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## Women for Women Strengthens Women's Cause

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The President and Chief Executive Officer of Women for Women International, Zainab Selby, has described Rwanda as a country of inspiration to the rest of the world in the struggle for peace and stability.

Women for Women International is a Non-Governmental Organisation that mobilises women to change their lives by bringing a holistic approach to addressing the unique needs of women in conflict and post-conflict countries.

Speaking to the Press shortly after meeting President Paul Kagame at Village Urugwiro on April 19, Selby said that she was impressed with the actions the government had taken in uplifting the social welfare of women and the entire population.

"This is an example to the world. The government has done so many wonderful things for the country that we people from other countries want to learn from this country. We were actually seeking advice from the President on how all this has been achieved," she said.

Selby said that Women for Women International has a vision to promote the Rwandan women in bringing resources and opportunities in their midst, given their long journey from the 1994 Genocide. She added that, despite the tragedies that befell the country, Rwandan women had stood on their feet in promoting unity and reconciliation.

Selby also revealed that her organisation would now focus on bringing forth economic opportunities and jobs for the women by enhancing agricultural products like honey harvesting and parking.

Citing progress already registered in the Peace Baskets Project, Selby said that soon international markets would be found where Rwandan women can easily access buyers for their products. She added that the organisation continues with the search for potential investors to amass wealth in Rwanda to benefit the rural woman.

The NGO's activities focus mainly on young women who are 18 years and above by providing employment and providing education for them, she said.

Selby was accompanied by a delegation of women from several countries, including United States of America, United Kingdom, Afghanistan and Kosovo.

Women for Women International is dedicated to financial, educational and interpersonal support for women survivors of war, poverty and injustice.

The organisation has been working in Rwanda since 1997 with about 10,000 women in the country.

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