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Dear **GÖTH Solutions Gmbh 0037393261**

I am delighted to send you warm greetings and End-of-Year report 2013 from SOS children's village of Gikongoro.

Francoise likes to play the ball games with other children of the same age. Many of them are from SOS children's village while others are from outside the village. Her friends are Odette, Delphine and Hyacinthe. Francoise is also good at jumping ropes.



**The Village's basketball in the Training**

**In our Village**, children and their educators are healthy and happy in general. Currently, our village has got 112 children, among whom 69 are boys and 43 are girls. Seventy-three (73) children attend SOS Hermann Gmeiner primary school, and 28 are in SOS Kindergarten School. Other 11 Children are still under school age, and stay in their families with their SOS mothers.

During this year, our children continued to benefit by sessions on Child Rights and Cultural issues.

Hyacinthe, a SOS child said: *'I have learnt various things as far as my rights are concerned throughout the training. Now, I know my own rights, their limits and my obligations'*. Next year, we plan to enhance advocacy so as to inspire Local Donors.



**Epiphanie's wedding ceremony**

**Our Family Strengthening Program** continues to operate by increasing the number of beneficiaries. At the beginning of this year, we admitted only 500 children who were eligible out of 1190 applicants. The project started operating in 2005 with 250 children from 147 families. One hundred seventy-seven (177) from 105 families have already become economically independent. The project has heightened their awareness on Income Generating Activities of the beneficiaries, who are now divided into 11 groups known as VSLA (Village Saving and Loan Associations), which focus on providing small loans from their savings to the members. Next year, we plan to train our beneficiaries and connect them with banks and other associations to strengthen their capacity in small business.

**Our Youth Community** has currently 106 youths (59 girls and 47 boys) who are enrolled in different schools respectively; 73 are attending formal secondary school and 2 are in vocational training schools while 31 attend universities.



A big number of the youths were admitted in the village in 1994-1995 and are now mature and time has come to emancipate them. The actual employment situation shows that among 46 graduated youths, 23 of them have got full-time jobs in different public and private institutions whereas 23 have got part-time jobs.

We had pleasure to accompany one of them, Epiphanie in her wedding ceremony on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2013. The ceremony mobilized many people and a lot of expenses. Hence, the village staff contributed a lot of the wedding budget. Her wedding was really fantastic. Besides that, this youth recently finished her University studies and she is still looking for a job.

**Education:** Our schools have good reputation and continue to perform well. They have respectively 80 students (43 boys and 37 girls) in Kindergarten and 386 students (192 female and 194 males) in primary school. The management of Kindergarten has been separated from the staff of the primary school in order to improve the quality of work. Besides that, we have changed the way we used to improve children's performance. This activity was formerly done by SOS aunt but now since the last term, it is organized by teachers. We hope there will be a remarkable improvement, and this will be evaluated next year.

Our school continues to perform well in competitions on the District level. Our football and basketball teams for boys won the interschool competitions whereby 99 schools participated. The next stage will be organized at the National Level and we still expect to win.

I close this report, thanking you once again for your support which has positively changed lives of the children in our village.

Sincerely yours,

BAZERA Sebogwira,  
Directeur

