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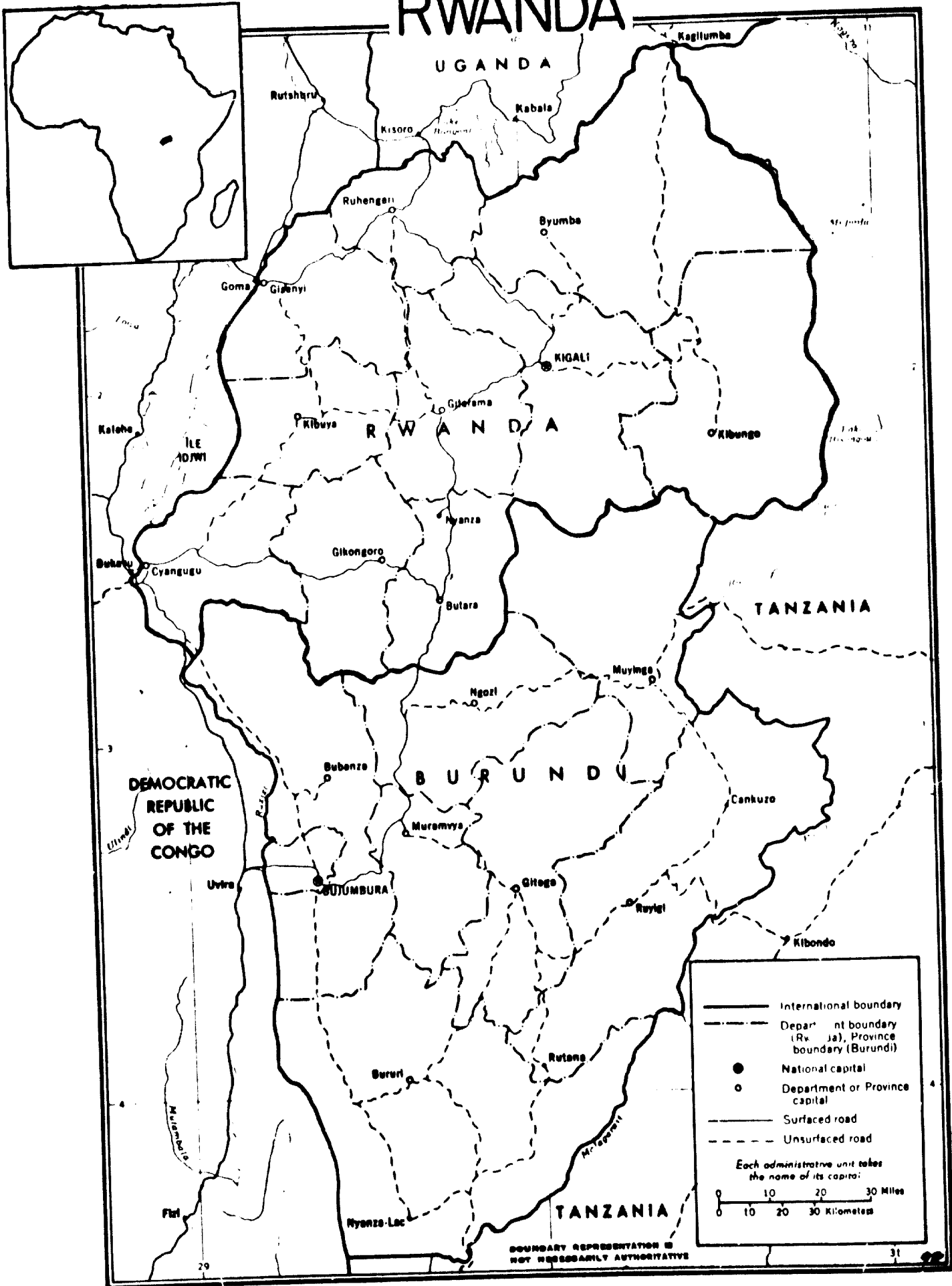
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# RWANDA



ECONOMIC BACKGROUND HIGHLIGHTS

A. THE COUNTRY AND ITS PEOPLE

1) ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY:

- a) AREA: 10,166 sq. miles (26,330 sq. km.)
- b) GEOGRAPHY AND CLIMATE: Rwanda has Uganda to the north, Tanzania to the east, Congo Kinshasa to the West and Burundi to the South. The climate is equatorial but considerably moderated by the altitude. The average temperature is 19°C. There are two dry seasons: January to February and June to September. Two wet seasons from March to May and October to December.
- c) POPULATION: 3,380,000 at the end of 1968 with rate of growth of 3%.
- d) LANGUAGES: The national language is Kinyarwanda. It is also the official language with French. English is used in trade.
- e) MAIN CENTRES: The main towns are:  
Kigali 26,000 (Capital)  
Butare: 8,700
- f) TRANSPORT FACILITIES: - Roads and tracks 3400 miles.
  - No railway.
  - With no outlet to the sea Rwanda depends on the ports of neighbouring countries; via Mombassa in Kenya and Dar-es-salaam in Tanzania and on the Atlantic side, Matadi in Congo Kinshasa. Lake transport links the Rwandan and Congolese ports on lake Kivu.
  - There are two international airports Kigali-Kanombe and Kamembe on the shore of lake Kivu.

2) POLITICAL STATUS AND GOVERNMENT

STRUCTURE IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD: In 1962: the proclamation of independence and admission into UN.

In January 1964: the end of the economic and monetary union with Burundi.

Rwanda is a member of the OAU and of OCAM. It is one of the African Associated States to the EEC.

The ministries in the economic field are:

Ministry of Works and Power

Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock

Ministry of Finance

Ministry of Commerce, Mines and Industry

Secretary of State for Planning.

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B. BASIC ECONOMIC DATA

1) ECONOMIC INDICATORS:

a) NATIONAL CURRENCY: The Rwandese Franc (RF) equals US\$ 0.01 since April 1965 and US\$ 0.02 before that.

b) GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT: 1966

Per Capita: RF 4,000 (US\$ 40) at current prices

Primary Sector: 69% at 1959 prices

Secondary Sector: 16% "

Transport, Trade, Services: 15% "

4.1% at constant prices (1959-66)

c) PER CAPITA INCOME: US\$ 38 (1963)

d) CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: April 1965 = 100 "Low Income"

<u>December 1965</u>	<u>December 1966</u>	<u>December 1967</u>
169	145	146

e) BALANCE OF PAYMENTS:

US\$ Million  
1967

Total Exports	14.8	
Total Imports	<u>-17.0</u>	
Trade Balance		-2.2
Services	<u>- 3.9</u>	
Total		-6.1
Investment Income	<u>0.1</u>	
Balance of Current Account		<u>-6.0</u>
Official and Private trans- fers	6.1	
Non-monetary Capital (net)	0.2	
Errors and Omissions	1.5	
Monetary Capital	<u>-1.8</u>	6.0
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2) NATURAL RESOURCES: - The economy is agricultural, mainly at subsistence level. Coffee, cotton and pyrethrum are the principal crops.  
- Livestock is widely raised and hides and skins are exported.  
- Minerals include cassiterite (tin ore) and some gold, tantalite, wolfram and beryl.

3) LABOUR FORCE: The total employment in 1966 are 77,088. 45% in the public service, 11% in agriculture and 18% in mining.  
65% of the labour force is in agriculture.

4) MAIN INDUSTRIES: The main industries are:

Food: Coffee factories - tea factories - flour mill - dairy and brewery.

Textiles: Garment factory - blanket weaving factory.

Chemicals: Soap works - laboratory of pharmaceutical products - a paint factory.

Building: Cement works - numerous brick and tile works - carpentry workshops.

Various: Printing presses - transistor assembly - suitcase factory - plastic sandals and cigars.



## D. FOREIGN TRADE DATA

1) FOREIGN TRADE BALANCE: (in thousands of U.S. dollars)

<u>Exports</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
<u>EUROPE</u>					
E.E.C. countries	2,867	4,166	5,880	4,317	4,227
Great Britain	4	425	255	365	87
Switzerland	1	1	2	13	1
Sweden	-	-	114	118	-
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>2,872</u></b>	<b><u>4,591</u></b>	<b><u>6,251</u></b>	<b><u>4,813</u></b>	<b><u>4,315</u></b>
<u>NORTH AMERICA</u>					
United States	408	6,106	6,697	6,295	6,769
Canada	-	-	53	2	-
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>408</u></b>	<b><u>6,106</u></b>	<b><u>6,750</u></b>	<b><u>6,297</u></b>	<b><u>6,769</u></b>
<u>AFRICA</u>					
Congo (Dem. Rep.)	110	310	282	184	109
Burundi	-	197	116	84	215
Uganda	20	29	86	146	280
Kenya	158	89	26	3	-
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>288</u></b>	<b><u>625</u></b>	<b><u>510</u></b>	<b><u>417</u></b>	<b><u>604</u></b>
<u>ASIA</u>					
Japan	-	-	-	-	181
Others	2	229	138	211	13
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>229</u></b>	<b><u>138</u></b>	<b><u>211</u></b>	<b><u>194</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>3,570</u></b>	<b><u>11,551</u></b>	<b><u>13,649</u></b>	<b><u>11,738</u></b>	<b><u>11,882</u></b>
<u>Imports</u>					
Belgium + Luxemburg	1,164	3,022	5,483	5,615	4,580
Germany	253	872	2,342	1,987	1,430
France	124	322	516	446	949
Italy	45	104	284	228	168
Netherlands	58	285	748	454	244
<b>Total E.E.C.</b>	<b><u>1,644</u></b>	<b><u>4,605</u></b>	<b><u>9,373</u></b>	<b><u>8,730</u></b>	<b><u>7,371</u></b>
Great Britain	197	462	888	914	610
Sweden	-	67	398	146	136
Norway	10	16	17	003	24
USA	57	231	932	1,315	1,041
Canada	-	90	211	155	15
Uganda	917	1,409	3,553	2,846	2,002
Kenya	642	551	849	682	329
Tanzania	49	146	547	293	136
Congo (Kinshasa)	567	619	425	276	117
Burundi	-	1,802	1,163	537	635
Iran	208	191	55	64	98
Japan	107	781	925	2,192	2,088
Pakistan	-	27	103	229	151
Taiwan	-	16	29	86	20
Hong-Kong	-	204	384	245	270
Rest of the world	445	791	1,091	1,760	807
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b><u>3,199</u></b>	<b><u>7,403</u></b>	<b><u>11,570</u></b>	<b><u>11,743</u></b>	<b><u>8,469</u></b>
<b>GENERAL TOTAL</b>	<b><u>4,843</u></b>	<b><u>12,008</u></b>	<b><u>20,943</u></b>	<b><u>20,473</u></b>	<b><u>15,840</u></b>



2) VALUE OF IMPORTS; MAIN PRODUCTS: ( in thousands of U.S. dollars)

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1967</u> %
Cereals	24	183	284	337	39	-
Flour	47	282	641	937	373	2
Fats and Oils	404	382	445	386	239	2
Beverages	36	239	240	206	136	1
Cement	74	505	737	539	492	3
Fuel	733	917	1,382	1,398	893	6
Cotton + Cotton Prod.	52	1,221	1,016	1,508	533	3
Synthetic Textiles	161	845	912	1,402	1,167	7
Iron and Steel	178	761	1,107	1,452	927	6
Tools	62	283	974	683	411	3
Mechanical Equipment	376	605	1,463	1,915	1,023	7
Electrical Equipment	247	383	1,586	737	480	3
Vehicles	440	1,025	2,696	1,947	1,706	11
Other	2,009	4,277	7,460	7,026	7,421	46
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>4,843</u> =====	<u>12,008</u> =====	<u>20,943</u> =====	<u>20,473</u> =====	<u>15,840</u> =====	<u>100</u> ===

3) VALUE OF EXPORTS; MAIN PRODUCTS: ( in thousands of U.S. dollars)

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1967</u> Value in %
Cassiterite	2,814	4,073	5,060	3,739	3,082	26
Coffee	423	6,287	7,353	6,566	7,306	61
Tea	3	204	222	258	139	1
Pyrethrum	153	254	111	241	224	2
Beer	64	183	14	001	-	-
Other	113	550	889	933	1,131	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>3,570</u> =====	<u>11,551</u> =====	<u>13,649</u> =====	<u>11,738</u> =====	<u>11,882</u> =====	<u>100</u> =====





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