



HOPE GROWERS ORGANIZATION ANNUAL REPORT (2022-2023)



Our Education, Our dignity

We promote a dignified and happy life with a fulfilled hope for the present and the future with a focus on promoting education and other socio-economic activities that enhance community well-being.

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O. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The current report reflects detailed activities undertaken in the implementation of the HOPE GROWERS organization planned activities in the year 2022-2023 and sets off clear all achieved milestones.

During the mentioned period, Hope Growers 'activities mainly focused on establishing the Hope Growers ECD Centre with facilities that are conducive for children's learning and are acceptable at standards of a modern ECD Centre. The Hope growers ECD Centre is a Project developed to provide a quality pre-primary education that ensures good early education and paves a solid foundation to further learning at advanced schooling level.

On one side, activities such as preparation of three classrooms for baby, middle- and top-class students, preparation of cooking space and establishment of a kitchen, construction of hand washing station and toilets to ensure a conducive schooling environment were conducted;

On the other side, activities to strengthen capacities of training of caregivers and sensitization of the community in the rights of children to early childhood learning were conducted. These include training of three care givers on care of infants and toddlers in family and school setting, training of ECD center coordinator, mobilization of 65 family for their children to attend early childhood education, payments of ECD Center staff and purchasing school materials, and other necessary equipment including toys and playing park.

Hope Growers Organization, sought to integrate its mission in the community where it operates to gain confidence of its primary stakeholders which are Parents with a target to join community outreach sessions organized with local authorities and get occasions to talk on children's rights to early schooling. In this regard, we approached The Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), the premier grant aid agency of the Korean government, and in collaboration with KOICA Rwanda Alumni Association (KORAA), we organized a community outreach composed of activities designed to contribute to the local community, including the cleaning of community roads, clearing bushes, and donating personal sanitization materials as well as daily essentials on April 29, 2022 at Hope Growers ECD Center "Ku Mukindo" in Nyarubuye Cell, Fumbwe Sector, Rwamagana District.

Below, we are detailing implementation of all the above mentioned activities

1. Description of achieved Results per activities

1.1. Preparation of three classrooms for baby, middle and top class students



This marked the first activity that took time, efforts and Budget to ensure that we make the school environment attractive to children and their parents' consent to the added value in comparison of the existing classroom at Nyarubuye Cell. We have rehabilitated an existing house and turned its blocks into Classrooms that we equipped with necessary materials including matts, table and chairs, black board and other teaching materials tailored to Children categories (Baby, Middle and top).



1.2. Preparation of cooking space, kitchen and construction of hand washing stations and toilets



In the spirit of enhancing school feeding and help parents to learn and adopt health nutrition behaviors, it was one of our priorities to prepare a good and smart place for cooking food to the

Children. We have constructed a kitchen station to adapt it to the ECD Centre capacity according to enrolled children which arrived at 87 at the beginning. We bought kitchen utensils and other necessary materials including utensils cupboards and reserved an appropriate space cleaning kitchen stuff.

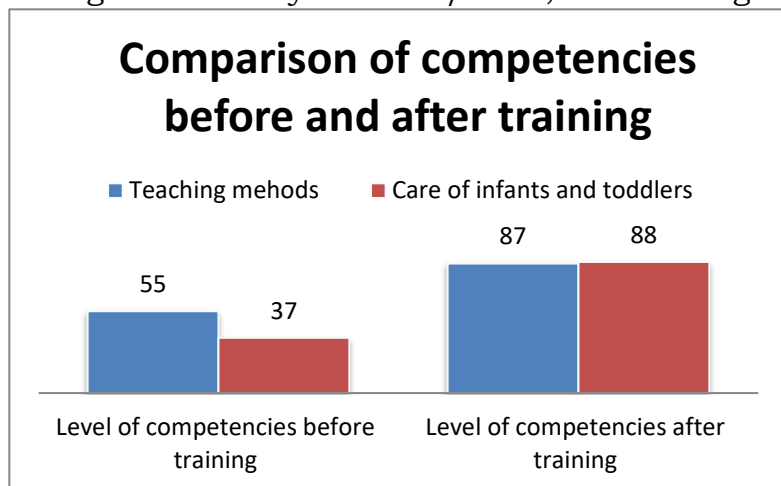
Hope growers ECD Centre children attend school from 08h up to 12h30 and are fed with porridge and some snacks including biscuits and or doughnuts and occasionally we give them cooked food that are prepared by the parents in cooking sessions of a balanced diet that we organize once every two months.



1.3. Capacity building of Primary Caregivers and Parents

Hope Growers Organization was established with the aim to Promote early childhood development education for children living in rural area in order to enhance early fostered confidence towards Primary schooling and Promote family education through parenting education session to nurture their engagement and mindset change in regard to their children’s rights and growth.

During the school year 2022/2023, Three caregivers were trained and equipped with



skills, knowledge and right attitudes to take care of infants and toddlers. The trainers have successfully completed their training with an assessment of the trainees’ capacities to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of caring of infants and toddlers in family and group setting skills and below figure depict their levels.

Figure 1: Comparison of competencies before and after training



Beside training of Care givers, the ECD Centre paid visits to neighboring ECDs at Cell and community levels in order to learn and share experiences and obviously get onboard new children for Parents who understood the importance of early education of their children in a more conducive environment.



1.4. Mobilization of 65 families for their children to attend early childhood education

In order to mobilize the community, Hope growers ECD Centre in collaboration with KOICA Rwanda Alumni Association (KORAA), organized a community outreach activities



including activities designed to contribute to the wellness of the local community, including the cleaning of community roads, clearing bushes, and donating personal sanitization materials as well as daily essentials as we were still in the post covid-19 period. The mobilization reached many people of the surrounding environment with a target to encourage 65 families of ECD Children and they were around 247 family members.



The community outreach with KORAA members was very remarkable especially with the project of one rabbit per child enrolled in the Hope Growers ECD Center in the framework of encouraging Parents to educate their children to peaceful cohabitation with domestic animals; the project of one rabbit per child has the following objectives:

1. To initiate/train children aged 5-6 years to light family chores (by feeding rabbits that will be his property once baby rabbits are borne);
2. To encourage Parents to small livestock rearing and improve their nutritious behaviors into balanced diet;
3. Help the School in occasionally feed the children with protein and sale rabbits to neighboring hotel and get financial resources to cater for some basic needs in the ECD.

Figure 2: Mobilization activity in photos at the ECD center



After distribution of rabbits, Parents were encouraged to form mutual support groups in order to identify local economic opportunities that can be turned into small income generating activities. The mutual groups were also a strategy to Hope Growers Organization to monitor the rearing of rabbit in order to avoid any mismanagement since they were to give

babby rabbits to other parents in the framework of corporate social responsibility.



Parents who signed contracts with Hope growers for rabbits rearing

1.5. Hope Growers ECD Centre partnership and collaboration framework

Hope Growers ECD Centre has tried to establish partnership with surrounding community especially health Centres because children must be healthy and anything can affect them. It is in this framework that we collaborated with Janjagiro Health Center in the neighborhood and our children are included in health centre’s activities like deworming and vaccine campaigns.

Beside the ECD collaborate with local authorities to know the less privileged families that can be helped to get “Mutuelle de Santé” that are given by Harmonious Initiative, an International NGO with Headquarters in France and supporting different schools in Rwanda. In partnership with Harmonious initiative we have paid health insurance of 30 members within families of children enrolled in Hope Growers ECD Centre and 20 school materials including school bags, books and other materials.



Children were given deworm pills by Janjagiro health Centre



Children after distribution of the school kit gifted by Harmonious Initiative-France

2. Implementation status of all planned activities

Table 1: Implementation status of all planned activities

Project Name	Domain	Planned activities	Implementation status	Area of intervention	Allocated budget in Frws	Source of funds
Hope Growers ECD Centre	Education	Preparation of three classrooms for baby ,middle and top class students ,	The rooms were prepared as planned and the students are studying in their respective classes, thus baby, middle and top classes	Eastern Province, Rwamagana District and Fumbwe Sector	4,510,000	Shareholders contributions
		Preparation of cooking space, kitchen and construction of washing taps and toilets ,	The cooking place was prepared by refurbishing the existing places and transformed them into a good place for cooking. There is a kitchen which is used for food preparation	Eastern Province, Rwamagana District and Fumbwe Sector		
		Training of three caregivers on care of infants and toddlers in in family and school setting,	Three caregivers were trained and equipped with skills, knowledge and right attitudes to take care of infants and toddlers	At the EDC Center	50,000	Shareholders contributions
		Training of center coordinator,	The center coordinator was trained at different	Rwamagana District Headquarters	150,000	Shareholders contributions

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			occasion in Rwamagana district			
		Mobilization of 65 family for their children to attend early childhood education,	The mobilization was done to 65 families with 247 family members		2,850,000	KOICA-KORA
		Payments of ECD Center staff	All staff members were paid and there is neither arrears nor debts by today	Rwamagana District	3,720,000	Shareholders contributions
		Purchasing school materials ,and other necessary equipment including toys etc,	School materials and other necessary materials were bought and are being used by the students to improve quality education	ECD Center	720,000	Shareholders contributions

Other implemented Activities:

1. Acquisition of Land for future extension of ECD/School activities;
2. Partnership agreement with Harmonious Initiative;
3. Community Outreach with KOICA-KORAA where 50 Rabbit were given to Parents with Children in ECD under the Initiative One Rabbit by Child;
4. Graduation Ceremonies for the Children in Top Class

3. Hope Growers ECD Centre daily activities in Photographs



Figure 2: Morning sessions



Figure 3: Children in physical activities



Figure 4: Milking Children



Figure 5: Socialization time in Play Park

Figure 6: ECD Centre Children in praying session



**Top Class
Graduation**

4. Conclusion

HOPE Growers is established to strive for a remarkable impact on the people and communities in which it works through a holistic approach to developmental activities, collaboration with social economic actors/ stakeholders present in the community, and a firm commitment to creating positive change that leads to a Rwanda we can all be proud of.

At this end, all the planned activities were implemented and benefited the community around as it in our mandate. We are planning to keep doing good things and think big for the betterment of kids that live in Rwamagana district. We will always be solution to problems of people living in this area and the country in general.

The shareholders of Hope Growers are committed to contributing to the country progress by helping those in need. The initiatives will always be born and of course it will always be our passion to do what is better.

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