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### Your sponsorship for Françoise

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am glad to send you the 2022 end-of-year updates on SOS Children's village Gikongoro. Kindly, receive warm greetings from children and their caregivers. Can you guess about the first story? First of all, receive updates on your sponsored child.

Francoise likes to actively participate every time she is attending a party. Her friends always congratulate her for her dressing style. She feels comfortable when she wears dresses, sandals and sometimes sunglasses. Everyone is gazing at her.



A moment for a better life.

A girl's room.

As you may know, student drop-outs are now an old story thanks to the school feeding program supported by the village in the community.

However, until recently, it was still a challenge with teenage girls at school. 'We are glad that girls have all they need during their periods. They are no longer absent due to lack of hygienic materials', says the principal of a secondary school.

The concept of the girl's room is quite new in schools. Absenteeism during periods was a common reason for teenage girls. Hence, with your support, the village decided to provide a lasting solution through setting up a girl's room in schools.



A right session for a right cause.

'I used to miss class at list 3 days a month before my school got a girl's room. I feel now comfortable and I am proud that my performance is now high,' says Jeanne one of the students.

A girl's room has sanitary pads, towels, pain killers, beds, clean water, soaps, mattresses, bed sheets, bed covers, etc. Girls can rest until they feel better and resume class. Thank you for your support.

This year, SOS Children's Village Gikongoro supported nine schools. It is your credit that 552 teenage girls can regularly attend class.

With your support, other eleven schools can receive girl's rooms in the benefit of hundreds of teenage girls. Many thanks. I am sure you will enjoy to continue reading through the updates below.

A promising end

For many years, fighting unemployment among young people has become a priority in the village. All the graduates are eager to go for technical training that help them get jobs or be self-employed.

Do you want to hear how the village helps girls and boys who have grown up in the village to become self-reliant?

It is now time to hear from some of them. 'This is a business plan I have elaborated myself. I have understood well how to manage resources,' says Eric, a candidate for emancipation this year. 'This training organized by the village was very informative. I am glad that I am now competitive on the labor market', he adds on.

Thanks to the skills acquired from the trainings organised by the village. Carine has managed to set up a fashion show room. 'I now know how I can increase my profits. The secret is customer care and visibility', she says.

I wish you could hear Emmanuel, Eric, Carine and many others testifying how their business are flourishing.

With the support from the village, hundreds of young people have received start-up kits, training and starting capitals to make their projects sustainable. Thank you for making this happen!

With your continuous support, the village is ready to help many more SOS care leavers become successful adults. Thank you once again.

Yours sincerely,

Note that I have changed all the names in the text for data protection's sake.