

HOPE SAMARITAN MISSION-RWANDA

Restoring Love and Hope for the Needy

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OUR VISION

HOPE SAMARITAN MISSION envisions a society where all people live a life of hope and dignity. We seek to uphold the hope and dignity of each individual as made in the image of God by serving the basic needs of the poor, the marginalized and vulnerable population in Rwanda.

OUR MISSION

HOPE SAMARITAN MISSION aims at working with vulnerable communities to attain improved social and physical livelihood. We focus on improving the livelihoods of vulnerable communities through capacity enhancement in sustainable activities and natural resource management to increase household income.

OUR CORE VALUES

1. Passion and commitment
2. Honesty and Transparency
3. Respect
4. Participation and service excellence

“AIMING AT EMPOWERING VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES”



INTRODUCTION

About the HSM;

HOPE SAMARITAN MISSION exists to work with vulnerable communities to attain improved social and physical livelihood. Our focus is based on improving the livelihoods of vulnerable groups through capacity enhancement in sustainable activities and natural resource management with an aim of increasing household income. HSM is a national organization and currently operates its programs in the Communities of Nyagatare district – Eastern Province, however we hope to extend our services and programs to other parts of the Country depending on the growth of the Organization.

Hope Samaritan Mission works in collaboration with local community leaders. Civic Leaders, Local counterparts, Schools, local people and District leaders in order to achieve its aims and objectives. The year started well and we proceeded with our operations in project activities within Communities of Nyagatare District. Within the six months we have covered on this year, we have the pleasure to share the accomplishments so far secured in our operations and programs.



EDUCATION PROGRAM:



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COMMUNITY ILLITERACY

ERADICATION:

Last year we implemented the Community illiteracy eradication project teaching and training local people reading, writing and speaking especially English which we

made a progressive or continuous program. This program has benefited a number of adult illiterates who never got chance to go to formal school(s). Many people can now read, write and speak, Many can now introduce themselves and express them including some of the committee members of Hope Samaritan Mission (HSM). So we proceeded with this project even in this year as a strategy of reducing illiteracy in the community. There is a high demand from the neighboring communities who are not in the proximity where the teachings and trainings are conducted, to extend this program even in their respective communities due to the change results experienced around the villages which are covered by the program. The need for people who wish to have a chance of learning how to write, read and speaking is quite high but we are limited by Funds, otherwise our wish is to expand this project even to other communities within the District/Province.



ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN (OVCS) INITIATIVE:

Hope Samaritan Mission's OVCs initiative is aimed at assisting the orphans and vulnerable children (OVCs) to attain basic Nursery, Primary, Secondary and vocational education, through assistance in terms of providing them with school fees, scholastic materials, uniforms, shoes, psychosocial care and parental guidance.

Under OVCs initiative, we established a campaign with a theme " **GO BACK TO SCHOOL CAMPAIGN**" where we solicit funds for the school necessities or requirements such as scholastic materials like books, pens, pencils, geometry sets, reams, shoes and school stalks, school uniforms and school fees to mention but a few for the OVCs enabling them to go back to with the school necessities required. We collectively give out these school requirements / items to the Orphans and vulnerable children (OVCs) before they start their school academic term. This campaign is usually done at every beginning of the Academic term throughout the year.

During the beginning of the first academic term on this year thus early February, Hope Samaritan Mission officially implemented the first giveaway of scholastic materials to the OVCs under its programs. The scholastic materials given away included the books, pens and pencils, geometry sets, school bags as well as giving them orientation which has enabled them to be well behaved and bright students at their respective schools.

Currently it is what we were able offer in terms of our ability and capacity in this regard even though there are quite a number of request for school fees assistance but we do have the hope that as we proceed, the Organization will



the momentum of even giving support in terms of school fees/tuition. However there is much need to strengthen this program since education is the key for the good and bright future, so you can take a decision today to donate a monthly gift of less or more than 20US Dollars to buy books, pens or pencils for 1 orphan. You can donate scholastic materials to facilitate the campaign and you can physically participate in the giving away activity by volunteering or you can sponsor a child in terms of school fees to change her or his life by giving a good future through education!



THE TAILORING PROJECT;



Hope Samaritan Mission's tailoring project is geared towards the development of skills in tailoring and designing for the vulnerable youths especially the school dropouts who were dismissed from school due to lack of school fees and vulnerable women. Search categories of vulnerable children and women are very many in the communities we are operating in and this gave it our attention and priority to establish a Tailoring Project giving chance for these vulnerable and marginalized groups to have the opportunity of learning and training tailoring skills which will facilitate self help in their lives.

The Tailoring Project is acting as a pilot project for our big vision of the



establishment of the vocational training centre. The learning and training takes six months and within these months a student go through theoretical and practical work hence acquiring techniques in tailoring skills. Currently we do have 31 students learning in this tailoring project and so far 27 students have registered for



the second enrollment. The students who are currently learning have so far learnt the measuring and cutting techniques, sewing techniques and now they can do designing and sewing of Shirts, scats, scarves and cloth bags.

We do have hope and expect that after their training, these vulnerable children will be equipped with enough skills and techniques to start up their own ventures or obtaining employment to sustain them. We also have an internal plan to engage them into co-operatives where they will be having a collective workshop of skilled people with specialization in Tailoring skills and techniques. We already engaged in marketing strategies through contacting different institutions like schools, companies etc, to acquire market and orders which will be important for the beneficiaries of this project.



This project has turned out to be a dynamic one and so beneficial to our young vulnerable youths, single mothers and widows however there is still a lot which is needed to be done. Due to the increase in the number of students registering and the upgrade in the lessons taken, there is a need for more machinery such as sewing machines, designing machines, over lock machines, weaving machines and cloth materials.



MEDICAL AND HEALTH CARE PROGRAM:



The major aim of the program is to promote and expand access to health services at a community level as a basis for improved health outcomes and socio-economic opportunities for vulnerable groups.

This Program accommodates all the health issues affecting the people in the Community especially the vulnerable groups (women and children) of our country. Under this Program we have put our intervention in the health insurance

card called *mituelle de santé* and its maintenance. Our focus in doing this is to fight against diseases that affect vulnerable groups beyond their financial ability to access medical health services.

The *mituelle de santé* is a Government program of local health insurance which helps vulnerable people to access medical services at a subsidized cost but the most vulnerable individual

The Family of a vulnerable single mother with her children holding the Health insurance cards (*Mituelle de santé*) which will help them to access to subsidized health services with her Family in Government health units.



The vulnerable family which benefited in the medical insurance (mituelle de santé) payment to access health services.

cannot manage to acquire it and maintaining it since there is a cost of payment when obtaining it and a cost of payment in maintaining it on an annual basis. They are those who manage to obtain the mituelle de santé but they are unable to maintain the payment of a yearly subscription so they end up paying for one year and fail to pay for the other coming years hence being cut off from accessing the health services. For those reasons, hope Samaritan mission intervened in this program to assist the vulnerable families within the Sector/ Sub – County have medical insurance card in order to have access to health services. With collaboration of Local community leaders and community health workers, we managed to identify the right vulnerable families which deserve to be assisted in paying for their mituelle de santé.



We managed to pay for 100 people this year's mituelle de santé so that they can have access to health services.



PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL LAND FOR THE PROPOSED HOPE SAMARITAN VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE:



Purchase of 5 decimals

After the surveyors and planners made their feasibility study on the land we had earlier purchased last year for the construction of the vocational project. They advised us that according to the proposed plan of the Vocational Training Center, it is necessary to purchase additional land so that it can accommodate or suit the proposed project. We purchased more 4 decimals to add on the previous land.



After the purchase of the additional land, the Planners proceeded with their work of producing the architectural plan and bills of quantity for Proposed Hope Samaritan Vocational Training Centre which we expect to accommodate more than 400 students who will be engaged in acquiring vocational skills and techniques of various studies as well as bring change in community development and benefiting direct and indirect beneficiaries.





HAND CRAFT WORK INITIATIVE:



The handcraft work initiative is aimed at changing the lives of the vulnerable women especially the elderly and widows who are unemployed to generate income for their households. We engaged women into handcraft making through training them various skills hand craft making and now they are able to making different styles or designs of craft work. These products are sold on local market which helps them to earn an income enabling them to sustain their Families in to day to day life.



MAJOR SUPPORTERS RECOGNITION:

Hope Samaritan Mission would like to recognize and appreciate the noble support and generosity of Dr. Elisabeth Reinle and Foundation Rosenau. You have demonstrated a steadfast commitment to Hope Samaritan Mission's aims and objectives. Your support has been a great pillar in bringing up all of the six months achievements. Thank you for standing with us and believing in our mission.

We do also take this opportunity to recognize and appreciate the local community leaders, civic leaders, local people and Hope Samaritan team their collaboration and involvement in all work that has been accomplished in the quarter of this year. We do believe that with such participation, HSM mission will be accomplished in style hence change of lives and community development.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Your help is an important aspect in our work as we greatly rely on assistance. There are number of ways in which you can help us fulfill our objectives.

DONATE:

You can make a donation towards a project or service for HSM!

MONTHLY OR ONE TIME DONATION;

You can as well take a step to make a one time or a monthly donation by reducing your daily expenditures to give hope to someone in need.

CHEQUES AND MATERIAL DONATIONS:

HSM do accept tangible materials in form of donations, you can donate your old or un-used computer, camera, Books, rosary, clothes, a car, shoes

etc and all these can create an impact to the Organization and its beneficiaries. You can also donate a Cheque in favor of Hope Samaritan Mission.

HELP US FUNDRAISING: MAKE A DIFFERENCE;

- Fundraising is vital to successful functioning of HSM. In order to help improve and impact the vulnerable communities, we've got to have funds to implement and provide life-changing interventions for vulnerable groups. Therefore Fundraise on behalf of HSM, we can provide a fundraise tips! Just contact us on: Fundraising@hopesamaritanmission.org.

VOLUNTEER WITH US:

- Volunteers play a massive role here at HSM; your time helps make a difference. You can help us to keep our administrative costs down; your volunteership can help us achieve a lot and with your physical help and support, you can impact or change lives! We have many activities in which you can volunteer so please feel free to contact us: volunteer@hopesamaritanmission.org

BECOME AN AMBASSADOR:

- You can take a decision today to become an ambassador by representing HSM in your locality. Develop a reputation by creating awareness of HSM and its activities where you are! Your networking as an ambassador will provide an exceptional support system towards our activities.



HSM FINANCIAL AND EXPENDITURES REPORT SUMMARY (JAN -JUNE 2015)

HOPE SAMARITAN MISSION HAS DEMONSTRATED A SOUND FISCAL MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES FOR JANUARY TO JUNE AS SHOWN IN THIS EXPENDITURE REPORT.

NO:	DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY	QUANTITY	UNIT COST IN RWF	TOTAL COST IN RWF
1	Office Rent	Quota (6 months)	90,000	540,000
2	Rent for the Tailoring project premises	Quota(6 months)	82,000	492,000
3	Administrative cost	Quota (6 months)		76,000
4	Transport and Communication	Quota (6 months)		136,000
5	Paid for Proposed HSVTC Plan	once	560,000	560,000
	Sub - Total			1,804,000
6	GO BACK TO SCHOOL CAMPAIGN			
	Purchasing of Books	80 Students	950	76,000
	Purchasing of Pens & Pencils	80 Students	300	24,000
	Purchasing of Geometrical Sets	80 Students	700	56,000
	Purchasing of School Bags	80 Students	6,500	520,000
	Sub - Total			676,000
7	MEDICAL AND HEALTH CARE			
	Miteulle de sante Payment	100 vulnerable people	3000	300,000
	Sub - Total			300,000



NO:	DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY	QUANTITY	UNIT COST IN RWF	TOTAL COST IN RWF
8	COMMUNITY ILLITERACY ERADICATION			
	Allowance for Trainer	1 trainers for six months	30,000	180,000
	Sub - Total			180,000
9	Purchase of additional land			
	Paid for new Land	5 decimals	2,270,000	2,270,000
	Sub - Total			2,270,000
10	HANDCRAFT INITIATIVE			
	Paid for the materials used	Quota	70,000	70,000
	Allowances for Trainer	1 trainers for six months	20,000	120,000
	Sub - Total			190,000
11	TOILORING PROJECT			
	Purchasing of sewing machines	20 sewing machines	85,000	1,700,000
	Materials used in learning	once	155,500	155,500
	Salary for Trainers	2 Trainers for six Months	40,000	480,000
	Sub - Total			2,335,500
	GRAND TOTAL			7,715,500.00

1 Euro is equivalent to 840 Rwanda Franc



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