



All of the RDOs are back in schools delivering regular coaching sessions. In some schools RDOs deliver multiple sessions during one school visit as part of the timetable and this is excellent news as it means we can coach a lot more children and make the best use of the coach's time.



Assinapold and Jean de Dieu with a lot of new kit!

Two of our trustees, Mary and Glyn, visited Rwanda for 17 days in November. They visited RDOs Jean de Dieu in Kigali, Emmanuel in Kamonyi, Frederic in Nyamasheke, Assinapold in Burera and David in Rusizi. It was really useful to be able to explain to the sports teachers and headteacher in the schools about the new way we want our RDOs to work by delivering sports session as part of the PE timetable. They also met with all of the RDOs in a whole team meeting. Lots of new kit was distributed and plans made for 2022.



We have a new RDO! Welcome to Evariste who is working in Rwamagana in Eastern Province.



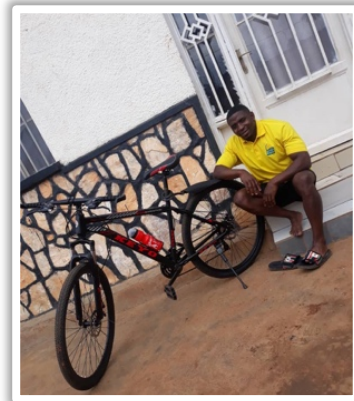
Jean de Dieu, RDO in Gasabo, has a growing number of children joining his Saturday and holiday club as well as his normal school visits.





Travelling between schools has always been a challenge for the RDOs -costing both money and time.

The charity has helped the RDOs to buy bikes.



In December, Joseph organised an interschools competition with 7 boys' teams and 3 girls' teams. Congratulations to Lycee de Ruhango who won the boys' competition and GS Ruhango Catholic who won the girls' competition. And well done to Joseph for organising the competition, it is so good to see competitive sport taking place. The president of the sports association in Ruhango attended the game and presented the trophies.



Laurien has been working with a vocational secondary school in Muhanga. It was a challenge to carry all of the equipment to the school, but the players were delighted to use the tackle pads for the first time.

St Andre school, children are delighted to have Laurien back and have said they are planning on winning the tag tournament next year (They won the last one!)





Pupils at Mbare primary were so disappointed when the rain prevented Laurien from coaching them at school. But he put smiles back on their faces by offering them a session at the weekend!



Frederic training in Nyamasheke district alongside the cows and goats.



Assinapold with pupils from Mucaca primary school. Hand sanitiser has become part of the essential equipment.

Donatien is building relationships with his new district. At Tumba primary school all of the children wanted to play rugby and he had 96 children attend the session! He must have done a good job as the headteacher has now agreed to allow Donatien to have regular coaching sessions as part of the school timetable.



Jean de Dieu - RDO for Nyamagabe district, has new schools that are giving him timetabled sessions. After the exams he was coaching children as they had some free time. At Karama primary school the children played tag rugby before they went to collect their school reports.



Emmanuel in Kamonyi District also used the exam time to run sessions. The headteacher at GS Icyereke Kabuga plays rugby and was happy to allow the students to play after completing their exams. In Murehe school one of the teachers said she wanted to learn to play rugby and joined in with the session.

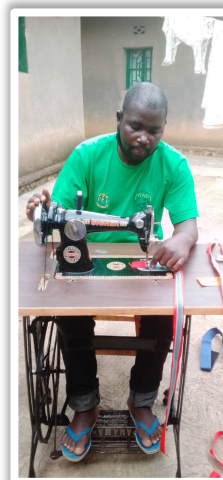


David from Rusizi district said that the coaching sessions at the end of term were like a Christmas gift for the children and they really enjoyed it.



Every time David goes to the training pitch, 3 year old Obed is there. He loves rugby and they always enjoy some time throwing and catching the ball.

As the schools have now broken up for Christmas, Assinapold is keeping busy. So far he has made 86 tag belts ready for next term.



#1for1for1 - £1 pays for 1 child to have regular rugby coaching for 1 year.

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