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Update on Françoise

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am happy to send to you the 2021 news updates of your sponsored daughter Françoise, from SOS Children's Village Gikongoro. Before sharing with you the updates on your sponsored child, kindly receive updates on COVID-19 pandemic.



My revision time.

As you are aware, COVID-19 continues to affect the lives of children, young people and families across the world. This is also true for SOS Children's Village Gikongoro. We are still following the official guidance to protect the children, young people, and families who we support. Over the last few months, the children and young people have also continued to adapt to the changes in their lives. As I write, travel to the villages continues to be restricted, but in cooperation with my colleagues in the village, we are able to tell you about the daily life of the children and families.

It is now time for your sponsored child's news.

Will you?

Françoise is doing well. She lives in harmony with her siblings in the village. She is still in primary school. She enjoys going to school to learn new things. She still likes and performs well in Kinyarwanda (the native language) and Social studies. What were your favourite subjects at school?



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The young girl also loves when her teachers give her scoring sheets. She runs home to show her SOS mother Language her grades, 'Mum, look at my grades in English.' Language always encourages her to keep up the good work. Will you join me to encourage her?



During evening revisions, her SOS aunt Sarah is always nearby. She helps her with homework and tutorial classes. She has started to show improvements in her performance especially in English. Françoise is getting the best education because of you. Thank you.

Playtime.

During her weekends, Françoise organizes her wardrobe and her bed. When she finishes that, she goes to play with others or watch television especially local songs. She also likes to spend time with Languide in the kitchen. She sits near and keeps asking about what she is doing. She is always curious to know cooking tips even though she is still young. 'Mom, how do u make salads'? She keeps asking Languide when she is preparing it. Her favorite meals in general are French fries, meat and pasta and luckily, she can prepare some of them like rice, meat sauce, peanut butter and macaroni. Thank you for your support. She is growing with skills.

During her free time, Françoise likes to play football, on the village playground with Marcelino, Irene, Zephaniae and Dorcas. It helps her to relax and strengthen her friendship with her mates.

When she is in her family, she plays with her little SOS siblings Zephaniae, Jean and Irene. 'I like spending time with my little siblings. They look up for me, especially when they want me to play football with them.' says Françoise. Françoise's favorite game is jumping the rope with Ange, Divine and Olive, her girlfriends.

She likes to watch local drama movies which give her many life lessons like being good to people and to forgive people.

When it comes to football, a game that she enjoys, her favorite team is Juventus from Italy and her favorite player is Messi, the argentine player.

Her favorite clothing style cannot be precise. Sometimes, she puts on a trouser, other times a dress or a skirt. As we talk about her hairstyle, she cuts her hair short.

Before I wrap up this letter, I would like to inform you that over the past years SOS Children's Village Rwanda has been carrying out a comprehensive assessment of its education and health facilities. The aim was to determine whether SOS Children's Villages is the best placed organisation to continue running schools and medical centres. The assessment recommended to hand over schools to public or private agencies or close medical centres by 2021. This decision will help SOS Children's Villages Rwanda focus on its core business which is the care and protection of children who lost, or at risk of losing, parental care. As always, SOS Children's Villages Rwanda remains dedicated to the well-being of vulnerable children, and continues to work to promote their best interests. Furthermore, SOS Children's villages Rwanda is committed to ensure that children we support will continue to receive quality education and health care in partnership with best placed service providers in the community.



And here comes the end of the 2021 news update of your sponsored daughter Françoise. I thank you once again for the chance you gave her to live in a family with a mother and siblings. She flourishes because you accepted to be with her. I wish you peace and prosperity.

Yours sincerely,



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