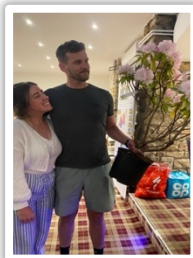




Term 3 of the 2025/6 academic year has been busy. The RDOs have continued to work with hundreds of schools and thousands of children. David delivered Abana Bato activities with a huge group of nursery children in Musanze.



Trustees, Mary and Glyn, arranged a fundraising event at the Three Elephants Indian restaurant, Llandevaud. The event was sold out and raised £1150. The food was delicious and Ahmed and the team did a great job. Thanks to family, friends and local businesses for donating fantastic raffle prizes. Emma was delighted with her rhododendron.



In May Sandrine held a tag rugby tournament with 11 schools and 22 teams in Huye.



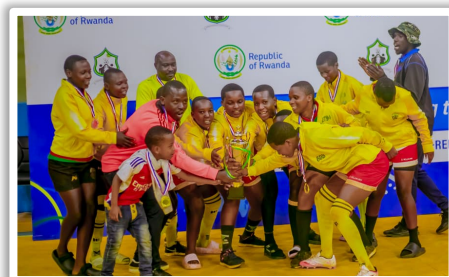
Manzi ran his first ever tag rugby tournament for 128 children from 8 primary schools in Nyamagabe district. Thanks to Sandrine who travelled from Huye to support. Four different schools reached the boys' and girls' finals with GS Mulico and EP Sumba winning the trophies.



Program manager, Kamanda, completed all visits to the team for monitoring and support. These visits have been well received by the RDOs to showcase the work they are doing and allow Kamanda to get to know schools, headteachers and district officials leading to more opportunities to work with schools. As the team were all together for the tour they had a meeting to share good practice.



During the tour, we were able to watch the quarter finals of the national secondary schools 7aside competition. All teams that went through to the semi finals were coached by FoRR RDOs – Joseph, Martin, Emmanuel, Assinapold and Rachel. Well done to them! Both boys' and girls' finals were won by Gitisi school. Many congratulations to their coach, Joseph. The teams will be invited to take part in the East Africa schools' competition in Tanzania.



We are happy to welcome a new member to our board of trustees. Steve Jones has been on three tours and run referee training courses in Rwanda. He joined the tour this year and, in collaboration with the Rwanda Rugby Federation, ran a Level 1 referee course attended by 17 Rwandan referees. He was assisted by New Zealander, Terry Dickson who also joined the tour.

The annual volunteers' tour took place in May. There were 15 volunteers and this year we were based in Nyamata, Bugesera. We were very busy training in primary schools and introducing T1 in secondary schools. We had a group of experienced coaches who ran some additional training for the RDOs. For the first time we arranged a joint RDO/volunteers T1 match. Congratulations to 13 year old Iestyn who captained the winning team.



In June, Didier ran a tag tournament in Kirehe. 6 teams of boys and 6 teams of girls took part from 6 schools. The children were from the Mahama refugee camp and the surrounding area.

This term alone approximately 500 children have taken part in tag rugby tournaments.



We have been running Rugby y'Abana Bato trainings with nursery teachers for almost a year now. Kamanda visited the nursery teachers in Rubavu district to monitor how well the program is being used and to get feedback from the teachers. All 12 teachers who had attended the training are still at the 6 schools and are still using the activities. Kamanda observed some teachers delivering the sessions. We will be implementing more Abana Bato trainings during the summer holidays.



The trustees' RDO of the year award was won by Joseph. Ben, one of our young volunteer coaches presented the trophy. The award for RDO (voted for by the RDOs) went to Martin. Our youngest tour member, 12 year old Charlie, presented the trophy at the farewell dinner in Nyamata. Congratulations to both and well done to all our RDOs for making the decision so difficult.



We had a huge amount of brand new equipment to give to the RDOs this year. Most of it was from Ram Rugby who had donated custom items and provided others at cost. We are looking very professional with branded balls, bibs, tag belts, coaching bags and clothing. Big thanks to Tristan from Ram Rugby who made it all happen!



ISHIMWE Didier left us in May to take a new job. We wish him well in his future career. Prince, former coach at the Kinamba centre, will take over in Kicukiro district from September. Alex is the new RDO in Bugesera district and Aime will join Evariste in Rwamagana district. We will have 22 RDOs working in 19 districts across Rwanda.



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