



HOPE OF FAMILY'S NARRATIVE REPORT FOR IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES: FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023



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Thank you all

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INTRODUCTION

This report shows in detail the key achievements of Hope of Family in fiscal year 2022-2023 by using donations from the Woven Foundation's donation based on what we had planned.

With this generous donation, we provided wrap-around support to children from vulnerable families, parents were trained and engaged in children's education, adults people who didn't know to read and write were supported to attend community literacy schools, youth were trained in human rights education and other topics after training some of them are supported to attend Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Schools, families are supported to improve their socioeconomic wellbeing through saving and credit groups, families are supported to improve health and nutrition status and also for eradicating social security issues. These were our key commitments in this ended fiscal year for improving the education of children and holistic development. In this document, we mentioned key achievements with numbers and detailed descriptions.

With the deepest gratitude and appreciation, we humbly express our thanks to our good donors, government of Rwanda, stakeholders and Hope of Family's staff that contributes to the improved education of children from our rural community as well socioeconomic well-being of their families.

INTRODUCTION

Hope of Family (HoF) is a local Non-Government Organization established by law No/2000 of 26/07/2000 of non-profit making associations in Rwanda with a goal-oriented towards reducing extreme family poverty through strong and efficient children's education. Hope of Family is based in Shyogwe Sector, Muhanga district, Southern Province of Rwanda. Its commitments pass through four areas of interventions including Children Education, adults' literacy and capacity building, youth economic empowerment and family livelihood.

Our Mission

Reduce extreme family poverty through strong and efficient children's education

Our Vision

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

Our Core Values

Transparency

As our support is direct and we are transparent in all processes especially towards our generous donors who sacrifice their time to raise funds for Hope of Family or make their generous donations.

Accountability

Hope of Family is always accountable towards the expenditures related to operations.

Time management

It is always important to attend to family beneficiaries' needs and school children on time. All programs and support offered to parents and children happen in a relatively planned time in order to reduce stress and maximize work output.

Respect

Hope of Family respects not only families and school children from vulnerable backgrounds but also any other party that understands and supports our cause.

Cooperation

Being in a community of people and organizations with diverse backgrounds is a good opportunity to share constructive experiences to optimize Hope of Family Vision and mission.

Lifelong learning

Hope of Family works with people with a wide range of expertise to share knowledge and hands-on experiences about family poverty reduction, empowerment, successful primary education, saving culture, and volunteerism. Hope of Family staff and beneficiaries value meeting opportunities that bring people together to deeply learn about knowledge revolving around those areas of intervention.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

General Hope of Family's achievements in numbers

Activities done	Success Numbers
Families supported to improve their socio-economic status	200
Children supported in their education	434
Children supported to develop their talents	130
Children supported to pay school fees	4
Number of youth trained on Leadership, entrepreneurship, reproductive health and human right education	50
Youths supported to attend Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) schools	13
community people who are currently attending adult community school supported to get school materials	256
Community people supported and graduated in community literacy school	172
Community people received Financial Assistant through Saving and Loans Associations	200
Beneficiaries' saving and loan associations were assisted in obtaining financial assistance in order to generate income	22
Kitchen gardens were established in low-income families	43
Houses for families were renovated	10
Construction of poster board (Ibicumbi) in order to help community members to prepare a balanced diet	23

OUR OBJECTIVES

In 2022-2023, 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 material

HoF provides wrap-around support to children from vulnerable families in order to improve physical, emotional, social, ethical and academic behaviour of children, increase performance of children at school, increase school attendance rate and reduce dropout rate.



Photos: sample photos showing children with some basic school materials

Hope of Family provided wrap around support to children from families 'of beneficiaries. In order to promote quality education by motivating children's increased school enrollment and attendance, for this academic year 2022-2023 by distributing school materials packages (note books, pens, math kit boxes,

school bag and shoes) to **434** children enrolled in Nursery and primary schools in Shyogwe sector, We believe that these materials will play a huge role in improving performance rate among children who are being supported by Hope of Family and also Hope of Family has provided financial assistance to **4** orphaned secondary school students in order to cover their school fees for academic year of 2022/2023

The supported children come from 320 families of beneficiaries under Hope of Family's programs.

In this year, 57 children from Mbare Primary School who performed well at school are awarded. This a motivation for supported children in order to improve their performance in the future. Around 80% of children in our program are students from this school. Hope of is committed to improve education of children from this school by motivating students and teachers in different areas of development.



Photo: Children from Mbare Primary School who performed well at school are awarded

1.2. Talents detection among children

Holistic development is a combination of social, emotional, physical, mental, and intellectual growth of a child. 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 Hope of Family children. It is essential to use a learning environment to provide children with the hands-on experiences and play opportunities.



Photo: Drawing and traditional art were identified, developed and supported.

Generally, 130 children have demonstrated their talents in different domains. As of now, 35 children have shown their ability in drawing art, 55 in traditional dance and 40 in football talent. This talent has been supported and developed whereby Hope of Family brought different coaches with good expertise to help children to develop their talent skills. Hope of Family is and will always be committed to support and improve talent of the kids from vulnerable families through talent detection program.

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 monthly 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. According to the result from primary national Examination academic year of 2021-2022, Hope of Family had 16 children studied in P6, they come from families of Hope of Family program beneficiaries. Three (3) of them allowed to attend boarding school, while the remaining twelve (12) are allowed to attend nine years of basic education and only one failed, those achievement comes from parental involvement in children education. Hope of Family rewarded all these students moved in secondary school in this academic year of 2022-2023.

In this context, Hope of Family has developed a module to use in the parental coaching and this happens on the monthly basis. During the fiscal year 2022-2023, seventy-five percent (75%) of parents whose children are under HoF care were able to visit their children at school and interacted with teachers on their children schooling



Photos: Parent who supporting children in home learning and other who visited children at school

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

3.1. Community adult literacy

Hope of Family realizes that lacking 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.

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 created saving and credit groups of 172 adult students in Shyogwe sector inhabitants who had graduated in first cohort of this academic year of 2022-2023 from a community literacy school. A number of 256 adult people from three adult community schools have now enrolled and received basic school materials (notebooks, pens and files) as a way of motivating and engaging them to attend regularly the class. we are expecting this number to increase in next academic year because we are organizing different campaigns in the community on fighting against adult illiteracy and the schools are still receiving new students. we are strongly committed to have community full of knowledgeable people and ensure those people will play a huge role in education of their children.



Photos: some community literacy students graduated and others receiving basic school materials to attend adult literacy school.

3.2. Train community on parental involvement and other different topics

We are extremely enchanted to let you know that today, we have launched a two-year training program where our beneficiaries/family will be trained about parental involvement in children's education and other cross-cutting topics that have been carefully chosen according to the needs from our community. We are digging deeper about parents' involvement in their children's education (before, during and after school), nutrition (preparation of balanced diet), health reproduction, make use of short lands to improve their agriculture, how to create a successful saving and credit groups, etc...



Photos: groups of parents attending different trainings

200 new beneficiary's families grouped into 15 groups will be trained about above topics and will be given a community assignment of serving others who didn't get this life-changing opportunities. we are strongly committed to raise family awareness about the roles and responsibilities of parents in education of children. We are aiming to assist families to create conducive environment that will encourage children's learning and exploring while at home and all these opportunities can awake children and make a big difference in terms of academic achievement, social development and overall wellbeing.

3.3. Youth empowerment

The youth support project is one of the projects being implemented by Hope of Family aiming to support youth from vulnerable families in the age range of 18 to 25 from Shyogwe sector. Those are the youth who could not complete their 12 years of basic education due to various challenges but can still manage to learn something and help their families and the nation out of poverty through attending Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Schools in the field of carpentry, tailoring, welding, masonry, bakery, Hairdressing, decoration, etc.

For now, Hope of Family has launched a new program for youth's economic empowerment. Up to now, 50 youths from our community received introductory training on leadership, reproductive health, entrepreneurship and human right education and a number of 13 youths started to study at the local Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Schools in this academic year of 2022-2023. A number of **12** youths started to study tailoring and another **1** youth is studying sewing. Before being enrolled in school, HoF provided with them scholastic materials to enable them studying effectively.



Photos: 13 youth supported to attend TVET Schools

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 a kitchen garden, renovation of family houses, creation of credit and saving groups and construction of post board

4.1. Improving nutrition status in the community

There are many different activities done by Hope of Family related to fighting against malnutrition which resulted into improved nutritional status in community. Some of them are:

Currently, Hope of Family established **43** kitchen garden in the community where they can easily get different vegetables to help them prepare a balanced diet and we are still committed to provide other kitchen garden to other vulnerable peoples living in Shyogwe sector.



Photos: kitchen garden constructed in the community

In addition, HoF constructed **23** block posters (ibicumbi) in various locations (one in each village) of Shyogwe sector so that the community at large can learn how to prepare a balanced diet for fighting malnutrition as one of the issues threatening our country. They learn through reading what is written on the block posters regarding how to prepare a balanced diet. Many researches show that, stunting for children affect their performance at school. It is the reason why Hope of Family is committed to improve families' nutritional status in order to have children with good health hence increases their rate of performance at school.



Photo: block poster constructed in one of villages of Shyogwe sector

4.2. Renovating family houses

This year HoF renovated **10** houses of families of our beneficiaries. This activity aims to support family members who were struggling to live in better houses and to help the children from those families to found a comfort zone that will support them in home learning and keeping their school materials safe.



Photo: one of our beneficiary's houses renovate

4.3. Creation and support of saving and credit group

Hope of Family created fifteen new saving and credit groups from 200 new beneficiaries. they were given basic materials including metallic boxes to be used in keeping some few money and group materials, and credit & saving books to be used in saving and credit process. Those people also have been given basic trainings on how to use all these materials. HoF expect to increase the number of saving and credit groups created in the community depending on availability of funds. The financial improvement for the family will directly improve family's welfare as well as children's education those families were supported to create saving and credit groups and have received financial support from Hope of Family via these groups.

Among these families, there are two categories/groups namely:

- Group of 100 families
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The group of 100 families are considered as agents of change whereby they all managed to create the small income generating activities and small businesses for themselves through their own saving and credit loan groups. Among these small income generating activities, we may say livestock farmers, shoes making, tailoring and other small commercial businesses. These agents of change play a huge role in changing mindset of vulnerable community families.



Photos: some community members created small income generating activity where they invested in shoes making.

CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED

Talent detection and creating recreational time for supported children has done only in academic big holidays. The school calendar takes children from Monday to Friday, some children took extra study coaching with their teachers on Saturday and use Sunday for going to the church. These make children to be busy and we didn't get enough time for talent program.

In this year, Hope of Family launched Youth Economic Empowerment Program which is focusing on empowering youths in the areas of Human Right Education, leadership, reproductive health, and entrepreneurship. After training we pay scholarship to those youth in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Schools. The challenges we are facing is that TVET schools are very expensive, our support can't reach to the big number of youths. As solution, we have an idea of stating our own Youth Training Center. This will help us to support a big number with minimum cost.

CONCLUSION

Hope of Family makes a considerable positive change in rural community we serve. Youth Economic Empowerment Program that was launched in this year is a solution for extending our intervention in all corners of the family. Hope of the family's implementation team was increased by new staff with new skills and experiences. This is a good opportunity for expanding our work and increasing the quality of what we do. We encourage our existing donors and new ones to continue working with Hope of Family to improve the well-being of families, especially the education of the children we serve.