



FRIENDS OF RWANDAN RUGBY NEWSLETTER ISSUE 11: June to December 2022



2022 has flown by with so much great work being done. Our RDOs are busy working full time in primary and secondary schools. Following the Volunteer Coaches' tour in June we were able to appoint three new full time RDOs.

We managed to carry over 1000kg of kit to Rwanda with our volunteers. This included all of the equipment we needed to run our first round of the 'Tag for Teachers' programme. Following a week's training by trustees, Mike and Matt, in June, the RDOs were ready to deliver a full day of training to primary school teachers so they can run Tag Rugby in their schools. To date the RDOs (led by Joseph and Kamanda) have delivered training to 39 teachers in 6 districts. The schools are in remote areas which are too far away for our RDOs to make regular visits. The feedback has been very positive and we look forward to organising tournaments for the schools next year. The TFT program was funded by The Bill McLaren Foundation and the Barbarians Charitable Trust with equipment provided by Rhino and funded by Mini Travellers. We look forward to continuing the program in new areas as we believe this is a great way to provide sustainable sport in schools.



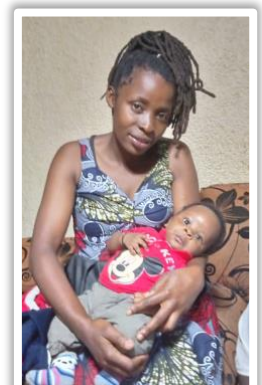
We were sorry to say goodbye to two RDOs, Donatien, who is now a teacher and David, who has gone to university. We wish them well in their new careers.

The TFT training was an opportunity to train the RDOs and we invited some other volunteer coaches along. Three of those we have appointed as new RDOs. They started working full time in September 2022.

Welcome to Sandrine in Huye District, Yvette in Nyanza and Shaloom in Kicukiro. Sandrine and Yvette both play for the very successful women's team – The Zebras in Ruhango. Shaloom plays for Thousand Hills and is a member of the national team, the Silverbacks.



We were delighted to welcome little Ragnar to the FoRR family in October. Ernestine (RDO in Gasabo) and baby doing well.






In December one of our trustees was visiting Rwanda and met with another potential RDO who has now been appointed to replace David. Aisha was due to join the team officially in January 2023, but the new principal at TTC Mururu, Brother Elie, was very keen for Aisha to work with his students following their exams and so she has started early!

From January 2023 our team in Rwanda is shown in the map below. We intend to appoint more RDOs next year and will be getting closer to achieving our target of an RDO in each of the 30 districts. We are really happy that the team now has 4 female RDOs.

Friends of Rwandan Rugby – The Team!

District	RDO Name
Kamonyi District	HATANGIMANA Emmanuel
Burera District	NZIMENYA Assinapold
Muhanga District	HAKIZIMANA Laurien
Nyamasheke District	NGAMIJUMUREMYI Frederic
Rusizi District	UWIMPUHWE Aisha
Nyamagabe District	IBARINDE Jean de Dieu
Huye District	UMUKUNDWA Marie Sandrine
Nyanza	UWIMPUHWE Yvette
Ruhango District	IZABAYO Joseph
Kicukiro	KUNESHANUKWAYO Shaloom
Rwamagana	MANIRAKIZA Evariste
Kigali-Gasabo	IBEMASO Ernestine
Programme Manager	KAMANDA Tharcisse
Kayanza District	RUKUNDAKUVUGA Martin
Kigali - Gasabo	HAKIZIMANA Jean de Dieu



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of our supporters and friends. We really appreciate all the donations of money, kit and time (attending the tours). Details of next year's volunteer coaches' tour will be sent out in January. Thousands of children have been able to access regular organised sport this year at school and in kid's community clubs. Thank you from them!



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

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