***Help a child initiative, Rwanda***

**Highlights**

**According to Rwanda Humanitarian Situation Report, 30 April 2016 by UNICEF:**

* The total number of Burundian refugees in Rwanda has increased to 76,603. About 48,450 refugees are living in Mahama camps.
* Cases of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) among children 6-59 months living in the camp continue to decline, with currently 51 children enrolled in treatment programmes.
* There were no new typhoid cases reported in April, due to an effective health and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) response.
* Water provision in Mahama camp was a little lower than in March at 14 litres/per person/per day due to a fluctuation in the production of water supply. Sanitation facilities (50 latrine blocks and 35 laundry slabs) are being used by 4,000 refugees.
* The number of unaccompanied children is gradually decreasing as 62 out of 813 unaccompanied children have been reunified with their families or relatives in the camp.
* The integration of Burundian refugee students into the Rwanda national education system is almost complete. Currently, 19,422 students are enrolled in Primary One to Secondary Six grades.

**SITUATION IN NUMBERS**

According to UNHCR figures as of 21 April 2016

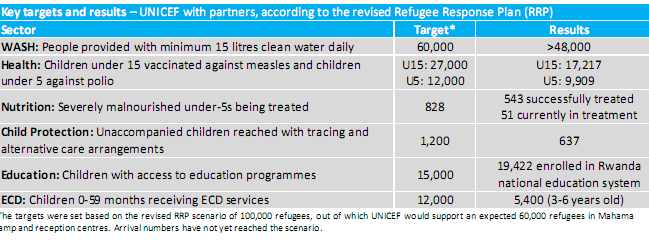
**76,603** Burundian refugees in Rwanda

**48,450** Burundi Refugees hosted at Mahama refugee camp

**48%** of Burundi Refugees are children

**Main Issues**

* Increased misery for unaccompanied children in need of special protection of family based
* Shortage of teaching and learning material and the capacity of teachers remain key challenges
* Increased reporting on issues related to child labor, teenage pregnancy, and early marriage
* Increase in malaria and upper respiratory diseases due to prolonged rainy season

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**HELP A CHILD INITIATIVE’S INTERVENTION**

**Project: Family care for 125 Burundian kids exiled in Rwanda**

**Summary**

The recent post- election crisis in Burundi, according to United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) has sent even more than 70,000 People flooding across the border into Rwanda. Some of them are unaccompanied children who have lost their families to war, hunger and deadly disease. Instead of warehousing them in a refugee camp in Southern region of Rwanda, HELP A CHILD INITIATIVE solve the problem by finding each one a family, home, an education and an opportunity to grow safe and healthy and become a part of a larger solution for their community.

**Challenge or problem**

As a result of political crisis in Burundi, the house of the resident population was raided and the families were forced into exile in Rwanda. This immensely frustrating experience has created massive death and deadly disease for many parents and children get lost and abandoned.They live with no food in their bellies or proper dresses withsigns of malnutrition. For some, Instead of getting an education, they are often forced to beg or work for food. Apparently,Many of them suffer from depression and a number of others emotional problem.This calls parents’ loving concern for all 125 lost infants of age group is 0-6years to recover, take care of and reassure them from this shock.

**Solution**

**This project** works on recovering125 Burundi’s lost kids to exile in Rwanda of age group is 0-6 years. It integrates them in loving family love and ensures them live in a safe and secure family environment where they are protected from elements of this humanitarian crisis and are able to reach their full potential.

With the help of passionate individuals like you, these childrenwill be paid health insurance fee toget access to the treatment and medicines any time at any clinicso that they become resilient and live with dignity and safety. They are given 3pairs of shoes, dresses and basic childhood tools to make them live protected hygienically and feel smart.Initially, we provide dresses together with health insurance to 76 children seriously affected for a quick access to medical treatment.

We planned to give all children additional nutriments such as milk, fruits….. To complement in-family prepared food. We will provide for the 60 children of the nursery school daily nutritious meals on a continuous daily basis. These are fundamental to the early development of the children both physically and mentally.Families will also be trained to be loving and affectionate with the children.

**Long-Term Impact**

Through this project,125 Burundi’s lost kids to exile in Rwanda live in family love.they are provided care & affection as if their parents provides. Then, are resilient with developed self-esteem and have identity which decreased risks of abuse, exploitation, and trafficking they were exposed to.

They grow safe, happy and healthy and are free from dreadful diseases.These children will develop positive social behaviors which will in return allow them become part of larger solution for their communities.

**Proposed budget**

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| **line** | **activities** | **Number of units** | **Unit cost** | **total** |
| **1.** | Buy supplement food (milk, fruits, eggs...) for 1kid/week | 125 kids | 10$ | 1250$ |
| **2.** | Buy one pair of shoes for each kid before his/her move to a family | 125 kids | 15$ | 1875$ |
| **3.** | Buy hygienic childhood equipments for 1 kid under 3 years | 40 kids | 20$ | 800$ |
| **4.** | Pay health insurance fee with medical treatment for kid/ year | 125 kids | 25$ | 3125$ |
| **5.** | Provide learning materials for one of 60 kids in nursery /year | 60 kids | 30$ | 1800$ |
| **6.** | Provide 3 daily nutritious meals to one of 60 in nursery education/ term | 60 kids | 35$ | 2150$ |
| **7.** | Take a child to a loving family | 125 kids | 100$ | 12500$ |
| **8.** | Cover one training session of 30 families in child care& nutrition | 3 sessions/ 4 groups of families | 1000$ | 12000$ |
| **TOTAL** | | | | **35,500$** |

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**ABOUT**

HELP A CHILD INITIATIVE, a child-focused organization was created in 2013 and officially allowed to operate in Rwanda under registration number 134/NGO/RGB/2014. It was few months after the Government adopted on 16th March 2012, a land mark strategy on national child care reform and initiated Tumurerere Mu Muryango (TMM): “Let’s raise children in families” program. The strategy aims to transform orphanages and other residential institutions into sustainable family based care as an entry point to building sustainable child care and protection systems.

**Help a child initiative is known for having launched a project called “**INJISHI, End of Orphanage, Rwanda”. The project aims to disseminate instructions on alternative care and promote family centered child care through trainings and sensitization of families to foster care in order to find loving families for children living in institutions or abandoned, prevent the needs for children to be placed in centers and institutionalize in community the self-reliance culture in child care.

Moreover, HCI programs are widely focusing on child right and family as a foundation of happiness, care, love, education, protection and development of a child. The organization recently created in a Vision

**Vision: to see every child find a loving family**

Remarkably working to mark the positive change in preventing and redressing violations of children’s basic rights if looking at the achievements compared to the assigned missions and goals.

**Mission:**

**HELP A CHILD INITIATIVE** exists torespond to the children’ crying needs of adequate care ,protection and education in order to help them grow up happy with stamina and become adults who are dignified, self-reliant and active in the society.

HCI works also to promote society whose individuals and institutions have positive value of taking responsibility for vulnerable children regardless the blood relationships and HCI grounded in the theory of change, exists to eradicate the underlying factors that prevent children from fully experiencing their rights.

**HELP A CHILD INITIATIVE’S GOALS:** The society will come up with beliefs, value and ideal that every child should be raised, protected; be it with or without parents exclusively in families, schools and in community. Abandonment of children is no longer, and institutional care is anymore.

**HELP A CHILD INITIATIVE’ S IMPRESSIVE ACHIEVEMENTS.**

Jean Baptiste UKURIKIYIMANA, The executive Secretary says before**: “We don’t ask our motherland what it needs to us to do, by contrast, we present what we did to be held accountable”**and presents the achievements as are observable on the field.

1. **Help a child initiative disseminates instructions on alternative care and sensitizes community to foster care and adoption.**

Since the HCI team begun the field oriented activities in collaboration with Technical team of National Commission for Children(NCC), Hope and Homes for Children and 5 partnering districts’ civil servants for 2014-2015 budgetary year, is held accountable that sensitization to foster care has reached at about 12000 people. An increasing number of 120 heads of families have been visited and willingly registered to foster care. 60 families were thorough assessed and trained about the role family to a child’s development and wellbeing; and the benefits of alternative care contrary to institutional care.

1. **HELP A CHILD INITIATIVE promotes self-reliance culture in child care at community level**

**HCI has organized local foster carer’s social solidarity forums (networks)**

With committees that facilitates the functioning and meeting,forums hold on monthly basis. Eachlocal network of at least 30 and organized at sector levelstarted a fund for child care. It is used to ease the burden on foster family. The fund Saved on opened account is fostered and needy child oriented fund initiated. It is managed by families themselves to the child’s benefits as paying health insurance, school fees and materials, dresses, supplement food for early age children in situation abandonment etc. for instance one foster care forum in Rulindo District saves an increasing amount of 300,000rwf per year.

**HCI is developing district child care forums (networks**) to be institutionalized and to involve all partners in the area of a child, community action groups and institutions in governance in order to build protective environments for children without appropriate care, to be educated about alternative care and promoting the value of adoption and foster care.

1. **HELP A CHILD INITIATIVE works to reintegrate children in families**

Thanks to HCI hard work, 21 Children from institution called**“SINAPIS Village” in Kicukiro District** have been reintegrated in loving families in Rulindo and Rwamagana districts and the process is ongoing.8children found abandoned on public places all agedbetween 0-3years have been received by foster families instead of being conducted to be cared in centers. The placement of a child takes into account the best interest of a child and is characterized by a culturally organized ceremony by HCI with foster families, institutions in governance and partners together with public media in order to mark the positive change in child life.

**EXPECTATION FOR INJISHI, End of Orphanage, Rwanda**

In 3 coming years from 2014/2015 HCI expects to spread instructions on alternative care for over 45000 people overall, 500 heads of families having will to receive children from orphanages will be found in forums and will be trained While more than 200 children will be seen find caring families.

Forums at local and district levels will be strengthened in terms of capacity building and technical support in order to provide needy children with appropriate family based care and protective environments and prevent the child separation from their families. And forums will be watchdog eye of all children in the community.

However, the call of HELP A CHILD INITIATIVE demands to be sustained in order for it to work sustainable and remain indefinitely in the community. A close collaboration and partnership with institutions in governance and interested organizations are highly to encourage as said” in unity lies strength”. The organization calls upon any goodwill to be part of HELP A CHILD INITIATIVE programs for blessings and thanks are for them when being held accountable.