



April 2019

In Ruhango District, our RDO, Joseph, organised a very successful tag rugby tournament involving 13 schools with 130 boys and girls taking part. The winning team was GS Nyamagana who play in kits from St Julian's HSOB, beating Amizero Primary in the final 15-10.

A big thank you to Joseph for organising the tournament and to our Programme Manager, Kamanda, for helping out on the day. This tournament was sponsored by Gareth Roden from Wales who is a keen rugby fan and great supporter of the charity.



May 2019

Our annual volunteer coaches' trip took place in May. 10 volunteers travelled from the UK to Rwanda carrying a total of 670kg of kit. The tour took place in Nyamasheke District which is an area we have never worked before. As ever everyone had a great time. The coaches and our Rugby Development Officers did a brilliant job introducing rugby to children who had never seen a rugby ball before. After four days the four schools took part in boys' and girls' tournaments involving 80 children.



Matt, one of our trustees, took a coaching session for Resilience RFC.



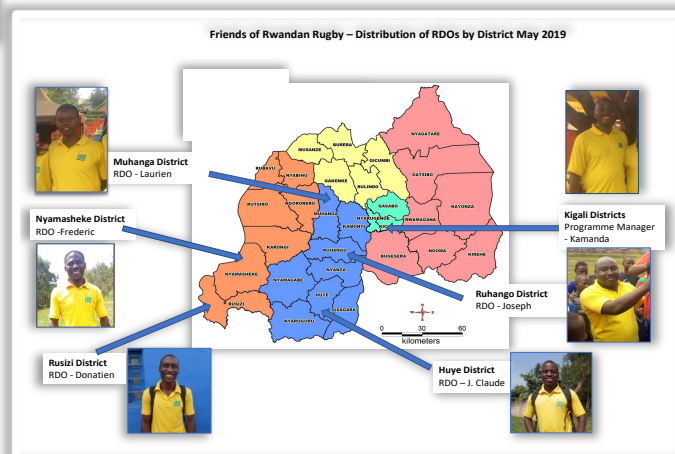
Over 60 students from St Joseph's secondary school, Nyamasheke really enjoyed their first ever rugby training session.



8 additional volunteers joined us who are interested in joining FoRR. Four of them will be new RDOs from July.



We are delighted to welcome a new RDO to our team. Frederic is a trained teacher and an experienced rugby player for Resilience Rusizi RFC. He is working in Nyamasheke District continuing the good work started by our volunteer coaches.



June 2019

Laurien, our RDO for Muhanga, organised a tag rugby tournament for 12 schools in June. 144 children took part. The winning school was GS Kabgayi B.

We provide food and water for the children at tournaments but this creates lots of waste plastic bottles. To solve this we have purchased branded FoRR cups for each of our RDOs to use. Laurien was the first to organise a district tournament using 10 litre containers of clean drinking water and cups for the children. This saved over 200 plastic bottles. A plus for the environment and also for our funds as it is much more expensive buying bottles. Well done Laurien – leading the way!



The final of the national interschools competition was played in June and Lycee de Ruhango was the winning school. Congratulations to them and their coach, Joseph!



Two more donors have signed up for our 'Sponsor an RDO' scheme. Frederic's and Joseph's salaries are now being covered by a monthly donation guaranteed for two years.



Nearly all of the kit we took to Rwanda was donated. Rhino Teamwear has been a great supporter in recent years and we were delighted when Dave Reynish from Rhino called in with over 100 balls, sets of tags, pumps and 50+ brand new 6 nations shirts. The large Rhino ball was a great hit!



FoRR is now the 'Charity of the Year' for the Greyhound Inn and Hotel, Llantrisant, Usk. A big thank you to Kelly and all of the customers for their support.

Tag belts have always been a cost for the charity as clubs and schools often don't have spare ones to donate. A&A Trimmings, Bowmer Bond Ltd, Ribbons Ltd and Warwick Fabrics have all kindly donated Velcro, webbing and vinyl meaning that we have been able to make our own. We were very happy that the tags stayed on upside down children!



#1for1for1 - £1 pays for 1 child to have regular rugby coaching for 1 year. Help us reach more children by donating at <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/friendsofrwandanrugby>

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