



RWANDA

YOUR ANNUAL UPDATE FROM RWANDA

We wanted to share some exciting progress made possible in Rwanda, thanks to you!

Over the past year, through sponsorship activities and projects in partnership with children and their communities, Plan International Rwanda worked together with the girls, boys, local leaders and the communities to overcome some issues hindering the community development as prioritized by the community members.

These projects include: Early Childhood Care and Development for Girl child (ECCD4GC), Right to protection and participation, supporting girl's future through education and financial education training and Girls safe school (GSS).

These are just some of our achievements in Rwanda. Please keep reading for more information about what we achieved last year, and thank you for being a valued child sponsor and making a difference in the lives of all the children and families in Rwanda.



“Since my child joined the ECCD center, many observable behavior changes were seen in her life. She now knows how to greet parents and visitors that come at home, she knows how to thank someone for any good services rendered to her and she is generally polite and neat due to the education provided by caregivers.”

Cecile, a parent from Nyaruguru District

OUR IMPACT

264 CHILDREN HAVE ACCESS TO SERVICES AT 2 ECCD CENTRES IN NYARUGURU

WE ESTABLISHED **3** GIRLS SAFE SCHOOLS IN NYARUGURU

7970 CHILDREN BENEFITED FROM SCHOLASTIC MATERIALS IN GATSIBO

368 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS WERE TRAINED IN CHILD RIGHTS AND PROTECTION IN GATSIBO

41 LOCAL LEADERS TRAINED ON IMPORTANCE OF ECCD IN BUGESERA

50 VULNERABLE FAMILIES FROM BUGESERA RECEIVED IRON SHEETS TO IMPROVE THEIR SHELTERS

LIFE FOR CHILDREN IN RWANDA

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT

Supporting ECCD programs through parenting education and feeding program has potential solution to improve nutrition and hygiene among children. It has also proved to be a proper way of eradicating stunting among children from poor communities in Plan International operational areas.

Currently, Gatsibo PU has 18 ECCD centres with 1067 (684 girls and 383 boys) children under five. All 18 ECCD centres have been integrated with nutrition, hygiene and sanitation and a Village Saving and Loan Association – VSLA for parents/guardians with children at the centre.



We supported all the 18 ECCD centres with 54 cooking pots, 1440 plates, 1440 plastic cups, 1440 spoons, 900kg of corn flour for porridge, 900kg of sugar, 36 boxes of soap to improve infants' hygiene and their wellbeing while at the ECCD centre. Increase in the registration of infants attending ECCD centre was realised after the above items were received at all centres.

The VSLA groups formed at ECCD centers have been proved to contribute to the improved families' resilience as well as to the sustainability of ECCD program services.

"Before training on parenting practice our children were wandering around villages, and we did not know how to treat them well, but now after trainings and awareness raising, and support on nutrition program, we send our young children at ECCD centers and continue our daily work freely".

Francois, Parent in Gatsibo

SUPPORTING GIRLS' FUTURE

In Bugesera, to help improve a conducive learning environment for students, 76 teachers (24 female and 52 male) including head teachers have been trained on gender-sensitive teaching methodologies and on school governance processes. This has helped for equal treatment for students in the classroom, improved lesson planning, lesson's delivery and responding to the needs raised by the students in their respective clubs and schools.

Annet from Bugesera said, *"I am very happy on how our teachers currently interact with us during lesson delivery. Every student is engaged to participate and supported based on his / her performance needs which makes a difference to what happened before."*

Trainings on Savings and Loans methodology provided to adolescent boys and girls at schools enabled them to transform their lives and wellbeing through having access to the startup capital to run small income generating activities. Now, they are able to buy scholastic materials on their own and support their families to solve some basic needs.



"Through Financial education trainings and saving money, I managed to buy 4 hens which reproduced from 4 to 10 within one year and I am now able to buy scholastic materials and my family is able to eat eggs twice a week while I sell the remaining eggs for money. Before, me and my family could not afford eating eggs".

Umutoni, Bugesera

YOUR SUPPORT IS CHANGING LIVES

With your ongoing support, Plan International will continue to work with the children, families and partners in Rwanda to ensure that children's rights are respected and they are able to thrive.

In the coming year, we will continue to work towards ensuring that the children of Rwanda are able to learn at safe schools, with qualified teachers and a meaningful curriculum.

We have made progress towards improving the nutrition and hygiene for the children in Rwanda by accessing ECCD centers and providing parenting trainings.

We will work to ensure that the children are protected from all forms of violence and harmful practices, e.g. child marriage, through inclusive and effective community-based child protection mechanisms empowering girls through education, vocational and financial support.

We wouldn't be able to do this without supporters like you!



GIRLS SAFE SCHOOL

Plan International Rwanda supported a Girl Safe Schools Model that is holistic in nature and build on girls personal, social and material assets in order to mitigate barriers to accessing quality education for girls (GBV in schools, school environments that are not girl friendly and teaching and learning that is not student/girl child centered). School Environment has been improved including sanitation and hygiene facilities to be more girl friendly and safe for "a Girls Safe Schools Model".

By the implementation of the project it was also noted that catch up program and technical trainings are an essential component of uplifting academic standards for struggling girls especially out of school teen mothers. The 32 youth (14 Boys who dropped out of school and 18 teen mothers) were supported to attend vocational training school at Ndago Vocational Training center where teen mother were trained on tailoring and boys were trained on masonry.

"I joined Amahoro leadership club and we were trained on financial education and the importance of saving. We were urged to save 100 RWF per week which we all did. At the end of the first saving cycle which lasts 9 months, I had accumulated 70,000 RWF which I used to buy a cow.

My vision is to start a retail shop that sells milk and agriculture products like beans to the community on a large scale. I am grateful to Plan International for the capacity building that has transformed our lives ".

Chantal, a girl student from Nyaruguru





MESSAGE FROM ALICE RUGERINDIDA

Programme Area Manager, Bugesera & Gatsibo

“Thank you for your support in changing the sponsored children’s lives and their communities. We look forward to your continued support.”



MESSAGE FROM JACQUES BAKUNDUKIZE

Programme Area Manager, Nyaruguru

“Your assistance through Plan International Rwanda is really valuable for the lives of children from Nyaruguru. We really thank you again for your commitment and contribution to the process of changing lives for the most vulnerable children of Nyaruguru and their families.”