



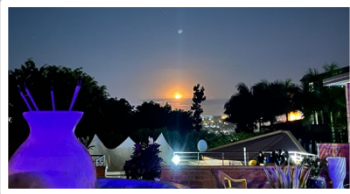
23rd May 2024

18 volunteers flew from Heathrow to Kigali carrying 39 x 23kg bags of donated kit. RwandAir staff were very helpful as usual as we created chaos at the check in. Once again, RwandAir had given us additional baggage allowance. The flight went smoothly and we arrived in Kigali on time the following morning.



24th May 2024

In the afternoon we visited the Genocide Memorial Museum. We spent the evening at St Paul's – sunset drinks and a chance to reflect on the day.



The following morning we sorted the kit - a real team effort to lay it out and display for photos and then to pack for the tour to Musanze. Huge thanks to everyone who donated kit. Later we visited Kinamba Community Project where the children entertained us with singing and dancing. I am not sure they were quite so impressed with our dancing skills! And of course we played tag rugby with them.



Winners of the Rhino video competition – Didier and Daniel were very happy to receive their prizes of a bag full of Rhino kit.



26th – 31st May 2024

We spent four days working with hundreds of pupils from four local primary schools. Most of the children had never seen a rugby ball before but they quickly learned the game and by Friday we had 8 teams ready to play in a tag rugby tournament.



In the afternoons, we ran T1 Rugby sessions led by one of our volunteers, Cliff. T1 is a new game that has been introduced by World Rugby and we had received some funding to deliver training of trainers' sessions to our 18 RDOs so they can introduce T1 to their schools, communities and clubs across Rwanda. We worked with 2 secondary schools so the RDOs could practice their newly acquired skills and teach T1. Huge thanks to Cliff for the training and Dave Reynish from Rhino Rugby for providing our RDOs with their T1 coaching shirts.



31st May 2024

Tournament Day! 80 children from four schools gathered at the Musanze stadium. The games were very close and all four schools were represented in either the girls' or the boys' final which kept the excitement going to the very end!



The officials!



Visiting a classroom when rain stopped play!



Big Ben and Little Ben- who is who?



This year we were lucky to have professional photographer, Glenn Edwards, join us on tour. We look forward to sharing his fantastic photos – especially the close ups!

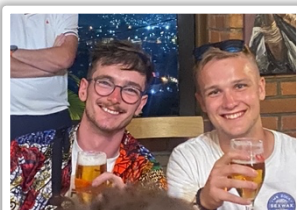


After the Tag tournament we had Rwanda's first ever T1 competition with two secondary schools and two teams comprising the RDOs, volunteers and local community players.



The tour ended with a farewell dinner at Sole Luna Italian Restaurant.

Group of 2024 – you have been fab! Over 1000kg of kit taken out and Musanze district now has a FoRR RDO. Big thank you to Kamanda, our Program Manager, for all his hard work before and during the tour.



Where shall we go next year? And who's coming? Email us now to register your interest.

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

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