



Cyaruzinge Village NEWSLETTER

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Cyaruzinge Village is a 45 minute drive from Kigali International Airport. When Covid-19 numbers increased in January the city and surrounding area were put on lockdown. While the villagers were mandated to stay at home, i.e. they could not leave the village, all day every day for three weeks. The ladies that have been making



brochette sticks for years saw a chance to expand their market.

They used a micro loan they had optioned months ago and purchased a truck load of bamboo.

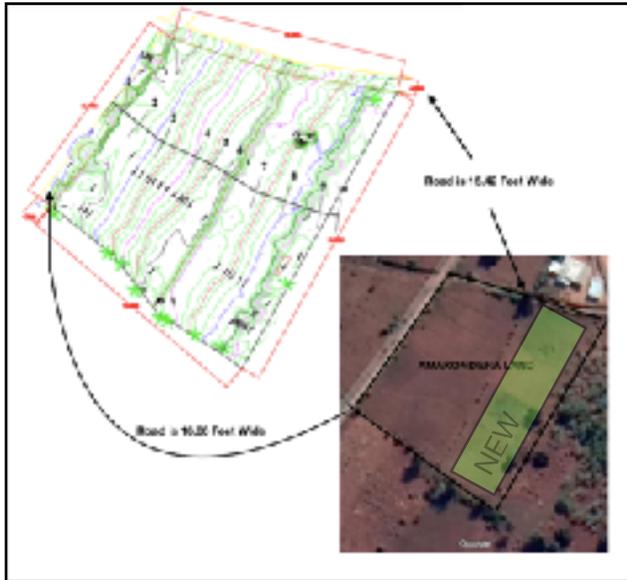


This gave their families and friends work making brochette sticks. The bars and cafes remain closed by Covid-19 restrictions, so they are not buying brochette sticks. The brochette suppliers have no money to pay their workers until the bars and cafes reopen. PSA arranged for a truck load of food to be delivered, to feed the entire village for the duration of the lockdown.



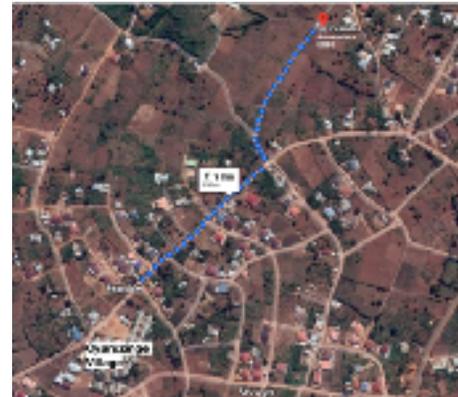
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The Japanese architect Yuya Fukada has volunteered to design the Amakondera Center. In January of 2021 the surveyors did the topo the architect needs.



Paved roads and utilities are being built in Cyaruzinge. Land prices will soar soon. In January the neighbor decided to sell a third of his land to the people of Cyaruzinge Village at current fair market value.

We thank the neighbor and his grown children for their generosity. HDI and PSA acting for Cyaruzinge Village now have 1.339 acres of land. The land is an eight minute walk from the village.



With the stay at home Covid-19 restrictions lifted the villagers can once again tend their crops of beans and corn. The villagers are preparing the recently purchased land for more food production including bananas.

In early January the village received a government contract to build 'county highway' for two USD per day per person. Covid-19 ended this job.

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