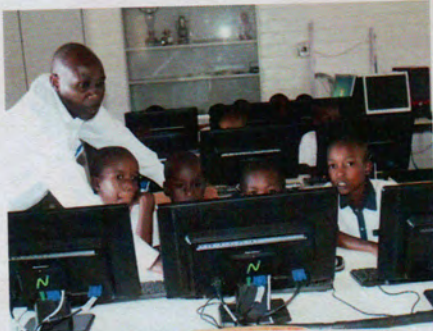




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Children learning ICT in Hemann Gmeiner Village school

I am happy to send you 2017 update news of your sponsored daughter Francoise, from SOS Children's Village Gikongoro. She sends you warm greetings. Before going through the stories from your sponsored child, let me first share with you important changes which are taking place in SOS Children's Villages Rwanda. As you may know from previous correspondence, SOS Children's Village Rwanda is working with the government to adapt how children without parental care are looked after. A reform of the Rwandan national childcare policy specifies that children without parental care should live with family members, wherever it is possible and in the best interest of the child. Over the past few months, some of the children in our care have moved to live with their

families of origin. And in the months to come we expect further children to be reintegrated with their families. In order to ensure that the child's best interests are protected, a careful assessment is done for every child before they move. Each child and their family are given individual support and follow up visits are carried out to make sure they are adjusting to their new lives together.

Within a changing environment, SOS Rwanda will continue to adapt its activities to best meet the need of vulnerable children at critical moments in their lives. We have started a new project which provides care for street children. We provide them with a home, schooling and medical care so that they become used to a stable way of life again. We also continue to support vulnerable families in the community and to run the kindergartens, schools and medical centres.



Children from surrounding community learning ITC in SOS Herman Gmeiner school in the village.

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I have embedded some photos just to share general interesting happenings and achievements in the village. As usual, you will receive a loose photo of your specific sponsored child at the end of the year. The stories below show how your sponsored child has been doing over the past months.

Sweet teeth

Francoise likes being with her friends especially playing, dancing and singing with them. She particularly likes clapping hands for them when they are dancing traditional dances. She tries to imitate them and stretch her arms like traditional dancers do. Her favourite games besides dancing are jumping the rope and playing to a small ball. Her friends and playmates are Divine, Yvette, Divine, Teta and Delphine. Francoise also likes helping her mother in the village Languide especially cleaning the house. When Languide comes from the market, Francoise runs to her and help her with the groceries. 'Mummy let me help, I hope there are some sweets for us' says Francoise. When she is at home, Francoise likes watching television with her siblings in the village. They also like climbing guava trees and share among them. Thank you for providing a safe environment for a child to grow up in.

Mom's hair

I would like to walk you through Francoise's daily routine. In the morning Francoise has trouble waking up for school. Languide, her mother in the village has to make sure she is out of the bed and in the shower otherwise she will return to bed. After her shower, she makes her bed and goes to take her breakfast with her family in the village before heading to school. Francoise is in primary school. Her favourite subject is mathematics. 'I love when my teacher Philogène is teaching us mathematics, he gives us exercise and he helps us until we understand everything' says Francoise. Though she still has struggles in her studies, Francoise gets help both at school and at home. Her teacher Philogène helps her with exercises to do after class and in the evening her SOS aunt Sarah helps her with other children of the same class with homeworks and in depth explanations on the subjects they have difficulties with. When she comes back from school, Francoise greets Languide and her siblings in the village. She does her homeworks before going to the playground. Francoise's dream is to study beauty and aesthetics. 'I will braid my mother's hair, she has beautiful hair and my siblings' when I finish my studies' says Francoise. Thank you for your unremitting support to Francoise. This is the end of his current sponsorship letter.

I remain
Yours sincerely,



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