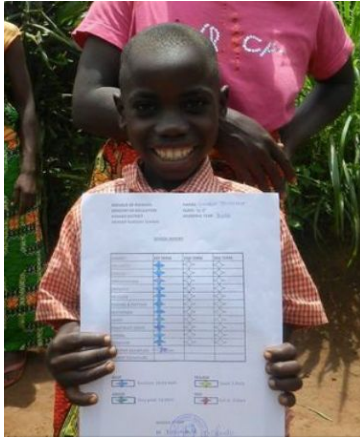


NEWSLETTER

June 2020

March, April and May 2020 were months of upheaval in Cyaruzinge Village.



March: Perfect marks at school.

Corn is growing on the land where the Amakardea Center is to be built.

Preschool children in the current dirt floor school.



April and May: The people of Rwanda are told to stay home. Bars, restaurants and schools close. This leaves the Cyaruzinge Villagers with no way to buy food.



Covid-19 has delayed the permitting process on the new Center.

A storm takes out the village water system. They walk miles to collect water from under a wall with a leaky pipe.

They harvest the corn and plant sweet potatoes even though it is the dry season and the yields will be low. PSA donors pay for a truck load of food to be delivered.

The villager's build a new water house and no longer have to drink water gathered from a seeping wall.



NEWSLETTER

September 2020

June, July and August 2020 were busy and productive months in Cyaruzinge Village.



During a respite from COVID-19 travel restrictions a trainer came to the village. He taught four people the art and science of brick making with a brick press. Here we see a stack of their completed bricks and a kitchen the up-and-coming masons have just built. Five young men have started a brick making business to replace their dependence on supplying bars and restaurants brochette sticks as their primary income source.

Bars, restaurants and schools remain closed.

13 July 2020 - Here is the 3rd food re-supply during COVID-19 travel restrictions.





Cyaruzinge Village NEWSLETTER

November 2020



Cyaruzinge is the first Batwa Community with its own powerline.

Claude has a car!
He gives the leaders of the Women's Better Future ROSCA group a ride to set up their bank account. The car arrives on the day he needs to move the brick press to it's rainy season location. Ngarambe's

new chair could be delivered directly to him. Claude meet with the surveyor and the sector agronomist regarding the Amakonda center's land. Planting beans.



Making bricks all summer and building the kitchen from the bricks they made taught the village masons the skills needed to assist in repairing four severely storm damaged duplex buildings.



The storm that destroyed the water building severely damaged homes. They have walls again, but not before the sleet storm that brought the rainy season in with a shudder.





Cyaruzinge Village NEWSLETTER

December 2020



Cyaruzinge Village joined the PSA Zoom meeting with the help of Jocelyne Emery Ingabire of HDI. Chief Jean Marie gave an update on the Kigali city water project, rain catchment, the harvest and planting that is happening in the village and on the land that will one day be the Amakondera Center. The villagers danced and sang about how when they met Karl they were dying in the wilderness and now they have houses, electricity has made it to a transformer at their property line, they are making a call connecting to friends around the world and their children will be returning to primary school when school opens for all Rwandans.



HDI public health outreach personnel come to the village weekly to teach about the hard topics: Preventing sexually transmitted diseases, protecting minors from sexual predators, welcoming and caring for the children of unwanted pregnancies.



One of HDI and PSA's projects is

a partnership with RSA to bring Scouting to the children and adolescents of Cyaruzinge Village and the surrounding area.



In the meantime the children are playing hoop and stick and walking down steep trails on their hands.

