

# EcoCash Burundi: Mobile Money for Financial Inclusion

Digital Inclusion · Good practice · Burundi

Quality score: 88/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

## Summary

After Econet Wireless Burundi launched its EcoCash mobile wallet, mobile money overtook bank accounts as Burundians' main financial channel in a country where only 7-12% of adults held a bank account, though a 2023 government account freeze exposed the risks of relying on it.

## Key dimensions

| Dimension                | Score |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Innovation level         | 2/5   |
| Sustainability (ongoing) | 1/1   |
| Evaluation evidence      | 1/1   |
| Demonstrated reach       | 1/1   |
| Documented learning      | 1/1   |

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## Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-15

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