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WE ARE HOPE OF FAMILY

Founded in 2016, Hope of Family is goal oriented towards reducing extreme family poverty through strong and efficient children education. 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. Hope of family is keen on the correlation between the family support and children's primary school performance.



VISION

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



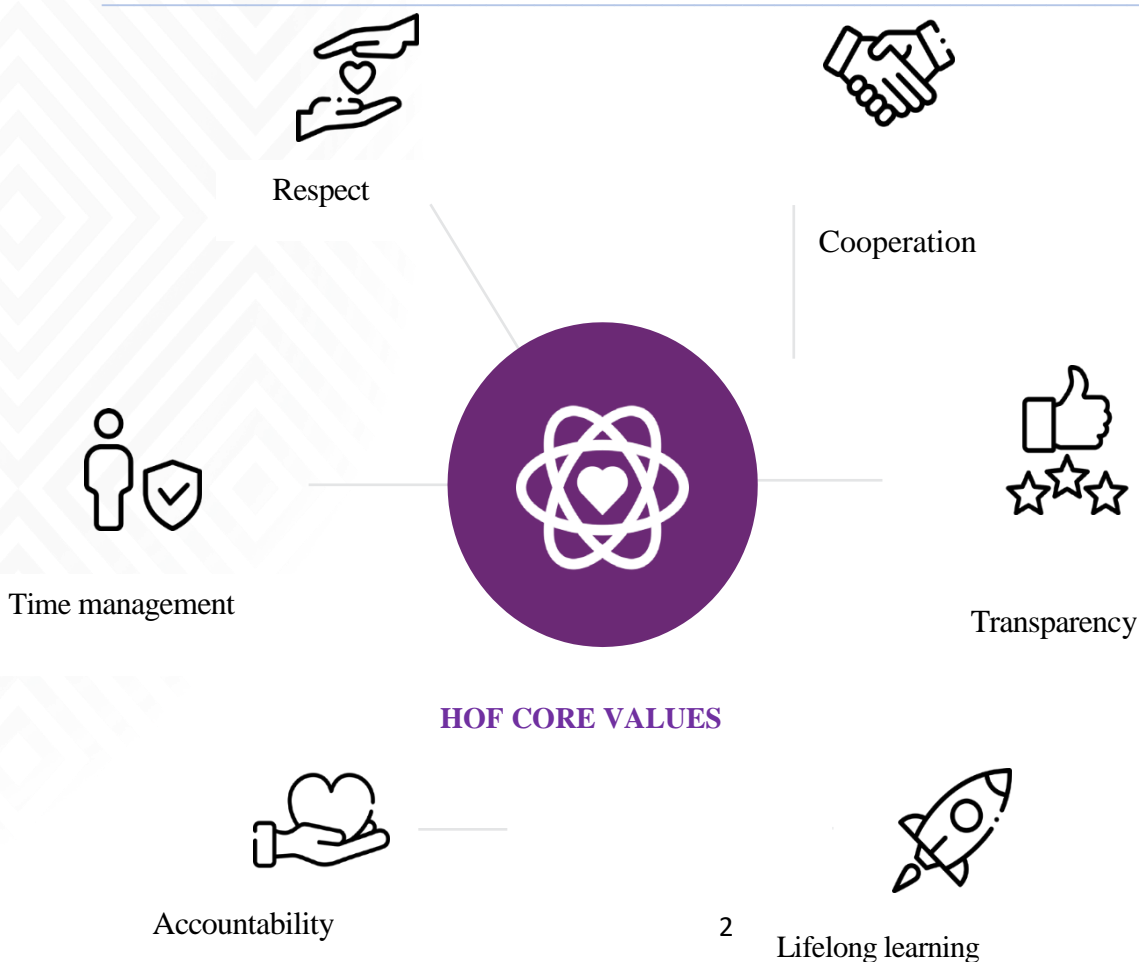
MISSION

Reduce extreme family poverty through strong and efficient children education



VALUES

A conducive home atmosphere is a critical success factor for primary school-aged children



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AT A GLANCE [2021-2022]

INTERVENTIONS	TARGET BENEFICIARIES	# OF BENEFICIARIES REACHED
Provision of school materials to supported children [This includes providing enough school materials that include notebooks, school bags, pens, shoes, uniforms, and bottles to carry potable water.]	150	186
Paying of school lunches for supported children [to cope with effects of the covid-19]	n/a	244
Payment of secondary school fees for orphaned students	n/a	3
Distribution of phones and radios devices among supported beneficiaries to enable them have access to communication and ICT related facilities	100	120
Provision of hygiene and sanitation material among supported families to keep their homes sanitary and clean	100	120
Supporting families to establish kitchen garden at their homesteads	100	99
Assist families who confront a dire need of decent housing to renovate their houses for a healthy home environment	50	4
Support families to construct their toilets	n/a	53
Provision of domestic animals as a source of income generation for supported families	100	98
Provision of support for community literacy initiatives [Support adult beneficiaries who can neither write nor attend community literacy school and provide them with financial assistance for staring long term income generating projects]	n/a	260
Finance/support formed saving groups to enable them have access to short-term loans on an individual basis to start up small businesses	120	120
Paying fees for vulnerable community members who are unable to have access to Community based Health Insurance	3000	3000
Provide domestic animals and food stuffs to the most vulnerable families, survivors of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi	n/a	7

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I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Hope of Family members for their critical role in assisting the Executive Secretariat in effectively carrying out its oversight responsibilities. We acknowledge that the accomplishments shared in this annual report would not have been possible without the unwavering support of the organization’s staff, donors, support offices, and right holders who have welcomed us to walk alongside them in finding long-term solutions to children’s basic education, adult literacy and community socio- economic development.

Thank you all

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OUR OBJECTIVES

In 2021-2022, Hope of Family continued to implement project activities in line with her mission and vision. HoF strategy is anchored on four objectives:

- 1) Provide wrap-around support to children from family beneficiaries.
- 2) Improve children's basic education performance by involving more their parents.
- 3) Promote adult literacy and capacity building among the beneficiaries
- 4) Support families' initiatives for their social economic welfare.

Objective 1. Provide wrap-around support to children from family beneficiaries

1.1. Provision of school materials

Children and teenagers in HoF care who are in primary school and come from low-income families receive full support to ensure effective school performance while improving their education at the primary and secondary levels.



During 2021-2022 fiscal year, **160** primary students and **26** nursery students were supported to get the full package of school materials. Hope of Family also provided payment for school feeding to **244** children from the previous and current cohorts. Additionally, Hope of Family has provided financial assistance to **4** orphaned secondary school students in order to cover their school fees for academic year of 2021/2022.

1.2. Talents detection among children

Young children learn best by experimenting with their environment through hands-on activities and play, that's why the learning environment is such an important part of the school. It is essential to use a learning environment to provide children with the hands-on experiences and play opportunities they entail, but there are a number of factors that influence which learning environment would work best for one's space, how they should be set up, and what materials should be included in each.



Following the COVID-19 pandemic Hope of Family aided and abetted children from vulnerable families in resuming their development of talents, with **34** children identified in drawing, **25** in traditional dancing, and **41** in football talent.

Objective 2. Improve children's basic education performance by involving more their parents

Hope of Family encourages parents from supported families to be involved in their children's education for supporting children to increase their school performance. Parents agree to visit their children on the weekly basis, provide more after-school time for their revision, respond sooner to teachers' or any other school leader's invitation to discuss about the child's learning. Parents are the prime educators before starting school who also have a major influence on children's education in school life and beyond.

Parents' responsibilities include providing school supplies/ materials (books, notebooks, pens, uniforms, book bag). HoF also caters for parents' understanding of education and how best to support their children in the school success. In this context, Hope of Family has developed a module to use in the parental coaching and this happens on the weekly basis. During the fiscal year 2021-2022, sixty

percent (60%) of parents whose children are under HoF care were able to visit their children at school and interacted with teachers on their children schooling.

Objective 3. Promote adult literacy and capacity building among the beneficiaries

Hope of Family realizes that lacking vital literacy skills holds a person back at every stage of their life. As for adults, they won't be able to support their own children's learning. This intergenerational cycle makes social mobility and a fairer society more difficult. In this situation, Hope of Family supports adult literacy at community level by encouraging adults who cannot read nor write to go for attending community literacy school. Members of the Hope of Family community who are unable to read or write are encouraged and supported to enroll in community literacy programs. Family Hope values collaboration with adults 'literacy schools run by other organizations based in the zone of operations.



Hope of Family understands that literacy is the most indispensable tool to support children's education thus Hope of Family staff work tirelessly to encourage parents about the importance of school and why it is imperative for parents to maximize the aid opportunity in the interest of their successful children's education. After mobilizing and encouraging community members who couldn't read or write to attend a community literacy school so they could participate in their children's education. Hope of Family provided financial assistance to **260** Shyogwe sector inhabitants who had graduated from a community literacy school in order for them to launch income-generating activities or benefit initiatives through saving and loan associations.

Objective 4. Support families' initiatives for their social economic welfare

As usual Hope of Family assists beneficiaries in improving their social and economic well-being through the implementation of income-generating activities, the establishment of community-based health insurance, the distribution of hygiene and sanitation materials, the distribution of communication tools (radios and mobile phones), the establishment of a kitchen garden, and the renovation of family homes.

4.1. Provision of communication tools to the supported families



Hope of Family provided communication equipment such as radios and telephones to **120** families living in Kabungo and Nyakabingo in Kinini cell to assist them in accessing various sources of information and monitoring their children at school.

4.2. Distribution of hygiene and sanitation materials

Hope of family does provide hygiene and sanitation material among supported families to keep their homes sanitary and clean.



In this year, HoF distributed hand washing tools and other hygiene materials to **120** families in order to improve household hygiene and sanitation and combat disease caused by a lack of hygiene and sanitation.

4.3. Establishing kitchen gardens in supported households

Kitchen gardens are extremely important at the family level, particularly for improving a balanced diet and protecting children from malnutrition. Each family's kitchen garden has been built, and it is now in the production stage, with families enjoying delish vegetables.



Hope of Family established **99** kitchen gardens among benefiting families to assist them in improving their nutrition status.

4.4. Distribution of domestic animals to beneficiaries & Renovating family's houses



- Hope of Family provided **98** domestic animals (pigs and goats) to 98 beneficiary families in order to increase family income through livestock production. Besides that, Hope of Family assisted **4** low-income families in renovating their very old homes, as well as constructing **53** toilets for the most vulnerable households.
- In addition, Hope of Family supported **120** beneficiaries in getting short-term loans at the individual level in order to start small businesses that will generate income for their families. **120** beneficiaries from supported families were divided into six (**6**) saving and lending groups, each with **20** members thus HoF provided financial assistance to enable them begin earning income for their survival.
- Hop of Family has also paid **3000** mutual health insurance to vulnerable people.
- HoF conducted a one day session for community leaders and community health workers from the Shyogwe Sector on the best way to gather data on family welfare and stunting and malnutrition

status among children under the age of five at village level. As a result, these trained people were able to perform data collection on **3,864** children living in the Shyogwe sector, and as part of the findings, it was realized that **126** of them are malnourished.

4.5. Supporting survivors of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi



During the commemoration of the 1994 genocide against the 1994 Tutsi in Rwanda, Hope of Family provided support to seven (7) households of genocide survivors living in the Shyogwe sector along with domestic animals (Goats) and food in order to improve their family's welfare.

Challenges encountered

- The parental coaching training did not happen because of face to face for large groups were not allowed, and also as we planned to renovate 50 houses for beneficiaries, this activity did not happen because of the restrictions imposed by the Muhanga district master plan. All of these effects will be considered and mitigated during next year of the project implementation [2022/2023].
- The organization has not yet reached a stage where it can deal directly with unschooled youth, their families, and the community at large. In the coming fiscal year 2022/2023, Hope of Family will focus on empowering youths in the areas of reproductive health, as well as supporting them to attend vocational school (TVT), financial literacy, and entrepreneurship. We will also assist community members living in the Shyogwe sector in combating stunting and malnutrition among

children under the age of five, and encouraging them to prepare a healthy diet.

Conclusion

Hope of Family is now establishing strong communities, and valuable lessons are being gathered in order to gradually expand on this more effective model. We have a clear vision of where we are heading as we monitor different levels of stakeholder engagement and develop a mechanism for addressing our day-to-day challenges in order to maximize the aspirations of this holistic family support.

Hope of Family will continue to encourage different funders to support its mission as time goes on because there are always compelling reasons to do so. All of Hope of Family's core values are driving forces behind our successful field activities, which revolve around four pillars of the Theory of Change: family resilience action, children education support, family awareness and capacity development, and family commitment and action.

ALBUM



Hope of Family provided wrap around support to children from families 'of beneficiaries by distributing school materials packages (School uniform, shoes, note books, pens, school bag, facemask, gourde and pads for ladies)



Hope of Family strives to support children to develop their talents



Distribution of hygiene and sanitation materials to assist households remain hygienic and clean



HoF provide 3million as financial assistance to her beneficiaries to be borrowed from their saving groups hence boost their small and income generating projects.



A learning workshop for community leaders and community health workers held in Shyogwe sector