

**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- Farmers planning to take it higher
- 11 students successfully complete secondary school

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### Potamie - Total Resilience

Potamie is a brilliant student who joined HOPE worldwide Burundi program in 2015 in mid secondary. She went through a lot in life. Before her father died of his mental illness, her father burned down their family home to the foundation. Potamie’s mother and siblings became homeless for long. The community rebuilt for them the house, but unfortunately, the civil war led to the destruction of their second home. Potamie and her siblings lost their mother and inevitably got separated because of the war. Needless to say, she couldn’t afford school tuition and spent years wondering on how she could go back to school.

Potamie remembered how brilliant she used to be in class. In a life marked by tragedies, not being able to pursue her education constituted the greatest pain.

Thirteen years later, as she started sharing her desire to return to school, Potamie met a person willing to get her admission, on condition that she finds a way to take care of the school fees, books and uniform. Without any idea of how she would achieve this, she made a commitment to make it happen.

When she finally resumed school, it was obvious that Potamie was different not just by virtue of her age, but also because she couldn’t afford the uniform and books. Her classmates gave her a few books. The daily tears and sorrow she lived with consumed her inwardly.

One of the teachers introduced her to HOPE worldwide Burundi and after being interviewed by the coordinator of the Program in Burundi, she was granted the



Potamie

support needed to see her broken dream and hope restored. Here, she has experienced the love and care she lacked for years.

Summing up her story with intense tears of gratitude and joy, Potamie reflects: "I used to cry because of pain, today I cry because of joy". Today, Potamie is a final year University student at a medical faculty, department of nursing, and still supported by HOPE worldwide Burundi.

### Leading The Way

From left to right, Arnaud, Cédric and Dorcas are three of the 110 youth in secondary school who are in the BurundiKids program. They study in different schools and they are great examples to the rest of the children in the program. In their con-

duct they are well disciplined, above reproach, and they are amazingly leading the way in their school work. Throughout the last school year, they were the top in their respective classes. They are so grateful for the support they



get and for the coaches in their lives.

## Raissa



Successful Raissa

Raissa joined BurundiKids program when she was very young. Coming from a poor family it was not easy for her parents to afford school fees and school materials for her or her siblings. Four years ago, her dad, who had just received some capital from HOPE to start a business died. She remained with her mother and was not discouraged to continue her school life. With the moral support, tuition, and mentoring that she continued to receive from HOPE team, she pushed on until she succeeded and receive her

secondary school certificate. What is inspiring is that she passed with great honours. She got 82% in the national test that gives the students

the right to join National University. We are proud of her and she is so much grateful for the support she received.



Raissa and other girls in the program



Mathias with a checked shirt behind

## 11 Rejoice During Graduation

In the school year 2020-2021, HOPE team was so encouraged to see eleven youth get their certificates following the completion of their secondary school studies. This is due to tireless efforts of the students, the teachers, and the team of coaches in their lives. It is so amazing to witness both their physical and intellectual growth. Some of them joined the program at an early age, with health challenges, and academically challenged. This goes without mentioning the challenges they were facing in their respective families. For instance, Mathias was met in our partner hospital where

he was being sheltered in pathetic conditions and allowed to sleep with the sick because he did not have anywhere to go.



2021 Graduates



2021 Graduates with part of the HOPE Team

## Farmers Have Big Plans

The agriculture project in Muramvya is going on very well. The families involved in it are so happy to have something they are working on together. They are involved in cultivating different

kinds of crops ranging from potatoes, maize, wheat, peas, and vegetables. Their goal is to have their project registered as an Agricultural Cooperative and to focus on having it generating income for their development. They look forward to be self-supportive and become great suppliers in food stuff.



Farmers working in a peas farm



Harvested potatoes



Farmers working in a wheat farm

## A New School Year Begins

The school year 2021-2022 which opened its doors in September, saw 15 new entries in the program. It is a life-changing opportunity to the children and families given the large number of people who come to ask for support from HOPE office. All the children were looking forward to join school since they

got all the required school materials and uniforms in advance. Indeed, each child received exercise books according to the number required by different levels, pens, pencils, rulers and mathematical sets where needed. In addition, each child received a pair of uniform. Note that all these are packed in a school bag that makes them proud of belonging to HOPE family. Both parents and children are very much happy and grateful for this relieving support.



Primary school children



Secondary school boys and girls receiving school uniforms and materials



Primary school children



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HOPE *worldwide* Burundi (HWWB) is a faith-based relief and development organization, and legally registered by the government of Burundi in 2005.

The organization was founded by the leadership of the church 'Eglise du Christ de Bujumbura'. HWWB works to improve the well-being of youth, women, orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) in Burundi by building the capacity of families and communities to cope and respond. HWWB is active in the fields of HIV prevention, education, nutrition, health, and fight against poverty to improve livelihood.



## Table Of Activities

Activity	Target Reach			Actual Reach		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
No. of Volunteers Mobilized	50	40	<b>90</b>	35	25	<b>60</b>
No. of coaches (teachers)	10	8	<b>18</b>	11	4	<b>15</b>
<b>No. of Children that Receive:</b>						
Nutrition support	90	110	<b>200</b>	75	85	<b>160</b>
Healthcare	90	110	<b>200</b>	75	85	<b>160</b>
Clothing and Bedding	20	20	<b>40</b>	18	15	<b>33</b>
Primary Education Support	30	40	<b>70</b>	24	26	<b>50</b>
Secondary Education Support	70	80	<b>150</b>	52	58	<b>110</b>
Higher Education Support	10	10	<b>20</b>	4	4	<b>8</b>
Psychosocial Support	90	110	<b>200</b>	81	75	<b>160</b>
Total families involved	160	160	<b>320</b>	157	157	<b>314</b>
Economically empowered families	20	60	<b>80</b>	15	45	<b>60</b>
Total Number of Children Support-	100	120	<b>220</b>	75	85	<b>160</b>