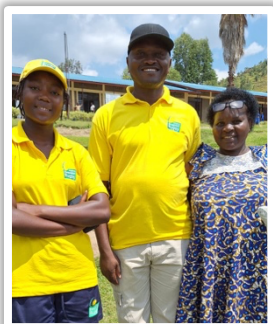




October and November are two of our busiest months for school visits. Rugby y'abana Bato (our new program for nursery and lower primary children) was introduced properly into schools and received very well. The pictures above show some of the nursery children learning through play with Emmanuel (Kirehe), Sandrine, Aisha and Evariste.



Rachel, one of our new RDOs in Karongi has already started a club. Here they are enjoying cooling off in Lake Kivu after a training session.

Emmanuel started work Crimson Academy. Thanks to AJ Hale for the introduction.

In Kamonyi, Emmanuel organised a game between GS Ngamba and Rukoma wearing Malpas RFC and London Welsh kit.



In Kayonza Martin continues to do a great job organising friendly matches. Kabarondo B and UR Rukara played 7 aside while Intwari played against Zayoni school and Kabarondo Vision played tag rugby against Kabarondo A.



In December, one of our trustees, Mary, visited Rwanda and held a full team meeting. It was the first time the whole group was together since the tour in June and it was a great opportunity to get together, discuss plans for next year, share good practice and ideas. (And relax afterwards with a very competitive game of pool!)





Rhino sport donated some balls and asked for some photos and videos of them being used. Jean de Dieu impressed us with his tricks.

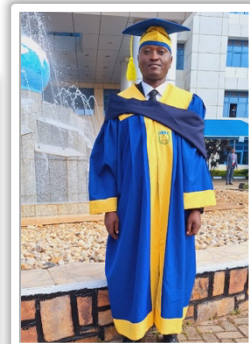


Mary presented the 2022 RDO of the Year award to Assinapold in Burera district and to Ernestine in Gasabo district for 2023.

Donatien, Chief Administrator for the Rwanda Rugby Federation, joined us for part of the meeting to talk about new proposed programs from World Rugby (T1 and Child fund rugby) and about how FoRR can work with the federation to improve community rugby.



As well as being our program manager, Kamanda is the president of the Rwanda Rugby Federation (RRF). In November he attended the AGM for World Rugby and the World Cup Final in France. In December he was re-elected for another term of four years as president by the RRF members. Also in December Kamanda graduated with a Bachelors in International Relations. Many congratulations Kamanda – it has been a good year!



Our Tag for Teachers program (TFT) continues to run well with many of the schools playing enough tag rugby to be ready for a tournament. In October, Frederic ran a TFT tournament in Nyamasheke district and in December Assinapold ran a tournament for Burera district.



Our last activity of the year was a Tag rugby tournament for community groups. Nine teams took part from Kigali groups – The Kinamba Community Project, Alfa Rugby (Kagugu), Rwampara Kids and Ndera Hills. Congratulations to Kinamba who won the boys' tournament and Rwampara Kids who won the girls' tournament. A big thank you to Shalom and Didier, our RDOs who work with the groups, and Kamanda for organising.



FoRR wishes all our friends and supporters a Happy New Year! We are hoping 2024 will build on the successes of 2023. Many thanks to our hardworking RDOs who have delivered thousands of sessions of organised sport to thousands of children this year in schools and communities.

We are currently planning next year's volunteers' tour (May 23rd – June 1st 2024). Do get in touch if you would like to join us!

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