



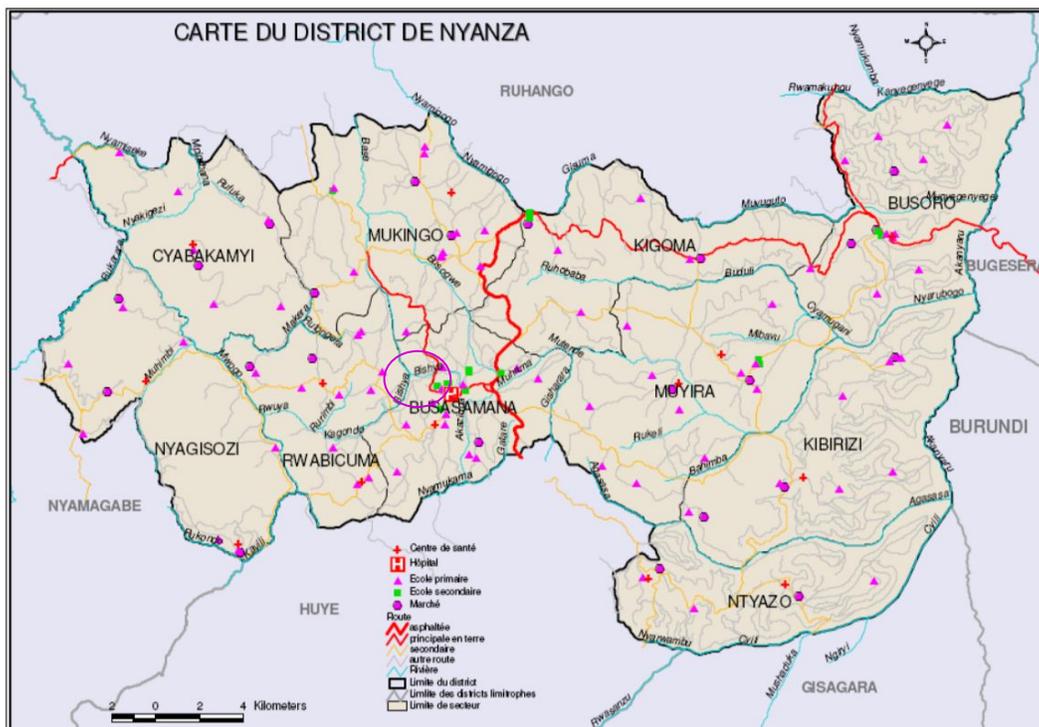
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## 2019 DUFATANYE ORGANIZATION “VILLAGE OF HOPE” PROGRAM

### BACKGROUND:

Dufatanye Organization (DO)(which means “joining together”) is a local Non-Governmental Organization(LNGO) based in the Nyanza District, Southern Province of Rwanda. It began in 2004 as an association helping people living with HIVAids and became a registered NGO in 2015. Nyanza district has 77,522 households (323,719 individuals, 157,650 men, 166,069 women) in which 50% of the population is children. Within Nyanza the poverty rate is reported as 17.6%, but reality shows that the poverty is much higher in the villages. Along with the high poverty rate there is much hunger, malnutrition and illiteracy affecting 98% of the village households. The people living in the villages are unable to provide for their daily basic needs which then creates an ongoing predicament. Many make less than \$0-\$15 a month to live on.

For 4 years Dufatanye has managed the project “Village of Hope” and has proven high success with the 100 marginalized, impoverished households within the village. The village is comprised of people who survived the 1994 Tutsi genocide, widows, orphans and those living with HIVAids. The organization worked to implement and improve agricultural practices (kitchen gardens, seeds, land use), decrease illiteracy by teaching adults how to read and write, repaired and built new homes, pit latrines and ended child labor by educating the parents and implementation of the Saturday Children’s Program. Dufatanye desires to implement this sustainable program, along with their proven knowledge and skills to other impoverished



villages in the district suffering from a lack of resources and education. Through the “Village of Hope” program DO has positively impacted the lives of more than 4,000 individuals since its beginning in 2015.

**PROGRAM SUMMARY:**

In 2020, Dufatanye is asking for \$66,800 to begin a new 2 year “Village of Hope” program using their expertise gained from the current ongoing program for 1,000 vulnerable families living in 10 villages of the Nyanza district. The project will first create 10 community groups, one from each village, and provide them with multiple trainings by the experts from Dufatanye Organization.

The weekly classes will include, but not exclusively:

- improved agricultural practices,
- animal husbandry,
- balanced diet to fight malnutrition,
- savings group,
- cooperative formation,
- trauma education

Once the trainings are completed in a village, the organization will provide each family with:

- 10 banana trees,
- 2 fruit trees,
- 2 laying hens,
- 1 kitchen garden,
- vegetable seeds, and
- fertilizer/manure

The educational classes, provided supplies, monitoring and evaluation will assist the 1,000 families in beginning their journey out of poverty. Monitoring and evaluation will be done weekly and monthly by 3 managers from Dufatanye. The classes will be held weekly at a central point in the village, where the head of household can come and participate. The classes will be administered with both lecture, and practical application. At the end of each class there will be time for question and answers. The classes will be ongoing for 3 months and at the end of each months lectures the family will be supplied with the indicated products from the training and begin their improved farming. Two outstanding individuals from each village will train and provide continual support/coaching, so that hunger and malnutrition are decreased and resolved.

As well, a Saturday children’s program will be established in each village to provide a child friendly and safe space for children of the villages to come and receive nutritious, enriched food, fun and educational lessons (nutrition, health, trauma, Bible, culture, song, etc.). The program is designed for children ages 5 – 12 years of age.

Dufatanye has been managing a children's program in the current "Village of Hope" for 4 years with improvements in children's health, behaviour and social skills. The current program has 231 children attending on Saturdays and recently 49 more were registered. Still, there are more parents asking for their children to be allowed into the program. The program was also created for children to come and not be forced to do hard labor all day on the farm. Many to most of the children living in the area did not even have opportunity to attend school. The children's program created a constructive environment for them to be children and learn new social skills they previously did not have. The parents eventually were making a small income and enabled their children an opportunity to attend school.

The children's program teaches children about:

- health and hygiene with handwashing
- food nutrition
- culture through song, dance, drama and drums
- character building through Bible stories

#### **BUDGET:**

\$150 to support Saturday Children's Program monthly

\$10 for 2 fruit trees, vegetable seeds and fertilizer

\$35 per kitchen garden

\$20 for 2 laying hens and 10 banana trees

The cost for full support is \$65 per family.

1000 families equals \$65,000

12 months of Saturday Children's Program equals \$1,800

**Total Budget for 1,000 families and 3,000 children is \$66,800\***

\*funds will be raised separately for the \$16,800 above the \$50,000 global giving campaign

#### **OUTCOMES:**

Dufatanye will "join together" with 10 villages in Nyanza district and provide the "Village of Hope" program to positively transform 10 villages, 1,000 families, 3,000 children and 5,000 individuals because they will have a constant food supply, so that they never have a single day of hunger again. Malnutrition and diseases associated with poverty and hunger will be eradicated. Families will learn how to save even from the little they will have and families will have an income for the first time by selling the surplus produce from their fruit trees and kitchen gardens. 3,000 children will no longer be subjected to hard labor because their parents will have the money required for them to go to school. The Saturday children's program will allow 3,000 children the opportunity to participate in a fun, structured, educational environment that also provides them with a nutritious meal. Illiteracy will continually decrease because children are learning and teaching what they learn to their parents and relatives. The practice of agroecology will help to build on ancestral knowledge and nurture a healthy land.

Pictures: Children's Program



Trauma education

Banana trees



Kitchen garden, banana and fruit trees



Kitchen garden starter vegetables and working the field.



Malnutrition support



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