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1. Introduction

As a preface, we first look back at the consequences of climate change in Rwanda in general. In Chapter 4 we will look back at the natural disasters in the residences of the children of Jyambere Rubavu and Ngororero. This is to be able to imagine what the sponsored children experienced in the 2022-2023 school year.

Extreme weather has had major consequences worldwide in 2023. Rwanda was not spared from the natural disasters and economic damage caused by climate change.

Rwanda is known as the land of thousand hills. The country is located between Congo, Uganda, Burundi, and Tanzania. It has a tropical climate. There are two alternating seasons of tropical rain from October to December and from February to May. In those months, Rwanda often experiences heavy rainfall, resulting in storms, landslides and floods.

Due to the mountainous landscape, there were at least 130 deaths in Rwanda in May 2023 due to severe flooding and landslides, while thousands were displaced as entire villages were inundated by heavy rains. Crops, houses, bridges and roads were destroyed.

Rubavu and Ngororero, regions of the children of Jyambere are two of the hardest-hit districts with many deaths.

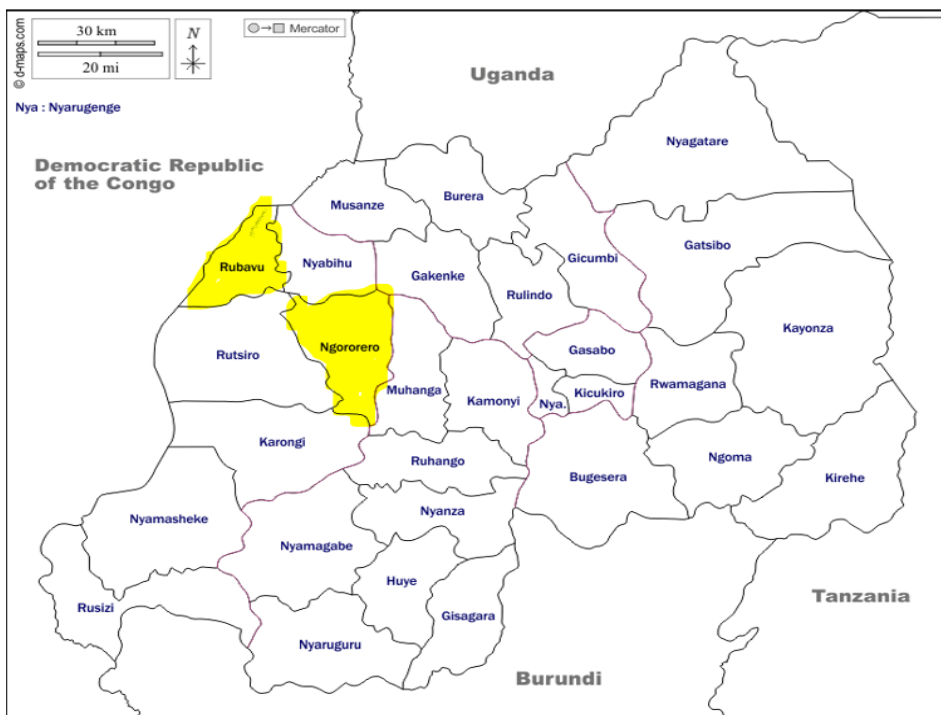


Figure 1 Map showing the two districts where the sponsored children of Jyambere are located

2. Objective

Since 2007, Jyambere has been committed to helping vulnerable children living in extreme poverty so that they have a hopeful future by offering them support to receive a solid education. The target group of Jyambere is children from rural districts, where poverty levels are higher than the national average. Every year, Jyambere sponsors 60 children in primary and secondary school. That's a total of about 1040 children who wouldn't be able to go to school without the help of Jyambere.

3. Vision

The Jyambere Foundation wants to support underprivileged and vulnerable children on their journey from precarious circumstances and lack of all facilities, to a situation in which they can develop (in education). Our project has an eye for sustainable development of the country. Working from an uncertain life to a situation with learning and work opportunities. After all, today's children are tomorrow's adults.

In this way, the children themselves can lay a good foundation for the future. The opportunities for development do not come by themselves. There is still a lot of work to be done for the realization of basic facilities. A large part of Rwanda's population consists of young adults. They will soon have to take care of the education of the next generations. If they have not received any education themselves, this will be a huge, perhaps even unachievable, task.

4. Natural disasters in the region in the work area of Jyambere

4.1. Ngororero

Geographically, Ngororero is located in mountainous area and has a high population density. People in this zone are mainly poor farmers in rural areas and live in houses without foundations and built with materials that cannot withstand heavy rains and/or flooding.

In May 2023, 23 people were killed by floods and landslides. Homes and property were destroyed, causing thousands of people to flee. Roads were completely closed and 4 schools were destroyed.



Figure 2 Road that was completely closed due to landslide in Ngororero

On October 15, the roof of 6 classrooms of the school in Gaseke in Ngororero was blown away by heavy rains with strong winds and 3 people died.



Figure 3 Gaseke school damaged by rainfall

The school buildings are not strong enough to withstand the impact of natural disasters. It is also one of the challenges posed by climate change, especially for vulnerable communities of Ngororero. Parents have to wait a long time for their children's rain-damaged schools to be repaired.

For example, this article (see link) from September 17, 2023 stated that Matyazo's school in Ngororero was still without a roof after 5 years damaged by the rain.

<https://www.kigalitoday.com/uburezi/amashuri/article/ngororero-ishuri-ryasambuwe-n-imvura-rimaze-imyaka-itanu-ritarasakarwa>

4.2. Rubavu

This is what our supervisor of the children of the Bahoneza project wrote:

*“Dear Sponsors,
For the following information captured in our region, the flood destroyed one house of our Participant of Project named UWAJENEZA Jeanette.
In annexure of this message, we attached the caption of photo where the house was destroyed”*



Figure 4 House of the child of Jyambere J Jeanette Uwajeneza after rainfall of May 2023

At the time, Jeanette was in group 3 at Kanama Adventiste primary school. Although she went through this, she continued to go to school and scored 47%, which is not bad considering the situation she lives in now. Due to the financial situation of the Foundation (see chapter 7 Financial accountability), Jyambere is unable to have Jeannette's house repaired.

If there is no benefactor who can help repair this house, there is a high risk that Jeanette will leave primary school early. Jyambere is calling on you to donate for this house of Jeanette.

The parents of the children sponsored by Jyambere are too poor to be able to repair the damage of these disasters themselves. Worse still, the financial situation of Jyambere does not allow to assist them in this misery. With climate change, frequent and intense rainfall will become more frequent. Without a reliable cooperation with partner organizations, hard-working volunteers and individual donations, these complex issues cannot be solved by the Jyambere Foundation.

5. Primary and secondary education

Primary education in Rwanda is characterized by the following persistent challenges that also apply to Jyambere:

- **Low contribution of parents to the school feeding program.**

One meal per day per child is FRW 150 (€0.11). The parents' contribution is 10% (€0.01) and 90% (€0.10) is paid by the government.

One might think that 1 cent a day per child is so little that any family could afford. In Rwanda, specifically in Mahoko and at the Murambi primary school where 97% of the children sponsored by Jyambere attend, there are parents who struggle to pay 1 cent a day for their children.

To illustrate, read this excerpt from Toto's visit report of 2015.

“People who live outside of Kabaya, in the hills, or in some other villages are usually in a disaster situation. They eat once a day and sometimes they don't.”

Following the reports of the children's supervisors, the situation has hardly changed after almost ten years. Victoire, the Secretary of Jyambere, also visited the children in April 2023 and confirms that the children still need Jyambere's help.

In the report for the year 2021-2022, we have already identified this problem and have paid € 160 debt regarding the meal for the children under the supervision of Bahoneza.

To solve this problem for the children sponsored by Jyambere, the school meal fee will be part of the annual payout from the 2023-2024 school year.

- **High dropout rate: 7.1% in primary school and 12.5% in secondary school.**

For an explanation of the high failure rate, read this story *“From the forest to first in his class”* from Marcel. See link below.

<https://www.unicef.org/rwanda/stories/forest-first-his-class>

Marcel is from Ngororero, where most of the Jyambere go to school. He left school to help his parents earn some money. In the end, he fell victim to a scammer. Fortunately, he was taken care of by UNICEF and went back to school. Many children in the region fall into the same trap as Marcel, but they may not have a chance like Marcel had.

Because the children of Jyambere are supervised (by the parish of Kabaya and Bahoneza) and receive a school meal, only 1 child (0.17%) of the 60 children left school early because the parents had to move. The parents have to toil for other necessities of life but do not worry about their children's education. This is thanks to the help of the Jyambere Foundation.

- **Grade retention.**

Of 60 children, 4 children (0.67%) of Jyambere grade retention during this year. The performance of the children has improved, because they follow the lesson with a full stomach.

Here we thank Toto for his recommendation for other basic needs for the children than just a uniform and school materials.

6. Achievement of the children of Jyambere

The target group of Jyambere is primary school children. In the 2022-2023 school year, 5 children completed primary education.

At the beginning of the 2023 school year, Jyambere had sponsored 57 primary school children and 3 secondary school children: 30 girls and 30 boys. Here you can see the groups of children per supervisor.

Tabel 1 Results sponsored children

Group	Bahoneza Elementary School	Primary school Kabaya Parish	Secondary school Kabaya Parish
1	3		
2	2		
3	6	1	
4	2	9	
5	6	21	
6	2	4	
Class 4			3
Total	22	35	3

Of the 22 students under the supervision of Bahoneza, 1 child left school due to the parents' move, 4 children had grade retention and 13 scored above 50%, 2 boys Christian and Gadi Mois finished primary school with a good score of 68% and 73%.

This is a very good achievement, considering the natural disasters they experienced in 2023.

It is a pity that Jyambere could not support these children more due to lack of financial resources, a challenge that is mentioned in every annual report. But so far, apart from the Anton family, no other sponsor has been found for our children who finish primary school with good grades to be able to continue their education in secondary school.

We are sincerely grateful for donation from the Anton family. They sponsored the student Domina and she is now in grade 4 of high school. Another 2 years then she will get her diploma with a good chance of moving on to university. She is doing so well that she will be eligible for a scholarship from the government.

This will be a crowning achievement of Jyambere's work: From street to university. Thanks to your support!

That is why we reiterate our call for sponsorship for the children of Jyambere in secondary school. Of the 35 students under the supervision of Kabaya Parish, 30 have scored above 50% and 3 children have completed primary school.

Three girls who receive support in secondary school move on to the next year. After this, they will need another 2 years until they receive their diplomas, if all goes well.

7. Financial accountability

Although we put a call for volunteers in every newsletter and annual report, there are hardly any registrations. Due to a lack of volunteers, Jyambere has not been able to carry out a fundraising campaign at public events such as festivals. As a result, revenues (€1972) have decreased (50% compared to 2022) while expenses have remained the same as in 2022 (€3943).

The following is the annual financial reporting chart.

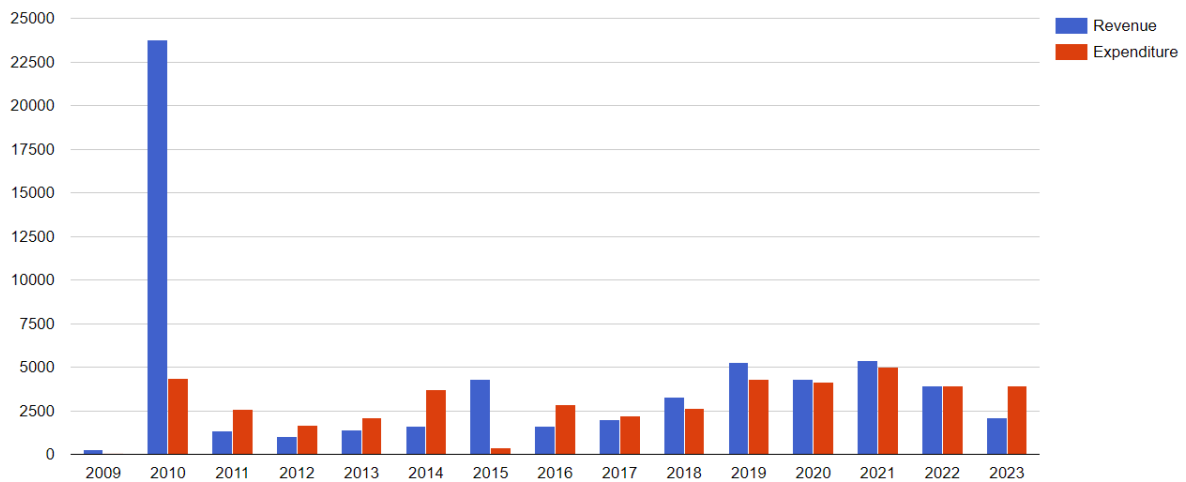


Figure 5 Overview of financial accountability

If this situation does not change, the foundation's reserves will be finished within a few years, with the result that its underprivileged children will no longer be able to go to school.

The continuation of the foundation is very dependent on the donations given by you. We would like to thank donors who remained involved in the year 2023 and provided financial support so that the vulnerable children of Jyambere were able to complete the 2022-2023 school year. In particular, we would like to thank Jean Innocent for his commitment to the deposit can and bottle action.

8. Visit and supervision

8.1. Visit

In April 2023, Jyambere's secretary visited the children and each child received a math kit.



Figure 6 Children in a classroom with the secretary and supervisor at Kabaya

According to her observation, Jyambere's support is indispensable for these children. Without Jyambere, these children would not be able to go to school, so they would have no future. Jyambere has to pull out all the stops to see this project through.

8.2. Supervision

In order to describe the tasks of the supervisors, needs and the appreciation of Jyambere's help, it has been decided to paste paragraphs from the reports of the children's supervisors into this report. One supervisor reports in French, the other in English.

The report is divided into two sections: On behalf of the children and on behalf of the supervisors.

8.3. On behalf of the children

According to the children supported by Jyambere, their future is assured because they have received various school materials, such as notebooks, pens, shoes, school uniforms and other necessities. However, they are still worried, because when they have completed primary education, Jyambere's support stops, while they cannot pay for secondary education themselves, even if they have scored well in primary education. Many of them argue that Jyambere's support should continue until the end of high school.

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8.4. On behalf of the supervisors

The performance of the children is not enough because they sometimes have nothing to eat at home. No clothes other than uniform to wear outside school hours, lack of hygienic items such as soap and not enough clean water, etc. Their families are very vulnerable; They can't afford to live a good life and they don't have any way to pay school fees for high school. Compared to other children there is a big difference, because the children of Jyambere are smart they have developed and receive all the school needs necessary from the foundation.

A 5% administration fee of the payout is not enough to be able to guide the children more effectively. For example, they can't go to parents' evenings or visit children at home like we would like.

"According to the children supported by Jyambere Foundation for their Mission in the future, their mission are better for reason they received different scholastic materials such as notebooks, pens, shoes, school uniforms and other necessities but there is challenges when the children finished primary education level; many of them case to continue their studies in secondary level because Jyambere Foundation supposed that will stop to support them and they don't have good living standard in their families."



Figure 7 Receiving Sponsored Clothing

"Man, surveys present that our Beneficiaries good succeeds in class needs some occupied such as feeding at homes; lack of some scholastic materials, clothes for replacement school uniforms, hygienic materials, etcetera.

Many children supported by JYAMBERE Foundation on behalf of Bahoneza project; their families are highly vulnerable; they cannot afford to alive with good living standard of people and they don't have any opportunity to pay school fees in secondary level that's why according to children mission about future, have big challenges to be achieved positively where many children stop their studies because of poorness of their families.

The second is that the efficiency children in class is biggest than by the possibilities of teacher that he can teaching them, means that the local classes aren't proportion by the learners.

Inflation effect influences as normal inflation is the rate of change in price rising inflation means you have to pay highest price the same goods and service So; this affect the economy in our project where there is high price at buying product to support our children in Bahoneza project this leads to the lack of needs material because high price with low money in our project Bahoneza.

In fact, About Appreciation of the children supported by Jyambere Compared to other children no supported there is more difference comparing to other children because our children in Jyambere Foundation are smart, opened mind and they have all materials like notebooks, shoes, uniform where in other children not supported by Jyambere some of them they don't have school materials, basic needs, etc. but our children for Jyambere Foundation all support of those materials are available of them, its meaning that our children from Bahoneza project are very clear, smart and have more opportunity to get success compared to other children.

The challenges of supervisors are that the administration fees occupied 5% means that some needs are insignificant to resolve some problems such as school visit and home visit for have access information, office materials."

9. Looking ahead

The 2023-2024 school year has already started in September 2023. Here you can see the school calendar.

2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR		
Term	Dates	Duration
Term I	25 Sept 2023 - 22 Dec 2023	13 Weeks
Term I holidays	23 Dec 2023 - 07 Jan 2024	2 Weeks
Term II	8 Jan 2024 - 29 March 2024	12 Weeks
Term II holidays	30 March 2024 - 14 April 2024	2 weeks
Term III	15 April 2024 - 5 July 2024	12 Weeks
National Examinations		
Primary National Examinations	8 - 10 July 2024	3 days
General and Technical Secondary National Examinations	24 July 2024 - 3 Aug 2024	2 weeks

9.1. Concerns

From the above stories, it is clear that the Jyambere Foundation may find itself in a bottleneck.

Over the year 2023, Jyambere had only 5 donors with permanent contracts for a total amount of € 1030. The payout and bank charges amounted to € 3,943.01.

If the situation does not change, Jyambere will have an annual deficit of €2913.01 in her budget and will be forced to stop within 4 years. Over the 2023-2024 school year, Jyambere has reduced the number of children to be supported for primary education from 57 to 50. For the year 2024-2025, the children who will complete primary school will not be replaced by new ones. As a result, Jyambere wants to close the door step by step unless her call for donations and volunteers is responded to positively.

10. Calls

As you can read in this report, Jyambere's children remain underprivileged. We are calling for the following reasons:

- Rubavu demarcates RDC where the war is always raging, with the result that the number of street children will increase again.
- The continuity of Jyambere is of great importance in that region. Other children can go to secondary school if they have passed the cito test, children of Jyambere cannot.
- Jyambere needs volunteers to raise funds. In the event of natural disasters, Jyambere is unable to help her children and their families with the necessities of life.

We are calling on donors who have confidence in Jyambere's purpose. We are looking for regular donors who can deduct their donation on the tax return because Jyambere is an ANBI foundation. This also applies to donations to the bank account, deposit bottles and cans, bags or any other form of contribution to continue to support these children financially.

The call for ambassadors and active volunteers is still valid.

Catching up with acquaintances or colleagues about the Jyambere Foundation, its cause and its children can yield positive results. For example, on her vacation, Beatrice met Timothy, an American. Both started talking and Beatrice told Timothy about Jyambere. Timothy was admired by Jyambere's work and he made a donation to Jyambere.

Would you like to sign up as a volunteer? Send your message to info@jyambere.org

Then we will contact you as soon as possible.

Jyambere is looking to collaborate with organizations that work in Rwanda and/or that have the same goal and vision. The goal is that Jyambere will have an emergency partner for the appropriate additional help.

11. Sponsors

If you believe that Jyambere should continue to dedicate herself to these children, then your contribution is essential. Below you can see the average cost per child per year and Jyambere's account number.

Costs approximately per child per year:

- €50.00 primary school
- €400.00 secondary school

You can transfer your donation to the account NL76ABNA0570184495 in the name of the Jyambere Foundation. You can also buy a child package: sponsor a child until he/she finishes his or her studies? Then you pay €50.00 per year for primary school, €400.00 for secondary school.

Mrs. Sien makes bread baskets and sells them. The proceeds are intended for the Jyambere foundation.



Figure 8 For sale bread baskets

Would you like to buy a bread basket?

Please send a message to: hulsinga@yahoo.com

Innocent collects deposit bottles and cans for the Jyambere Foundation.



Figure 9 Deposit collection

Are deposit bottles and cans thrown away at your work or company?

Please send a message to: jeaninnocent.nyabusore@gmail.com

Or send a message to: info@jyambere.org

Thanks in advance.

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