



Our RDOs have had a very busy start to 2023. It is Term 2 in Rwandan schools and it has been the “Term of the Tournament” for FoRR.

Nine of our RDOs have been able to organise tournaments this term. In total, 78 schools have attended a tournament with 78 boys’ teams and 77 girls’ teams. Over 1200 children have taken part.

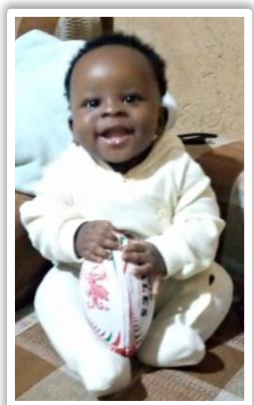
We now run separate boys’ and girls’ tournaments which we have found has greatly increased the participation of girls as previously the RDOs reported that some girls were less willing to take part in a mixed game.



Well done to Joseph in Ruhango, Laurien in Muhanga, Martin in Kayonza, Evariste in Rwamagama, Assinapold in Burera, and Jean de Dieu in Nyamagabe – where the final was especially exciting and had to go to extra time!

Special thanks to our newer RDOs who were putting on their first tournaments – Ernestine in Gasabo, Sandrine in Huye and Aisha (who only joined us in January) in Rusizi district!





Little Ragnar, Ernestine's son, is growing up – and developing an interest in rugby it seems!



We were delighted to be invited to visit a refugee camp in Kirehe district on the border with Tanzania. Mahama camp. Over 50,000 refugees live in the camp and more than half of these are under 18 years of age.

Kamanda and Martin visited the camp in February and were joined by Emmanuel who is a volunteer coach in Kirehe district. They visited the camp and ran some training sessions and coached some secondary pupils from Paysannat L school (the biggest school in Rwanda with 20,000 pupils). The children from the camp attend this school as well as local children. The players within the camp have requested to play a friendly match with another team and also some sports clothing and equipment.

There is very little rugby in this part of Rwanda so the nearest team will be a long way away. We are hoping to be able to fundraise for transport and arrange for the Refugee team to play against a team in neighbouring Kayonza district.

We also plan to take on an RDO in Kirehe district to make this new link more sustainable.

A big thank you to Martin and Kamanda for making the long journey to Kirehe and starting what we hope will be a successful.



FoRR is looking forward to our upcoming Annual Tour from 26th May to 4th June this year. We have 16 volunteers signed up for an all-round experience visiting this beautiful country, coaching rugby in remote primary schools to children who have probably never seen a rugby ball before and spending some time in Kigali with visits to the genocide museum and to a school doing amazing work for vulnerable children there.

We are currently collecting kit so if any rugby clubs / players have any to donate – please get in touch.

RwandAir has given us an additional allowance of 73kg which mean we will be able to take over 800kg of kit with us!

We need sets of shirts, shorts, boots, balls, tag belts, marker cones, whistles, old kit bags, first aid kit, sports bras etc etc!



Last year we took over 1000kg kit to Rwanda

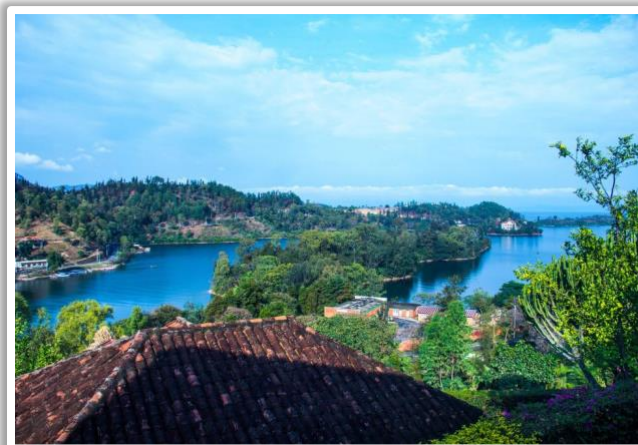
This year the tour will be in Karongi district, overlooking the beautiful Lake Kivu and we will be staying in the Rebero Kivu Resort. (Check out that view!)

We will work with four local primary schools to introduce tag rugby culminating in an end of tour tag tournament for boys and girls!

We will also spend some time in Kigali visiting the genocide memorial museum, local markets and the Kinamba project where the children will show us their rugby skills and attempt to teach us to dance!

Steve Jones, who joined us last year will be running a referees' course in Kigali and Matt, one of our trustees who is running the tour this year, will run a one day training with all of our RDOs on our new Rugby Rookies program for very young children!

We are super excited that joining us on tour this year will be Emma and Deena who are the founders of the charity. The RDOs are very excited to welcome them back to Rwanda and their two children, Daisy and Pip.



Many thanks to all of our supporters – we couldn't do it without you!

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