



*January 2020*

The academic year in Rwanda runs from January so it means a fresh start for all of our RDOs as they continue their work with the schools.

Things are usually quiet in the first few weeks after the schools open as the teachers are busy with their new classes and timetables for the RDOs are arranged.



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Jean Claude, RDO for Huye, has been working for FoRR since October 2012. In mid January this year we said goodbye to him as he has moved onto a new job with an NGO. We wish him all the best.

We are delighted that he will still continue to support rugby and remain part of the FoRR family doing some coaching in his spare time and supporting some schools.

We will be appointing a new RDO for Huye district soon. Thanks for all your hard work Jean Claude and all the best with the new job.



*February 2020*

Assinapold, RDO for Burera district, organised a 7 aside tournament for secondary schools. There were 5 boys teams and two girls teams. The winning school for both the boys' and the girls' teams was GS Gicura.



Captains of the teams were presented with a new rugby ball and the winning teams received a trophy. Thanks to Jean de Dieu HAKIZIMANA our RDO from Gasabo district for making the long journey to Burera to help out. The teams looked very smart in their kits donated from London Welsh and St Julian's HSOB



*February 2020*

Joseph, RDO for Ruhango district, organised a tag tournament for 14 schools with 140 children. There were 60 girls and 80 boys taking part. The final between EP GIKOMA and EO ADEPR ended 35-25. Congratulations to the winners. Thanks to Laurien for helping out.



*February 2020*

Jean de Dieu organised his first tag tournament for primary schools in Nyamagabe district. Six schools attended and the winners were SOS Nyamagabe. Thanks to Kamanda who supported Jean de Dieu.



*March 2020*

Frederic, RDO for Nyamasheke, travelled for over two hours to help out at a sports and activity day in Shangi sector, Nyamasheke which is organised by Gerjanne who runs Twiga Dukina an organisation looking to promote play. There were over 300 children at the event and Frederic introduced some of the children to rugby.



It was the first time any of the children had seen a rugby ball. We left 2 of our new Wales balls with the group to use at their weekly sessions and Frederic will go along every month to help out and train an adult volunteer who can continue with the game.



*March 2020*

Seven primary schools (30 girls and 40 boys) from Kamonyi District took part in their first tag tournament organised by Emmanuel. EP Murehe Catholic beat EP Murehe Protestant in the final. Thanks to Jean de Dieu Hakizimana for helping out.



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Laurien organised a tournament in Muhanga district. He sent this report:



“On 14-03-2020, I organised Muhanga Tag Rugby Tournament attended by 12 primary school and one rehabilitation centre for street children. More than 130 mixed kids participated in the tournament with the purpose of experiencing their skills in the game of Rugby and enjoyment where Ecole St Andre Gitarama won the trophy 🏆 after beating G. S. Remera 30-25.



It was very harder to organize such tournament in this situation of outbreak virus COVID 19, where we have taken the serious measures of prevention before the tournament such as washing the hands before enter to the pitch, no shaking the hands 🙌 and adequate distance between posts of the teams. Big thanks to Friends of Rwandan Rugby for making all this happen.”



*March 2020*

Donatien in Rusizi District arranged a friendly match between Ecole Primaire l'Educateur and Shara Primary. Thanks to Rhino teamwear for the shirts



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Girls from Kigali Mini Sharks trained by Kamanda, enjoying a game of rugby on International Women's Day



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Big thanks to Kelly and the Greyhound Inn for choosing us as their charity of the year. We had lots of fundraising events planned for April and May that have now been put on hold due to the Coronavirus. Since April 2019, when the first coins were put in the pots, the pub has raised impressive £1288.21.



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