



The schools finished the academic year at the start of July. For two months the RDOs coached community groups and clubs and attended summer school holiday clubs. In Nyamagabe, Manzi worked with two community groups. In Kayonza, Martin arranged a summer club with TIRCK primary school and worked at a summer sports festival- Akagera neighbours. In Muhanga, Etienne was invited to coach rugby at Bright school for their summer club week and Ernestine also ran summer club activities at Lead International school in Gasabo. Rachel worked with Resilience club and a children's community group called Vision rugby in Rusizi. In Kirehe district Didier organised a tournament for more 300 children at Mahama Refugee Camp.



At the start of the school holidays, Rachel ran a tag rugby tournament in Rusizi district. Seven schools took part with both boys' and girls' teams.

In August, Ernestine and Martin were invited to a rugby festival organised by Alfa Kagugu Rugby club. Ernestine took a tag rugby team and Martin took U20s & U16s boys' teams and U18 girls' team. Ernestine's tag rugby team reached the semi finals and Martin had a clean sweep – winning all three trophies!



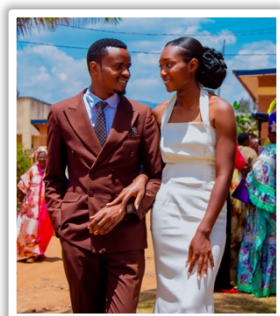
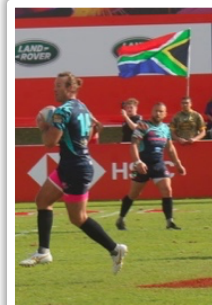
For years we have had a wonderful relationship with Kinamba Community Project. As a farewell, we funded a tag rugby tournament for teams from KCP, Thousand Hills, Alfa Kagugu and Ernestine's Ruhetsi community. We would like to thank Meg Fletcher for all her hard work over the years and for supporting FoRR. Congratulations to the teams from KCP for winning the boys' tournament and Ruhetsi for winning the girls' tournament. For several years KCP has been supported by FoRR with rugby training and they also employed their own rugby coach, Prince. With the closure of KCP, Prince was out of a job. We are very happy to welcome him to our team to work in Kicukiro.



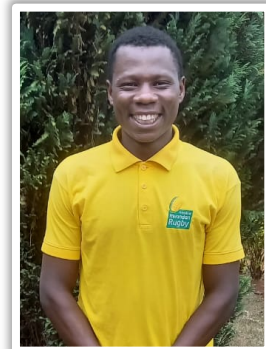
We are pleased to welcome a new trustee -Cliff Street first joined FoRR on a tour in 2017. In 2024 he led the T1 training for all of our RDOs and refereed the first ever T1 match in Rwanda . Cliff spent 10 years in the elite international sevens series playing in tournaments around the globe. More recently he has taken up a role as a player and coach with Wyvern Harlequins, an invitational 7s team that still compete in the international series.



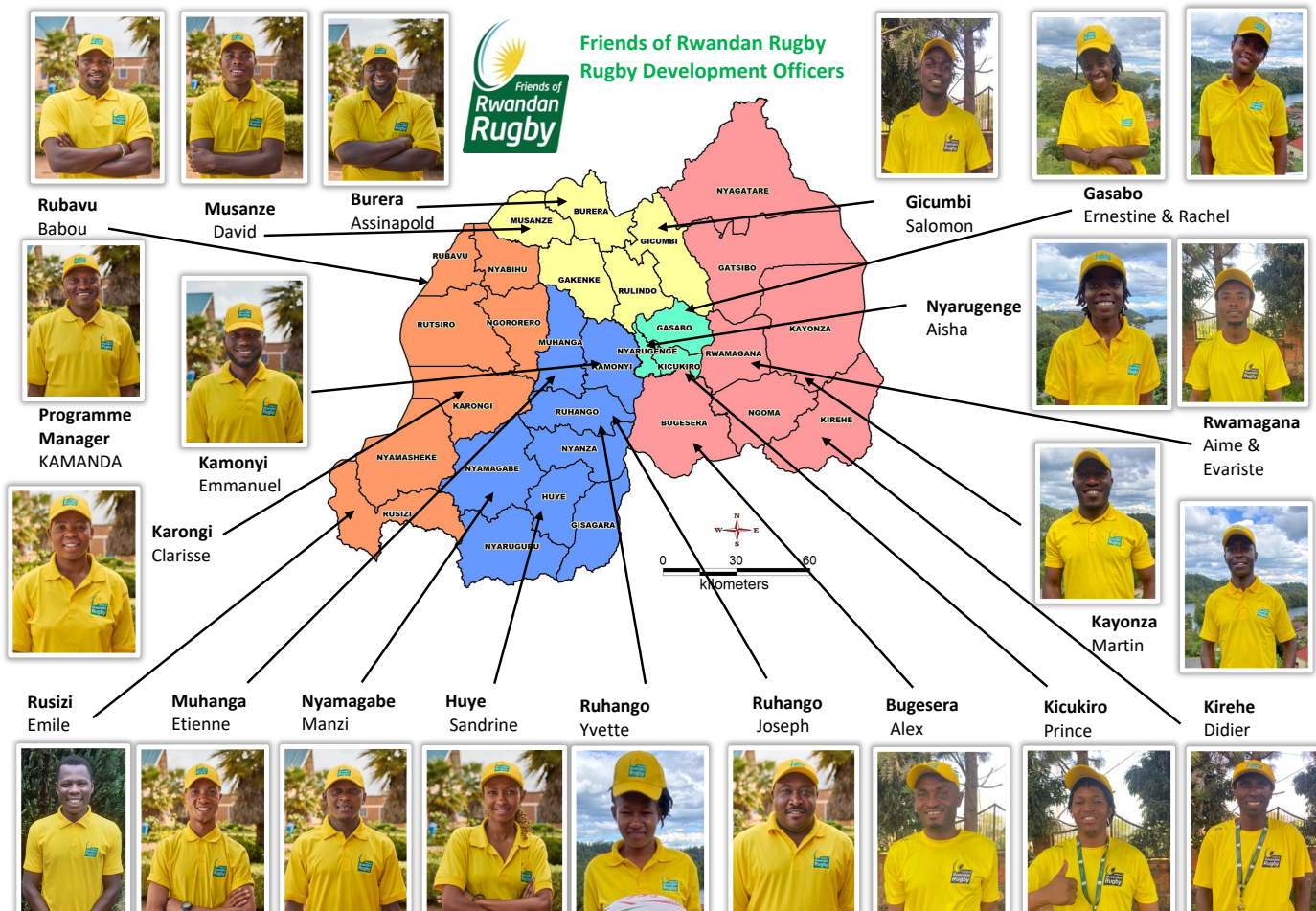
In September Kamanda ran TFT training for 5 schools and 10 teachers in Rulindo and Abana bato training in Rwamagana for 11 teachers from 4 schools. Big thanks to Bill McLaren Foundation and the Dennis and Jane Reece Foundation for funding these successful programs.



Rachel was married in September and moved to Kigali. Her replacement, Emile, first played tag rugby when Donatien – our first RDO in Rusizi- was coaching at his primary school. Emile continued to play in school and was team captain at TSS Gitisi in Ruhango. Last year he captained the team representing Rwanda after TSS Gitisi won the national 7s secondary schools' competition. Welcome to Emile and congratulations to Rachel.



In September we said goodbye to Constance as he moves to a new job. We wish him all the best and thank him for establishing rugby in Nyanza. We now have 22 RDOs. Here is the team...



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

<https://friendsofrwandanrugby.com>

info@friendsofrwandanrugby.org.uk



@rwandanrugby

