



**SOS CHILDREN'S
VILLAGES
RWANDA**

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Update on: Françoise

Dear **GÖTH Solutions Gmbh**

As a new year is coming close and it is a period of making wishes for the next year, it is pleasure to convey you the sponsorship letter of SOS Children's Village Gikongoro. The whole family and the village staff wish you a Merry Christmas and best New Year wishes for 2017. Let start with the news of your sponsored child.

Francoise is a healthy, cute young girl. She is always clean. She is playful and she does it with discipline. She likes playing with her friends to relay race and to play with tennis balls. They even formed a traditional dance group. Coaches are her friends Yvette ad Queen. Francoise is a shy girl in her nature but when she is dancing and sees someone who is unfamiliar she stops dancing. She participates in different group activities to overcome her shyness.

It is now time for stories about many happenings in the village. Have you ever heard of street children? Your support has helped the village to reach them out to.

Getting in touch with technology

Wow, street children are now integrated in SOS children's village Gikongoro child care program. They now have home and get education. Can you remember the first time you got something you had ever longed for? I wish you could see their reactions when they first walked in the school's computer lab in the village. They were thirsty to get in touch with technology. They rushed to sit and started touching on everything. The Fenix approach is a technique opted to help them because some had never been to school



Street children in computer lab.

before. They learn reading, writing, simple calculations, songs... like games on a computer. 'I had never imagined to be in front of a computer one day,' Jonas told his friend Patrick.

After some months of learning, they started writing and reading a text in Microsoft word. 'I am happy to be able to learn addition and subtraction. I am able to find music on a computer,' says Janvier one of the trainees. This training opens these children to any kind of formal education or vocational. Their wish is to pursue their education as a way to self-reliance in the future. The examples of the children mentioned in this story are just like a small example of about 60 children in a similar situation. Your financial assistance will help the village make it happen. Thank you very much.

I now start on time...

In the Gasaka location where the village is situated, the study has showed that the main cause of children being neglected is conflict within families. Children from those families are not legally registered and often lack access to basic needs such as health care and school fees.

Within the scope of child's rights protection, the staff of SOS Children's village sensitized couples on legal marriage and legal registration of their children. 'We were not aware of the importance of legal marriage and official registration of our children', say Paul, Vincent, Donatien, Emile and their wives. They just took the floor on behalf of more than three hundred couples who legalised their marriage. I wish you could see how excited those couples were while taking the oath.



Children receiving school materials and uniforms in the presence of their parents.

Hundreds of couples got legally married and thousands of the children got legally registered. Many of them resumed school. They are receiving adequate support and follow-up of their parents. Your support has helped the village staff to reach out to thousands of children. They can enjoy their rights. Many thanks.

As a way of motivating children to stay in school, the village provides them with school materials like books and school uniforms. 'We get to school on time, and we no longer worry about school materials,' say Joselyne, Peter, Aimée, Arnaud. It is the same view for hundreds of children in the same situation who received school materials. Your constant financial support will help us reach out to other areas and save many more children from abandonment. Thank you for always being part of the change in children's lives.

Note that names have been changed for data privacy protection.

Looking to the future!

SOS Children's Villages is currently working in cooperation with the Rwandan government to implement new forms of Alternative Care and Protection. In the future, SOS Children's Villages Rwanda may see some changes and could, for example include; foster care, moving SOS families out of the SOS village setting and into the local community, reunification of children with biological families where necessary and suitable etc. This kind of change can help the children and young people create stronger social ties in the community, and develop closer relationships with biological relatives in the area. They will, of course, continue to receive support from SOS Children's Villages. You will be receiving information as this plan develops further. As always, SOS Children's village remains dedicated to the well-being of the children under its care, and continues to work to promote their best interests.

I close this letter thanking you so much for your sponsorships and wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2016.

Yours sincerely



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