



The second quarter of the year has continued to be very busy for our RDOs, trustees and volunteers. As well as regular coaching visits to schools, there were some tournaments and Tag for Teachers courses and our annual volunteer Rugby Foundations tour.



Our Tag for Teachers (TFT) programme is funded by The Barbarians Charitable Trust and the Bill McLaren foundation with funding for some equipment provided by Mini Travellers and Rhino Sport. We started the programme in November 2022 in Ruhango District. The idea is to work with schools that are too remote for our RDOs to regularly visit. We train 12 teachers in 6 schools and give them the equipment they need to run regular sessions of tag rugby with their pupils. In May, Joseph ran the first TFT tournament in Ruhango where the children, who had been coached by their teachers, took part in a tournament that was run by our RDOs. Six schools took part - both boys' and girls' teams. Congratulations to EP Mugomba school for winning both trophies! Thanks to Joseph and Yvette for running this well attended tournament. In Nyanza district, Yvette also ran her first tag rugby tournament with six primary schools.



From May 27th – June 4th our annual Rugby Foundations tour took place in Karongi district. (See our Special Edition newsletter to find out more about the tour). 17 volunteers from the UK and Australia joined 18 RDOs and a fantastic time was had! We worked with four primary schools in Karongi district and introduced tag rugby culminating in a very exciting tag tournament for 80 children. It was an opportunity for our whole team to be together and attend coaching and training sessions including an introduction to our new school programme for nursery and lower primary children- 'Rugby y'Abana Bato'. We took 37 bags of donated kit with us (850kg). Thanks to everyone who donated and RwandAir who gave us an extra baggage allowance. Steve Jones, who is a Referee Coach for the WRU, joined us again on tour and ran a separate Referees' course as part of the trip. The course covered the roles and responsibilities of the referee with a particular focus on player safety. Many thanks to Steve, Glyn and Kamanda for arranging what was a really important and successful course.



The volunteers tour meant we could take out more kit for the TFT training to be run in new districts. In June we ran trainings in Rusizi, Kamonyi and Muhanga districts. Kamanda and Joseph always lead the trainings supported by the RDOs for the respective districts. Thanks to Aisha and Laurien for supporting. The training in Rusizi was also an opportunity for Rachel, our new RDO for Karongi, to attend and find out more about TFT.



After the tour, two of our trustees, Glyn and Mary stayed on in Rwanda for another week. They visited Rusizi district to work with RDOs Aisha and Rachel. TTC Mururu invited them all to run a training for the new Rugby y'Abana Bato with the classes who are training to be nursery and lower primary teachers. Great fun was had by all!

In June many of the RDOs tried out Rugby y'Abana Bato with the nursery and P 1 classes. Here Aisha is playing 'Rugby says' a warm up with the P1 children from ECPS school in Rusizi



Sandrine with our fantastic new resource booklet designed by Marion Swindell from Strawberry Ink.



A big thank you to all our supporters, neighbours and friends who joined us for our annual curry night at the Tamarind Indian Restaurant, Llandevaud. 97 people booked and we had fantastic prizes donated by local businesses and friends. We raised a total of £1140.

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

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