meaning the students trained here

graduate with a university degree and will teach at secondary level, primarily upper secondary.

The college also trains instructors for teacher training colleges and has programs for Early

Childhood Education, postgraduate diploma and Master’s degrees in various educational fields.

The college is based in Kigali City, but serves students from all provinces. Some of the students

stay on campus, but the majority of students reside off campus. ITE 4 sits on a large campus and

has modern buildings, many computer labs, science laboratories and a fairly large library. The

college has a total number of 4,368 students, of these 3,023 are male and 1,345 are female.