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Your sponsorship for Françoise

Dear Sir or Madam,

It is with pleasure that I write to you on what has been taking place in Village d'enfants SOS de Gikongoro during this year, all because of your support! Let me share news about Françoise, updates on our work in the country and then some stories from the village.

Françoise is doing well in the village. She has strong attachment to her SOS mother Languide. She likes to see her giving her all attention and care. She enjoys receiving motivation after she has done something. When she has good grades, she asks for her favourite sweets that she always shares with her SOS siblings. She also likes to volunteer every time Languide needs to send someone to the neighbouring family houses to borrow something. She is the first to run there.



IDA technology training young people.

As you know from our previous letters, at SOS Children's Villages Rwanda we work closely with the government to assist children in need, young people and families. We continue to take care of the children who have lost the care of the families.

In some cases, and only if it is in their best interest, we support children and young people so that they can return to live with their families of origin. We also empower vulnerable families and communities to develop long lasting solutions in caring for their children.

It is now time for interesting stories about the village during the year. Can you guess about what can the first story look like in a loving home?



Families during sessions on child care and savings.

One of the important things that young people can dream about is to become self-reliant one day. It is in this spirit that the village fights joblessness among young people to make their dreams come true.

Many young boys and girls who finished secondary school and universities are receiving trainings on entrepreneurship. They also receive professional courses that help them become competitive on the labour market.

A key to development

With the support from the village, a group of 4 young people in the care of SOS set up a company called IDA Technology. 'We started thinking about creating a company because Information technology business is prosperous in our developing country.

I am grateful we took the first step', says Emmanuel. The company specialises into making software that brings change in the community. One of the examples is Rwanda Maid, which links employers and house maids.

'It is good to keep their records for an easy identification in case', says Benji another member of the company. 'The purpose is to prevent them from the consequences of joblessness. In this way, the company fights undesired pregnancies, drug abuse, alcoholism, etc", Emmanuel adds on.

Young people who attend are selected in a community meeting according their needs. The majority of them proposed professional trainings. The candidates enrol themselves according to their talents. They also look at school accessibility and market in the area.

The company has already recruited eight young people. Besides making software, this company is training young people in technology. One of their programs is called Girls in code. 'In universities, females are in some way afraid of technology. Through this program, they are trained from secondary school. We teach them software design among other things. It is a key to development', says Olivier.

At this time, dozens of young girls from different families are receiving trainings. The company works closely with primary schools through training teachers and students on information technology. 'We are grateful for the financial support we keep receiving from SOS Children's Villages Rwanda', says Eric.

With the support from the village, young people receive school fees for the trainings, starting capital to run their projects, profession and technical guidance on project management. They are also connected to micro-finance companies.

With more support, there are currently pending projects that can start operating any time. More young people in the care of SOS can be more self-reliant and supportive.

The following story will show how SOS Children's Village Gikongoro allows families in the community to become a second loving home. Enjoy reading as well!

Incredible change



As a loving home for every child, SOS Children's Village Gikongoro fight child abuse and neglect through empowering families in the community. With your support, it sensitizes local people to adhere in saving and loan groups. Besides, participants receive start-up kits including boxes, booklets, stamps, calculators...that help them keep records.

It is amazing to hear children saying, 'We are happy now. Our parents can now give us all the basic needs including food, health insurance, school fees, etc.' I wish you could see how they are happy of their family's successes! When the project started, it was difficult to save one US dollar per month. But now, they easily save above ten US dollars from their businesses.

Before receiving the support from the village, it was difficult for the children to get the basic needs. Many suffered from malnutrition and school drop outs rates were high. 'Before joining this group, I could spend every coin uselessly. The wellbeing of any of my eight children and my wife did not matter. But now, every amount counts and the situation in my family is good. I have electricity in my home and my children can do homework easily. This is an incredible change', says Innocent.

Currently 878 families with 1591 children are benefiting from these groups. They can get the medical insurance, they have renewed their homes and their children go to school. We had lost all hope to resume school', say Rose, Marthe and Chichi. I am now a businesswoman who sells vegetables. My life has changed for good', says Domina.

Your funds allow the village to provide young people from those families with the basic support. They receive school fees, internship and start-up kits including tailoring machines, hair dryers and sanders. The list of applicants is still long. With your support, 1190 families can benefit from this program.

Note that the names in the text have been changed for data protection sake.

I finish this letter, thanking you once again for your support.

Yours sincerely



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