

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- We couldn't do it without the donors
- After hard work and belief, victory awaits
- Families that are farming are progressing well

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Yvan is always grateful for donors and HWWB

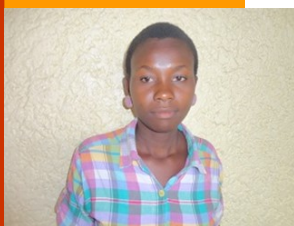


Yvan

Yvan, a 16-year-old boy, a student in Grade 8, is the eldest of a family of 5 children. He comes from a very demined family. At the age of 14, he developed cancer in one of his legs. As in Burundi there were no facilities for his treatment, he was forced to go to our neighbouring country, Rwanda, thanks to benefactors. He saw his leg cut off at the knee level. His parents could not provide him with adequate crutches except wooden ones in poor condi-

tion. As he grew up, his crutches became shorter and he had no choice but to adapt to them. His body was beginning to deform. As soon as he joined the HOPE program, it was noticed that he needed to get better crutches. When he heard that he was going to receive them, he couldn't believe his ears and when he tried them, he was speechless because of the joy he felt. He is also doing very well with his studies.

Ornella is very grateful and in tears as she graduates



Ornella Dushime in 2014



Ornella in 2020 at the graduation

The joy of a grandmother after her granddaughter cleared secondary school. When both the parents of Ornella died, she was very young: 5 years. She was put in care of her grandmother who truly struggled to raise her and her other young sister. When it was time for Ornella to be in secondary school, her grandmother was overwhelmed because she was not able to afford school fees and school materials. Even eating was a miracle. HOPE took Ornella in

the program and she worked hard and cleared her studies and now she is certified. Her grandmother is happy and grateful for the support she got from donors through HOPE.

During graduation, Ornella, remembering all what she received from HOPE, she was so emotional that she couldn't speak, only tears were a sign of her heartfelt gratitude. She says, "May God bless the donors so as



Emotional Ornella and her grandmother during graduation

to help many more needy.

Justine is very grateful to the donors

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Justine in a hospital for her nursing practical

When Justine finished her secondary school, she was not able to afford to further her studies due to poverty. The headteacher, Donatien, who is in good collaboration with our organisation, approached us so that we can support her. He knew how challenging it was for Justine to finish her secondary school because of her socio-economic background. She became one of the lucky girls to benefit from the sponsorship for higher education. In total we have eight. Now she graduated from a nursing institute (Université des Grands Lacs). She is so grateful for the opportunity offered to her and wants the donors to know that her life is transformed because of them. She now has hope in life and the secular world.



Justine during graduation together with her mother and neighbor

Effects of COVID-19 on the program



Driving in Bujumbura requires a lot of attention: Some people on bicycles hung on a trailer as others climb so as to get up the hills and home.

With Covid-19, HOPE program continues except that meeting students in groups is no longer possible. The government has not yet decreed confinement, or has not yet banned gatherings, but as HOPE, we have taken steps to protect children and protect ourselves.

The situation we are experiencing has made things worse economically for

families who were already impoverished. The government is preparing for the presidential and other elections to be held on 20 May 2020. The population is in fear for the virus and this prevents them from doing the normal daily business in order to fend for their families. As of 22nd May 2020, Confirmed Covid-19 cases are 11, of which active cases are 6.

We are taking all the precautions as directed by the government and its health professionals. We encourage students to stay at home as much as possible and to practice personal hygiene. Unfortunately classrooms are still congested as 3 or 4 students share one small desk as well as playing on the grounds as usual.

Getting school fees and materials is always challenging

The month of September is still a nightmare for majority of Burundian parents and students following the reopening of schools for a new school year. Few of them have sufficient school materials required by the school. When the school opened, the students of BurundiKids program were very happy to be able to go with all the necessary equipment. Despite the socio-economic situation of their families, they go to school with confidence knowing that they will not be expelled from school due to the lack or delay in paying of school fees.



Primary students receiving school materials



Secondary students receiving school materials

Agriculture

Muramvya's group is working hard and the members of this group are really happy with the results that come from their efforts. They greatly appreciate the support and follow-up they receive from HOPE and donors. Today, they have diversified the range of products of their crop: potatoes, corn and wheat.

The biggest innovation is that they have acquired a cow to reduce the cost of the manure they use. They have hope for the future.



Farming of potatoes



A cow that is being reared by the group



Farming of maize

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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