

# Hope of Family News

*A monthly Newsletter of Hope of Family*



**Alleviating Community from  
Extreme Poverty through Child  
Education**



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## ABOUT HOPE OF FAMILY

The primary goal of Hope of Family is to promote parental involvement in their children education while improving families' socio-economic status. Families and Hope of Family staff agree on the contract terms to sign in order to effectively support their children and raise their school performance. Parents agree to visit their children on the weekly basis, provide more after-school time for their revision, respond sooner to teacher's or any other school leader's invitation to discuss about the child's learning.

### Our Mission

Reduce extreme family poverty through strong and efficient children education

### Our vision

Families that live decent life with appropriate and timely involvement in their children education.

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## Message from the Founder



*Dear partners, beneficiaries and Friends of Hope of Family,*

It is a great pleasure for us to use this opportunity to express our greetings to you and your families who always work hard for a better future of our beneficiaries and our organization as a whole.

Since 2018, Hope of Family has been supporting vulnerable families in Shyogwe Sector, Muhanga District in the Southern Province of Rwanda.

We started from the scratch and continued to use all efforts to make sure that there is a positive change among 100 families that we supported, thanks to our esteemed partners for the tireless support which enabled us to quick start alleviating beneficiaries from extreme poverty.

We would like to let you know that within one year after Hope of Family Interventions, there was an obvious change to the wellbeing of our beneficiaries as you will be able to read about those achievements throughout this newsletter which is our first of its kind, thanks also to our communication team for bringing this communication channel to our organization.

We have made tremendous progress in various sectors namely Education of our children, empowering community for their socio-economic development, Health, sport, ICT, agriculture and livestock, among many other initiatives.

However, we are still having gaps since many people in the community are still looking for a helping hand which can't reach them due to our limited capacity to serve all in needs.

It is also within this opportunity that we express our call to everyone who can support our initiatives for the wellbeing of rural women, children and suffering men so that we can reach them as we continue our fight against extreme poverty.

Without taking much time, let me conclude my foreword here and wish you a fruitful reading throughout this newsletter.

***Best Regards.  
Mpayimana Aimable,  
Founder and Legal Representative***



## Hope of Family amidst COVID 19 Pandemic



As we all know the World has faced the challenging time during which Corona virus COVID 19 has attacked everyone and its impacts on human being came in various forms.

Our organization is grateful to our main stakeholders who include our donors, district officials as well as our staff and volunteers who always put more efforts in advocating for our cause wherever they are.

People lost their jobs, business stopped, schools closed and we cannot hesitate to say that only hospitals operate 24hrs/24hrs daily.

We will continue to do whatever possible to make the community felt the love of people of good will who always strive to bring hope to our beneficiary families.

Our beneficiaries might have faced devastating impacts of COVID 19 if we had not got funding from our donor who enabled us to donate to our beneficiaries through Hope of Family COVID 19 Emergency response.

During the confinement period that was established by the Government of Rwanda as one of the measures to contain the spreading of Corona Virus, through COVID19 emergency: Hope of Family distributed over 2 tons of food stuff equivalent to 2,500\$ to 101 families living in Shyogwe sector in Muhanga District.





When we thought about donating mobile phones and Radio receivers to our beneficiaries, we did not think that there will be the time that we all had to work remotely or in distance.

The Corona virus outbreak has not prevented our staff to engage with the beneficiaries in distance since the use of mobile phones has become a tool of communication that played a crucial role in connecting the administration to the beneficiaries.

Our beneficiaries have been receiving various updates from the side of the staff as well as from the side of the Government that has used radio channel as one of the greatest communication facility that has been widely used to communicate messages related to the prevention of Corona virus pandemic.

Our children also who are still in a lockdown up to September have been and are still able to follow Radio Learning program established by the Rwanda Education Board during this time when COVID 19 is preventing our schools to serve as usual.



## FEATURED STORY

### Shyogwe: How Radio and Mobile Phone contribute to Children's Education amidst COVID 19 lockdown



Children under Hope of Family sponsorship are able to follow learning program on Radio as Rwanda Education Board with various partners continue to coach all children via live broadcast services following the closure of education institutions over the COVID-19 outbreak in the country.

The program is help pupils proceed with learning while staying at home

Children following the program have said that they are benefiting much from the radio learning program since it is aired in their convenient times.

Niyonkuru Patrick, a student at Mbare Primary School in Shyogwe Sector of Muhanga District narrates that in this complicated situation, radio programs are helping them to revise their lessons.

He said that

***“We follow the lessons and after we continue to revise courses ourselves.”***

“Parents also help us to revise our lessons, even if there are some subjects that parents are not able to support us because they have no knowledge in such domains.” Patrick added citing English lesson as one of the subjects not easy to be understood by parents.

The same as Ngirinshuti David, a student in P6 explains that he wakes up early the morning, do the domestic tasks and later at 2 PM he follows the radio learning program.

He advises other children in the lockdown to follow the learning program while at the same time staying at home as part of helping the government to contain the spread of Corona Virus.

Nyiransababera Philomena, one of the parents explained that as parents “We are helping our children, first to understand the reason why the Government decided to close schools. We explained to them using even other examples of other calamities that happened in Rwanda in the past while at same time assuring them on the reopening of the schools in the near future.”

“In the beginning, there were challenges, our children were scattered outside playing road football games, but I decided to enforce the parental decision and asked them to revise their lessons even before this radio learning program. I did this sensitization not only among my children but also among the neighbours.” She added.

The management of Hope of Family follows closely on how sponsored children are following the learning program to make sure that they are not wasting time in this confinement period.

Mpayimana Aimable, Founder of Hope of Family noted that parents are encouraged to support their children to follow the lessons provided by Rwanda Education Board via their radios.

“Apart from encouraging them, we also phone them to know how children are participating and which obstacles that may likely to impede the smooth following of the learning program” Mpayimana added.

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## Fruitful Exchange on Concept of balanced diet



Hope of Family beneficiaries participated in various skills exchange between them and other beneficiaries of KULA Project as part of our capacity building among beneficiaries.

The Skills exchange always helps both sides to learn from one another.

The Concept of balanced diet in less than one hour: Kula project and Hope of family beneficiaries had a good exchange of skills and resources during HoF beneficiaries' study trip to Kula project site.

HoF is committed to countering malnutrition and the trip was in the context of both enriching and professionalizing our parental coaching training. One of the most important after-trip expectations was to pass on these skills to many more Muhanga district residents to better replicate them.







When you work to improve living conditions among beneficiaries, you also need to conduct a survey to see how your organization's interventions are impacting the beneficiaries' socio-economic status.

The November, 2019 Evaluation was conducted on 100 families living in Kabungo and Nyakabingo villages, Kinini cell, Shyogwe sector, Muhanga district in rural Southern Province of Rwanda where Hope of Family is implementing its project activities.

The purpose of that baseline survey was to evaluate the level of families' livelihood and socioeconomic status as well as to determine parent's involvement in their children's education.

Moreover, Hope of Family provides to the 100 vulnerable families the support for improving their children's education and family livelihoods.

A part of the report reads: "Hope of Family has conducted also Midline project evaluation on 100 families' beneficiaries for evaluating project impact towards enhancing children educational and family livelihoods after 12 months of project activities implementation."

*The study covered various aspects of interventions namely: Availability of enough school materials for students, Students who were at Primary School during 2018 Academic Year, Students who were at Primary School during 2019 academic year, Talent detection among children, Parent involvement in their children' Education, Students school performance, promotion of adult literacy among beneficiaries, supporting beneficiaries for their Social economic development, promotion of Hygiene and Sanitation among beneficiaries, Health Insurance Coverage, Promotion of ICT among beneficiaries and assessment of the overall children behaviour change with comparison to the previous years among others...*



## Children's Education and Adult Literacy Program



**Students who were at Primary School during 2018 Academic Year stood at 78% after intervention additional 22% of students were enrolled in School leading to the 100% beneficiaries' children attending class.**

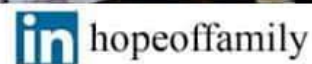
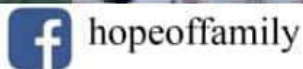
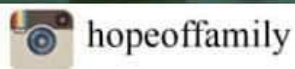
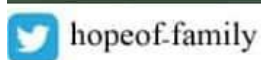
**However, the midline report indicated that even before or up to 2018, the Talent detection among children were at 0% while in 2019, children whose talents were identified increased from 0% previous year to 10% in 2019.**



# ADULT Literacy

## THE 2019 HOPE OF FAMILY MIDLINE REPORT SHOWED THAT

**Heads of Family who attended Community Library shifted from 0% in 2018 to 70% in 2019**



In 2018 Parent involvement in their children's Education stood between 10 to 20%, however, the middle line survey showed the 100% change in 2019.

Annual average of Students performance in 2018 was 46,10% while in 2019 was at 49.20%.

The promotions of Adult Literacy, in 2018 parents who know to read and write were 40% and in 2019 they increased to 75%. The Heads of Family who attend community Literacy was 0% in 2018, and the following year the number came to 70%.

Hope of Family has also conducted children behavior assessment at school in November 2019 for the 20 teachers from E.P Mbare and GS St Etienne Shyogwe primary school where 40 students supported by Hope of Family project are taking their studies.

The 20 teachers have been participated in this assessment by answering questions related children behavior at school. The purpose of this assessment was to monitor and evaluate the student's children behaviors at school. The findings from 20 teachers show that 35 out 40 students (that is 87.5%) respect their teachers and other students while the 11 out 40 students (that is 27.5%) come at school late.



**HELP US FIGHT COVID 19**

A poster for COVID-19 with a purple and blue background featuring virus particles. At the bottom, there is an illustration of a doctor in a white coat holding a clipboard.

## COVID 19

### Guidelines for Visitors and Staff

- Wear Face Masks
- Purify hard properties before and After using them
- Wash Hands before and after Office Services
- Ensure Social distancing
- Use Personal Sanitizer in order to purify your hand wherever you are as many times as you can
- Respect all measures in place to avoid contamination
- Use all Office equipment and Space properly

In case you have some signs of COVID-19  
Call 114 or  
+250788202080



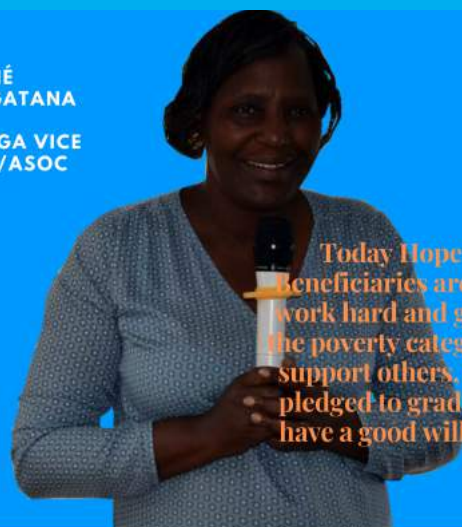
"Activities of Hope of Family are well aligned with the Government priorities which include to ensure the well-being of the citizens, have access to Social and Health services, among many others."

HON. UWANYIRIGIRA  
GLORIOSE, MP



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MUKAGATANA

MUHANGA VICE  
MAYOR/ASOC



Today Hope of Family Beneficiaries are requested to work hard and graduate from the poverty category so that we support others, most of them pledged to graduate and they have a good will to achieve it.

JESSICA BYLO  
CHACON

RUNNING CHICKEN  
BOARD MEMBER



**"We have decided to partner with Hope of Family because we share same values."**



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