

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Schools continue as usual
- 11 students successfully complete secondary school
- Parents/Guardians are very grateful for the program and donors

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Grateful to be in School



Kwizera Chanella was admitted to the program this school year (2020-2021)

Children in BurundiKids Program are happy to receive school materials at the beginning of a school year. Many of their classmates struggle getting them, due to the rampant poverty their parents or guardians live in. As a consequence, they miss classes or sometimes are chased from school. Children and teens in the program receive all the books that their respective schools and classes require: pens, pencils, mathematical sets (for those who use them), one pair of school uni-

form and a school bag. They are happy to be part of HOPE family.



School bags equipped with books, pens, rulers, mathematical set, etc.

Preteens Graduating

Pre-teens happy to graduate towards upper class
Bye bye to the Kaki uniform. Now it will be blue and white or black and white.
Bye bye to shorts for boys, now they will be in trousers. A sign of becoming 'men'.
The pre-teens feel they have grown and for them it is an achievement to be proud of. But this comes with a big challenge ahead of them. Academically, they are called higher because from now on they will have many teachers

as there are subjects they will be studying while they were used to seeing only one or two teachers. Some of them fail to adapt to the new change and continue being playful. That is the reason why we took the opportunity to specifically address this issue and we are looking forward to good results as we continue monitoring, mentoring and coaching them.



Preteens were so excited to graduate to the upper class

Certification

This last school year (2019-2020), eleven (11) candidates got their certificates/diploma after successfully completing secondary school. It is always a joy for them, for their parents or guardians and even for HOPE to see them achieve that milestone in their lives. When we reflect back to where they came from (before being in the program) and look at them now, there is a lot to thank God and the donors who contributed to their education and their well-being.



Eleven candidates who received their certificates completing secondary school

Giving Back to the Community



Old students setting an example to the young



Some of the Old students who are always present to serve

Former BurundiKids Program beneficiaries express their gratitude by helping younger students who are currently in the program. Those youth that benefited from the program and who have finished secondary school while in the program, some of them cleared campus, others are in campus, some others got jobs. Even more some of them started their families. Every time we meet with children, a delegation of those who were once in BurundiKids Program is present mainly to encourage the young ones. At the opening of this school year, they decided to contribute towards school materials. They provided each students of secondary school with covers of copybooks which is a requirement for schools.

Another case is Vanilla. She was in the program for many years. Because of the support she got from HOPE, she cleared her secondary school, and in her daily life, she is involved in activities of helping children. This year she decided to give a gift of 2kgs of beans, 2 kgs of rice and 1kg of sugar to the best two students. One is Dorcas who performed well in class and the second is David who behaved well during the HOPE week.

We are very encouraged to see that the seed of love and care we are sowing in the hearts of children is germinating and growing.



Old student Vanilla serving David



Vanilla serving Dorcas

Parents Expressing their Gratitude

Parents are so grateful to see their children receive school materials. For them, it is a relief because whenever September approaches, it is a nightmare for them. It is a month they are supposed to take (or take back) their children to school, which means they must get school materials and school uniforms for them. They also need to figure out where to get school fees. Even if they get sponsorship for one child it is a great relief. Brigitte Grandmother of three children is so grateful to receive school materials for her grandchild. "You've just saved me", said Brigitte.



Brigitte



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Empowering Girls

In Burundi, anything related to sex is taboo. Talking about it is a taboo. Young girls depend on the information they get from their peers or for those who are lucky from school. Because of lack of the right information from their mothers or aunts, some young girls do not know how to handle their menstruation properly and hygienically. Besides some girls get involved in risky sexual behaviours resulting into undesired pregnancies or STDs. This is the reason why HOPE women volunteers took time discussing with girls in the program about what is menstruation, hygiene during

menstruation and avoiding risky sexual behaviours. Girls expressed the need of underwear and later each was given two. The goal of HOPE is that all the children and youth in the program to be well trained and informed in order to face this world with confidence.



Learning life skills



HOPE girls being taught

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Bringing hope, Changing lives

HOPE *worldwide* Burundi (HWWB) is a faith-based relief and development organization, and legally registered by the government of Burundi in 2005.

The organization was founded by the leadership of the church 'Eglise du Christ de Bujumbura'. HWWB works to improve the well-being of youth, women, orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) in Burundi by building the capacity of families and communities to cope and respond. HWWB is active in the fields of HIV prevention, education, nutrition, health, and fight against poverty to improve livelihood.



Table of Activities

Activity	Target Reach			Actual Reach		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
No. of Volunteers Mobilized	50	40	90	35	25	60
No. of coaches (teachers)	10	8	18	9	4	13
No. of Children that Receive:						
Nutrition support	90	110	200	75	85	160
Healthcare	90	110	200	75	85	160
Clothing and Bedding	20	20	40	18	15	33
Primary Education Support	30	40	70	30	20	50
Secondary Education Support	60	70	130	56	54	110
Higher Education Support	10	10	20	4	4	8
Psychosocial Support	90	110	200	81	75	160
Total families involved	157	157	314	157	157	314
Economically empowered families	20	60	80	15	45	60
Total Number of Children Supported	90	110	200	75	85	160

Agriculture

This past season was not very encouraging for a number of reasons. The rains were a lot to the point of destroying crops. The rains started from September last year went on up to June this year which disorganized the farmers on the season that was supposed to start in March. In addition, the current agricultural season that was supposed to start in September got affected

by the delay of rains. The other problem was related to Covid-19. It reduced the movement of farmers and even selling some agricultural products was not easy. But our farmers are not discouraged. They are excited to start this season and they hope in the future. The cow that gives them manure has now given birth and they are very excited. They are preparing to plant peas

some vegetables, millet as they continue with the plantation of potatoes.

