**KIRUNDI PHRASES**

***General Phrases***

* Oya - no
* Ego - yes
* Ingo - come!
* Cane - much, many, a lot, very (Ndashonje cane - I'm very hungry)
* Gose (gose cane) - many, much (stronger than cane)
* Buhorobuhoro/bukebuke - slowly
* Mpore! - attention!
* Bangwe! - stop!
* Kira! - Bless you!
* Kaze! - welcome! (often used "Karibu!" - swahili expression)
* Amahera/amafranga - money
* Sindabizi - I don't know
* Ndibaza - maybe
* Neza - good
* Imodoka - a car

***Greetings***

* Bwakeye / Mwaramutse - hello, good morning!
* Mwiriwe - good afternoon/evening
* Ijoro ryiza - good night
* Turabonaye / Nakagaruka - see you later
* N'agasaga - see you, good bye
* Urakomeye? - how are you? (reply: ego/ndakomeye = I'm well)
* Amakuru? - What's news?
* Amahoro - peace, widely used as greetins (reply: n'amahoro)
* Genda n'amahoro - go (be) in peace
* Urugendo gwiza! - Have a good journey!

***Expressing gratitude***

* Urakoze - thank you (addressing one person), murakoze (more than 1 person)
* Urakoze cane - Thank you very much

***Other useful expressions***

* canke - or
* hehe? - where?
* aha - here (Ni aha - It's here)
* kuki? - why?
* kuko - because
* ninde? - who?
* ryari? - when?
* canecane - particularly, especially
* ejo - tomorrow, yesterday (depends on the context)
* vuba - soon
* Amahera angahe? - How much does it cost?
* Jewe nitwa - my name is
* Ndashonje - I'm hungry
* Ndanezerewe - I'm not happy
* Ndihuta - I'm in hurry
* Mfise itiro - I'm tired/I want to sleep
* Ndarushe - I'm tired
* Ndarwaye - I'm sick/ill
* Nta mahera nsigaranye - I haven't got any money
* Ntabara - Help!
* Ndaje - I'm coming!
* Ndashaka - I want/I would like
* Mpa... - give me...
* Urabesha, arabesha - you lie, he/she lies
* Ikitabu - a book
* Ishule - school
* Isoko - market
* Itabi - tobacco, cigarettes
* Ingoma - a drum/a kingdom

***Food***

* umukate - bread (Swahili)
* muceri - rice
* ibiraya - potatoes
* amata - milk
* amavuta - butter, cooking oil
* inyama - meat
* inkoko - chicken
* amagi - eggs (sing. igi)
* ivyema - peanuts
* urubu - yoghurt
* ubuki - honey
* ifu - flour

***Fruits***

* ivyamwa - fruits
* igisaga - bananas (sweet)
* inanasi - pineapple
* umucungwa - orange
* itunda (pl. amatunda) - "Japanese" fruit (fruit de Japon)
* ivoka (pl. amavoka) - avocado

***Vegetables***

* imboga - vegetables
* ibitoke - bananas (plantains)
* ibiharage - beans (sing. igiharage)
* ishu - cabagge
* umuhiti - cucumber
* isarata - salad
* inyanya/itomati - tomato

***Drinks***

* amazi - water
* inzoga – beer / used also for alcoholic drinks in general
* ikawa – coffee
* icayi – tea
* fanta - all sorts of fizzy drinks (coke, fanta, sprite,..)
* urwawa – banana wine
* impeke – sorghum beer (home made)
* kanyanga/rutuku – prohibited locally brewed spirit (made of manioc)
* umunanasi/umuraha – pineapple spirit

***Dishes, cuttlery***

* ikiyiko - spoon
* imbugita - knife
* ifurshet - fork
* isahan - plate/dish
* icupa - bottle
* urupfunguruzo - bottle opener
* ikirahuri - a glass

***Animals***

* inka - cow
* imfizi - bull
* ishuri - young bull
* impene - goat
* intama - sheep
* inkoko - hen, chicken
* ingona - crocodile
* imvubu - hippo
* akayabo - cat
* imbga - dog
* inkende - monkey
* isato - python

***Persons***

* jewe - me
* wewe - you
* twebwe - we
* izina (pl. amazina) - name
* umuntu (abantu) - a person
* umwana (abana) - child
* umugore (abagore) - woman
* umugabo (abagabo) - man
* umuhungu (abahangu) - boy
* umukobga (abakobga) - girl
* umuzungu (agazungu) - white man (a European)
* umuzungukazi - white woman
* umwirabure - an African (a black person)
* umwami (bami) - king
* umugenzi (abagenzi ) - friend
* umurimyi - a villager/a farmer
* umutama - old man/wise man
* umutamakazi - old/wise woman
* umushingantahe - a notable
* umwigisha - a teacher
* umwigishwa - a pupil/a student
* Imana - the God

***Landscape & weather***

* ikiyaga - lake
* umusozi (pl. imisozi) - mountain, hill
* urizi (inzuzi) - river
* ikibuye (ibibuye) - rock
* ibarabara - path/road
* izuba - Sun
* ukwezi - Moon
* imvura - rain
* ikivura - storm

***Numbers***

* igiharuro - number
* isinzi - a big number (10 000 etc.)

***1 - 10***

* 1 = rimwe kimwe umwe
* 2 = kabiri - bibiri - babiri
* 3 = gatatu - bitatu - batatu
* 4 = kane - bine - bane
* 5 = gatanu - bitanu - batanu
* 6 = gatandatu
* 7 = indwi
* 8 = umunani
* 9 = icenda
* 10 = icumi

***11 - 20***

* 11 = cumi nu rimwe
* 12 = cumi nu kabiri
* 13 = cumi nu gatatu
* 14 = cumi nu kane
* 15 = cumi nu gatanu
* 16 = cumi nu gatandatu
* 17 = cumi n'indwi
* 18 = cumi n'umunani
* 19 = cumi n'icenda
* 20 = mirong'ibiri
* 30 = mirong'itatu
* 40 = mirong'ine
* 50 = mirong'itanu
* 60 = mirong'itandatu
* 70 = mirong'indwi
* 80 = mirong'umunani
* 90 = mirong'icenda

***100 - 900***

* 100 = ijana
* 200 = amajana abiri (pl. "amajana")
* 300 = amajana atatu
* 400 = amajama ane
* 500 = amajama atanu
* 600 = amajama atandatu
* 700 = amajama indwi
* 800 = amajama umunani
* 900 = amajama icenda

***over 1000***

* 1000 = igihumbi
* 100,000 = iraqi/ilaki

***Days***

* kuwambere - Monday
* kuwakabiri - Tuesday
* kuwagatatu - Wednesday
* kuwakane - Thursday
* kuwagatanu - Friday
* kuwagatandatu - Saturday
* kuwamunga - Sunday (also used kuwa imana, i.e. God's day)

***Time***

* umwaka (pl. imyaka) - year
* uyu munsi - today
* ejo - yesterday, tomorrow (depends on context)
* ubu - now
* ubunyene - right now
* hanyuma - later, after
* buhoro - slowly
* vuba - soon (tuzobonana vuba - see you soon)
* umusi, kumurango - day
* mwijoro - night (Ijoro ryiza - good night)
* munkoko - morning, dawn
* umugoroba - evening (umugoroba mwiza = have a nice evening!)
* igicu - midnight
* isaha - hour, a watch

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