

The national poverty rate declined significantly from an estimated 39.8% in 2017 to 27.4% in 2024.

This represents a reduction of 12.4 percentage points suggesting substantial progress in poverty alleviation over the seven-year period.

In count terms, approximately 1.5 million Rwandans came out poverty in the last 7 years between 2017 and 2024, averaging 214,000 individuals emerging from poverty each year.

As far as social protection is concerned, The EICV provides information about population groups seen as potentially vulnerable, such as the young, elderly, disabled, orphaned, and female-headed households.

The VUP survey data revealed that the number of VUP beneficiaries is around 410,000. While males make up 47.9% of the total population, but only 26% of VUP beneficiaries, indicating a higher proportion of female beneficiaries (74%). The largest share of VUP beneficiaries is under the NSDS program (28.8%), followed by Direct Support (22.7%), and Classic Public Works (22.5%). While the national poverty rate is 27.4%, the poverty rate among VUP beneficiaries is 40.5%.

TABLE: Credits, Savings and Transfers in Rwanda

Indicator	RHHS 2019/2020
	HH currently has outstanding loan(s) 54.7
Percentage (%) of households with credit, currently or in last 12 months prior to the survey interview	HH borrowed in last 12 months - all repaid 17.5
	No loan-did not request 26.7
	Requested loan-refused 1.1
	Commercial Bank 4.8
	Borrowed from relative 53.1
	Credit cooperative 3.5
Percentage (%) of households with credit from various sources	Tontine 53.4
	Informal lenders 5.5

Microfinance		2.4	
VUP financial serviceLoan		1.6	
Ubudehe loan		0.6	
SACCOs		6.3	
Employer loan		0.5	
Other		2.7	
	All Rwanda		33.3
Percentage (%) of population aged 18+ years with a bank account, and by sex	Sex	<i>Male</i>	41.1
		<i>Female</i>	26.7
Percentage (%) of households with at least one person having a bank account	All Rwanda		58.9
		% of households sending transfers to another household	92.8
Percentage (%) of households sending transfers to another household, by transfer type	Types of sent transfer	<i>Cash</i>	51.2
		<i>Food</i>	92.4
		<i>Other in-kind</i>	60.3
Percentage (%) of households receiving transfers from another household		% of households receiving transfers from another household	95.4
	Types of received transfer	<i>Cash</i>	61.0

<i>Food</i>	93.6
<i>Other in-kind</i>	63.4

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Data source

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