

ROOT FOUNDATION 2023



What has Root Foundation been in 2023?

Year 2023, Root Foundation is beyond grateful for all amazing things that took place, to be able to impact as many lives as we did, to receive different support from all the individuals and our dear partners.

It has been a great year of collaboration and seeing many changes happening.



WHAT WAS IT LIKE WITH OUR PROGRAMS ?

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Year 2023, we were able to enroll 84 students in our scholarship program.

60% are in primary and O'level secondary and 40% in A' level, TVET and university.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM

The early childhood education program started with 2023, as an idea of solving the problem of many young children that do not get a chance to have the basic and formal quality education in our community especially Batsinda. Besides that, it was a good solution to young children living a street life from not being attended to by parents during daytime as they are working.

At the end of academic year 123 children between 3 and 6 years old finished their year in the early childhood education.



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

401 children between 6 and 24 years old were part of our programs on a regular basis and they were all attending at least two or more of our programs.

Talent development programs like traditional dance and culture, brass, sports, fashion, reading & writing and acrobatics.

OTHER EVENTS

BRASS BAND GRADUATES

In collaboration with Brass for Africa, Root Foundation has achieved another milestone with children and youth participating in Brass band. After a five year long journey of passion, persistence, and breaking down challenges, 95 children at Root Foundation brass band graduated in Bronze B, Bronze A, and Silver. This creates a strong desire to impact more lives.



ROOT FOUNDTION AT GIANTS OF AFRICA

Alongside Sherrie silver, a Rwandan-born British choreographer, Children were privileged to perform with her at the Giants of Africa festival. It was a great opportunity to be part of this wonderful inspiring event. Children have learnt so much from being talented but also have to work hard, keep the discipline to be able to get far, we love to see children from vulnerable backgrounds showcase what they are capable of and experiencing all possible and equal opportunities and for them to know there are no limitations. the GOA festival's aim is to inspire African Youth to 'Dream Big' Through Basketball,



ROOT FOUNDATION CHILDREN PERFORMING IN TIME 100



ROOT FOUNDATION CHILDREN PERFORMING IN MOVE AFRICA



ROOT FOUNDATION IN TEDX KIGALI



MEETING GHETTO KIDS FROM UGANDA



HUYE UMUZI- PROGRAM

2023 in Huye, 100 children were able to join our personal development program.

These are children in primary 2 to primary 6 from Cyendajuru primary school.

70% of all children that have been through the program have shown a big change in their academic performance which was one of our goals to contribute to.

51 more children have just been enrolled to go through the same program.



PARENT'S FELLOWSHIP



Our parent's fellowships are big part of Root Foundation's activities.

It is one way of connecting with our parents not only with us but within themselves. We always have one fellowship at the end of the month, last year brought so many brilliant ideas and parents thought they could start a saving group to help them in future now that they share a community and wants best for their families.

Besides, when we meet, we get to understand where both parties can work on to improve. It is where ideas like starting other vocational trainings that will include more men came from.

ISIMBI SUPPORT HOUSE



Isimbi support haus our sustainable way to help our graduates from our vocational trainings started in 2022 with a partnership with world connect. 2023 we had 50 graduates and 15 of them were able to work in Isimbi where they got to work while saving money to buy their own machines.

We were humbly honored to have the partnership with World Connect expand to support more women.



TEAM RETREAT

As of every year, Root Foundation's team comes together for 3 days as a way of reflecting on what the year has been achieved goals and challenges faced. This year's retreat was in Gisenyi and was a good time to be together and celebrate a year we put behind and having put together new goals to achieve.



+EVENTS

AFRICAN CHILD'S DAY

As it is one of the meaningful international days we love to celebrate, it is also one of our biggest events of the year. 2023 we celebrated the International African child's day in style. **Education as human right** was our theme, and we couldn't be happier after we received over 500 people that attended the event. We also wanted to raise scholarship for 500 children that dropped out of school as a more contribution to the theme, only 30% has been achieved but it remains our target.



CHRISTMAS CHARITY EVENT

The joy of Christmas at Root Foundation is to be able to celebrate with children and their families. This year's celebration went even more wild. You might wonder why? Almost 700 people gathered in our center for the celebration. Santa brought gifts to almost every child, we had a chance to share a meal, clothings and party. It was a celebration indeed.



PEACE PROJECT

The peace project was a joint project with partner school in Germany..... where children get to express their own understanding about peace and also get to learn what peace should be in general.

It is one of the projects in 2023 that demonstrates what every child deserves as right and how it should be kept as their values.



CHEERLEADERS



One thing we did 2023 is cheerleading.

Did we like it? A lot.

It started as an experience to learn from especially stage management in this other form because it's a game and a stadium, the energy is different, the setting and the audience.

We have been to more than 20 games and everyday always came different. Besides the experience it has been one of source of income to the children-performing.

BELYSE'S BIRTHDAY

Belyse is a Rwandan young entrepreneur and public figure, very enthusiastic in giving back to the community especially through her podcast channel BEYou. This year she decided to celebrate her birthday with Root Foundation children as a way to contribute by providing them some of the daily basic needs including food, menstrual pads, soaps, school materials, and so many other things. An act she encourages her young fellows to start being more engaged into community work, besides that she inspired Children to dream bigger and to not be discouraged!



+LAND PURCHASE

GREATEST NEWS !!!

Root Foundation Germany e.V. and Root Foundation Rwanda are excited to announce that we have started a joint project made possible through funding by Sächsische Jugendstiftung in the programme “Genialsozial - Your work against poverty” 2022!

The #project is consisted of two phases: firstly, the acquisition of two adjacent plots of land by Root Foundation, and secondly, the construction of the basic facilities of an organisation-owned children’s center on those plots.

And Phase one is closed. We have purchased the land!!!



+2023 HIGHLIGHTS IN SUMMARY

- 123 little children attended our ECE program
- 84 scholars in primary and secondary school are under our scholarship
- 15 women under Isimbi Support Haus saved and are going to buy their own machines
- Sewing and Knitting training continued and 50 other women completed the training.
- Isimbi Support Haus with World connect has expanded in December and new 30 women will start to use machines and maintain regular income.
- 95 children and youths graduated from our Brass band
- 100 children in Huye went through our Umuzi Project and new other 51 started in the new cohort.
- In collaboration with Root Foundation Germany, we have purchased the plot of land for our children and youth center as the phase I of the project, and phase II which is the construction will start soon.

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