

# **“Helping Disadvantaged Children Thrive through Arts”**

## **1. BACKGROUND**

Ingeri Arts is an open and inclusive organization that promotes artistic education, culture, arts and the wellbeing of children and youth for a sustainable development based in Rwanda. Through different programs and projects, Ingeri Arts works with schools, local communities, groups and centers to ensure an effective profitability for our target populace as well as empowering and engaging families towards a sustainable wellbeing, mainly through arts. This project aims at supporting the primary education for disadvantaged children in Musanze and giving them a free space for artistic expression and creative activities in the cultural context. Ingeri arts intends to be a pioneer to bringing performance art to rural areas and seeks to motivate and sustain arts practices out there as well as fostering healthy families. Our work incorporates artistic disciplines including Theatre of the Oppressed, Music, Dance, Poetry and Storytelling, Arts& craft and Debates among others.

## **2. CHALLENGE**

Children living in rural areas face many challenges and it's where we see an increasing number of school drop-outs and street children due to the lack of school materials, stigma, family conflicts or poverty. These children do not have access to artistic expression nor do get opportunities to explore their talents; Yet arts is a powerful tool to reduce stigma, solitude, violence and child abuse. It is a good weapon to motivate children to pursue their basic education, give them hope for the bright future, improve their creativity and school performance and change their behaviors as well as the wellbeing of their respective families. Many families do not value that children's talents are that important and that's the reason why they are not supportive.

## **3. SOLUTION**

Ingeri Arts aims at giving disadvantaged children a safe environment to engage, create, express themselves, learn new skills and develop their prospective talents. It is through this main approach that children will get support for their educational needs and welfare. They will create and compete through different artistic disciplines such as poetry, music, Theatre and storytelling in a way to create a happy community with children who feel they are valued members of the society. Winners will continue to be mentored and supported through None h'Ejo program. The competition will be held in the rural areas of Musanze district and is an inclusive initiative that encourages children with disabilities, street children, illiterates,... to participate.

**Age: 8-13**

## **4. LONG-TERM IMPACT**

We anticipate reaching 100 disadvantaged children each year through “None h'Ejo” initiative to aspire and motivate prospective creative artists and therefore wish to strive that every child gets primary education by providing school materials and welfare.

We also look forward to having empowered and educated families on children protection against illiteracy, distraction, juvenile delinquency and other forms of abuse. We aim at inciting families to respect and treat children as agents of family wellbeing. We anticipate to see a young generation that creates and expresses themselves in Kinyarwanda with confidence and exploring the rich Rwandan literature.

### 5. Schedule of activities

Nº	Activity	In-charge	Period
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Preparing the concept note of the project.</li> <li>. Raising needed funds for the project</li> <li>. Awareness of the project at the district level</li> <li>. Preparing a correction sheet for the competition</li> </ul>	Ingeri Arts	April-May
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Outreach and creating the awareness of the project in the target sectors.</li> <li>. Identification of children who will participate in the competition</li> <li>. Identification and training of the jury</li> <li>. Press release about the competition</li> <li>. Publication of the competition date and release of the guidelines</li> </ul>	Ingeri Arts  Ingeri Arts and Local administration  Ingeri Arts  Ingeri Arts  Ingeri Arts and local administration	June
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Competitions and awarding winners</li> <li>. Publication of winners on Ingeri Arts website</li> <li>. Working with the media</li> </ul>	Ingeri Arts	July-August
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Evaluation and reporting</li> <li>. Paying a visit to identified needy children in their respective families and special talented children for further support</li> </ul>	Ingeri Arts	September

### 6. MODES OF AWARDING WINNERS OF THE COMPETITION

All children who will participate will receive soaps, 5 notebooks and 4 pens (each) regardless if they won or not. Children who will be selected to be in the first thirty will be awarded 8 notebooks, a Kinyarwanda textbook, 4 pens and shoes. After further consideration, special talents and performance, and reviewing written crafts, we will select 10 winners who will be announced via our website and they will receive an added prize of school uniforms, 4 notebooks and 4 pens. The first winner in each

category (*Music, Poetry and Storytelling*) will be enrolled into *None h'Ejo* general program which primarily aims at developing and promoting children and youth talents. They will continue to receive artistic mentorship and support throughout the year.

**P.S.** During these competitions, Ingeri Arts will be able to at least identify 5 most needy children who will get primary education support after the family visits that will be made by our staff members.

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