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SECTION ONE : ANNUAL REPORT

1.1. SUMMARY OF SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES WORK IN BURUNDI FOR 2013.

Burundi has just finished 2013 in a socio-political context marked by intense discussions between political parties and the Civil Society about amendment of the Constitution of the Republic of Burundi. Differences of opinion regarding provisions relating to 2015 elections have increased but the talks organized by the Burundi Parliament in December have led to a consensus as for the Country's future constitution.

The Burundi Senate and the National Assembly voted in April a controversial press law, a law deemed "draconian" as the Civil Society and many partners and observers of Burundi political system.

In social and economic terms, Burundi has experienced a disaster in January with fire devastation of Bujumbura central market regarded as the country's economic core and whose socio-economic effects have significantly affected almost all of the Burundians.

This year, the country has kept on improving regulation promoting the business environment especially in the registration of companies created and taxation laws.

However, corruption is a major obstacle for investors .Indeed, the 2013 annual report of "Transparency International" pointed out a high level of corruption in the functioning of public institutions in Burundi and the country is ranked among the two top most corrupted countries in the East African Community.

Regarding the Burundian currency, the dollar exchange rate has increased by 1.14% between January 2013 and December 2013. Inflation was at an average of 7.9% until 31 December 2013, according to statistics from the central bank BRB (Bank of the Republic of Burundi).

The prices of essential commodities have almost remained the same as in 2012 except in Rutana where prices of food stuffs have a little bit increased due to climatic conditions disturbance.

The year 2013 coincided with the beginning of the implementation of the Burundi Government's education policy; this brings primary education to three years of secondary education. Major difficulties are observed in schools to implement this policy in particular as regards to classrooms, human resources and teaching aids.

In terms of care for children in need, SOS Children's Villages of Burundi has been assisting 1,262 children, including 657 children living in SOS family houses of five Children's Villages and 605 children living in the SOS Youth facilities. There were 1,275 children and young people last year.

In Family strengthening Programmes, 2198 orphans and other vulnerable children living in 713 families have received various supports to improve the quality of their care. In 2012, Family Strengthening Programmes provided assistance to 1, 706

children living in 502 families. 2013 also coincided with the start of FSP Cibitoke with 250 OVCs living in 76 families. In order to better prepare families and communities empowerment, all FSP continue with the implementation of the "Farmer Field School" approach to modernize agriculture and to promote the "savings and credit system" within community groupings so as to promote family self-funding. FSP also continue to support Community -Based Organizations (CBOs) in order to prepare them to sustain their action once FSP will withdraw from the programme.

Academically, SOS Children's Villages Burundi has 5 Kindergartens which care for 589 children, 5 primary schools with a total of 1,753 school children and one secondary school providing education to 628 pupils by December 31. These numbers are derived from both SOS facilities and surrounding communities.

With the chapter of exceptional academic performance, it is important to note that one SOS youth was admitted to the SOS International College in Tema Hermann Gmeiner (GHANA) in June 2013, joining 8 more youths already admitted to this facility. One of these nine youths has completed the school with «distinction» (high pass) and was admitted to the University "Franklin & Marshall College" in the USA. This youth is one of the fewest students selected to be granted a scholarship from the University during the past 25 years. In addition, SOS Hermann Gmeiner Primary School Bujumbura was ranked first for the 4th consecutive time in the National competitive test giving access to 7th form.

In the area of health, the 4 SOS Medical Centres in the country recorded 70,328 consultations against 57,958 last year, that is 21.34% increase in consultations. These Medical centres provide preventive and curative care. At the laboratory level, 67,949 analyses were carried out against 69,753 in 2012.

In 2013, SOS Children's Villages Burundi has celebrated 7 weddings for its youths (6 girls and 1 boy), 54 diplomas and 8 degrees awarded by local universities.

As part of staff blossoming, a trip was organized by the National Office for all co-workers in the country. It took place at Bugarama in the centre of the country in December. It was a good opportunity to relax and strengthen relationships between co-workers.

Finally, it is worth noting that key challenges are still: a high rate of unemployment, the very expensive cost of living and the implementation of the Government education policy which requires new facilities, equipment and human resources.

1.2. OBJECTIVES FOR 2014

N°	Objectives and major actions for 2014
1	Improve the quality of education in our schools
	Evaluation and review of English and French curricula in grades 2 and 3 of SOS Hermann Gmeiner primary schools
	Review of SOSKindergartens curriculum
	Implementation of the National education policy in SOS schools
	Holding a national workshop to exchange experiences and good practices
2	Improve the quality of Child care for our target group
	Conducting a workshop to exchange experiences and good practices on socio-economic reintegration strategies of youngSOS
	Introduction of the new form of child alternative care in Bujumbura
	Setting a reference tool for managing SOS children's Villages Burundi programmes
	Updating the study on the situational analysis of child rights in the country
	Implementation of a database on the families of origin(FSP)
	Evaluation of the implementation level of plans to strengthen community-based organizations(CBOs) for the community care of vulnerable children
	Updating and popularizing the code of conduct of all SOS projects' co-workers in Burundi
3	Strengthen partnership in the child care
	Extending the partnership to 2 new organizations to improve the quality of child care outside SOS facilities
4	Improve local funding of our projects activities
	Developing a national strategy for fundraising based on the market research already conducted.
	Conducting an awareness and mobilization campaign of existing and potential donors/partners.
	Drafting of at least 2 projects to submit for funding
	Development of retention strategies of SOS Friends and recovery of funds
5	Improve the management of human resources
	Staff capacity building in cooperation links with the Federation of SOS Children's Villages International
	Orientation of key co-workers on the SOS Children's programme policy (CVPP) and the quality management approach (QMA)
	Orientation of members of the National Association on the organization and operation of SOS Children's Villages Burundi
	Implementation of performance agreements up to 80% of co-workers
	Training of SOSKindergartens educators
	Training of core care co-workers
	Training of fundraising local teams on communication and fundraising techniques

1.3 SCHEDULE OF MAJOR EVENTS FOR 2014

MONTH	Activities
January	Preparing the 2013 annual report of activity
	Developing the Management report of the 4 th quarter of 2013 with the database LUCY
	Carrying out the 4 th review of the Plan of Action 2013 and forward it to RO
February	Carrying out the first supervision of the SOS facilities Bujumbura
	Evaluating the performance agreements 2013 and finalize those of 2014 at all management levels
	Transmitting the 2013 annual report to the International Office
	Starting the implementation of the project "COMMUNITY PRIDE" for Orphans and other Vulnerable Children funded by the Global Fund
	Conducting contact making visits to companies, embassies and other strong organizations targeted as potential partners
March	Supervising and evaluating SOS facilities Rutana and Gitega
	Holding the first meeting of the National Management Team (NMT)
	Orienting members of the National Association on the organization and work of SOS Children's Villages Burundi
April	Supervising and evaluating SOS facilities Cibitoke and Muyinga
	Conducting the first review of National Plan of Action 2014
	Writing out the first management report 2014
May	Carrying out a fundraising fair concert in Bujumbura
June	Developing mid- year facility progress reports for sponsors
	Developing mid- year SOS child/ youth progress reports for sponsors
	Celebrating the African Child Day
	Celebrating the SOS Day
	Holding an open day in SOS facilities Bujumbura
July	Conducting a mid- term evaluation of performance agreements 2014
	Carrying out the 2 nd review of the National Plan of Action 2014
	Holding a National day of co-workers blossoming
August	Conducting the FSP self-evaluation
	Conducting a summer camp for SOS and FSP children
	Evaluating and reviewing French and English curricula in SOS Primary Schools
September	Preparing the National Plan of Action and the budget 2015
	Carrying out the second supervision of SOS facilities Rutana
	Carrying out the second supervision of SOS facilities Cibitoke
October	Preparing the 3 rd Management report 2014
	Carrying out the 3 rd review of the National Plan of Action 2014
	Carrying out the 2 nd supervision of SOS facilities Gitega
November	Preparing end-of- year facility reports for sponsors
	Organizing World Peace Games for Children and Youth
	Celebrating the child rights International Day
December	Celebrating the HIV/ AIDS Day
	Developing the annual report of implementation of COMMUNITY PRIDE Project

SECTION TWO: STATISTICS

2.1. FACILITY STATISTICS (See Navision)

2.2. SUMMARY OF STATISTICS (See Navision)

SECTION THREE: FACILITY STATISTICS

3.1. BUJUMBURA

3.1.1 SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGE BUJUMBURA

The country prevailing socio-economic situation is still worrying. The central market of Bujumbura, which was the supply centre and source of employment for more than 10,000 people completely, took fire in January. Therefore, the supply of food and other essential commodities has become difficult so far because traders have been scattered throughout the city.

By the end of this year, the SOS Children's village had 134 children including 3 children assisted in their families of origin while they were 130 in 2012. This year, 14 new children were admitted and 13 other children were transferred to SOS Youth Facilities. Among the newly-admitted children, 2 are total orphans, 6 are semi-orphans, 4 are foundlings without known origin and 2 are social orphans without parental care.

Concerning the staff turnover, one SOS Mother was dismissed in August for abusing one of the children in her care. The Administration and Finance Officer has also left for personal reasons in August. On the other hand, the co-workers of 2 Youth facilities closed this year were reassigned to other facilities.

Academically, the Village has 80 school children, 44 children at the SOS Kindergarten and 1 young person in vocational training. The success rate of children was 82.89% this year while it was 85.71% last year. To deal with this fall in academic performance, child coaching at home was reorganized by actively involving SOS aunts.

On the results of end primary education, out of the 14 candidates who have sat for the National competitive test giving access to secondary education, 13 candidates passed and 9 of them were admitted to the SOS Hermann Gmeiner Secondary School Bujumbura.

To build co-worker capacity in the child/youth care, various training courses were organized. In April, all co-workers of facilities Bujumbura received a training on education to sexuality.

Also, members of the psycho-social support team have been trained on psychosocial care of SOS children and youth in April.

From May 13th to 17th, representatives of SOS Mothers and Aunts participated in training on leadership at the SOS Herman Gmeiner Training Centre Kigali. The SOS Children's Village's Social Worker and the Educational Advisor received trainings on child and youth psychosocial support, adult education, coaching and supervision organized by the SOS Hermann Gmeine Training Centre Kigali. From August 5 to 8, 2013, the Village conducted a self-assessment of the Manual of SOS Children's Villages.

The Village also celebrated significant events. The May 4, 2013 an exceptional fair took place at the Lycée SOS Hermann Gmeiner Bujumbura. All children in the village participated in this important so blossoming event and pleasantly livened up with dances, songs and various games.

A case of child rights abuse by an SOS mother has also been noticed. After investigation and establishment of reliability, the SOS Mother was dismissed.

On 21 June, 2013 the Village has celebrated SOS Day. On this occasion gifts were donated to SOS Mothers.

In September, the EQUINOX Belgium in collaboration with SOS Belgium initiated the Village and community children's choir in order to diversify the blossoming of children's activities. A musician pianist was recruited for this purpose and has even made a one-month training in Belgium. It is this same children's choir which led the Mass of Christmas Eve on December 24 during which seven SOS children were baptized.

On October 25th, the SOS Village and other facilities organized the World Peace Games for Children and Youth. On this occasion, a basketball game pitted the SOS Hermann Gmeiner Secondary School men's against that of the "Lycée Clarté Notre Dame" Vugizo. The match ended with the victory of the team of SOS Hermann Gmeiner Secondary School Bujumbura.

3.1.2 SOS YOUTH FACILITIES

In the course of 2013, a new national measure of youth coaching consisting namely of reuniting all young people who have completed high school with their families of reference was implemented. Reunited youths continue to benefit from the assistance of the Organization until the end of their education. Following the implementation of this measure, two girls' youth facilities were closed and all looked after housings were suppressed. Thus, there has been considerable variation in the number of youths in care in SOS facilities.

The number of young people in youth facilities decreased from 136 to 98 youths with 59 boys and 39 girls. They are dispatched up into seven youth facilities and the SOS Secondary School boarding. As for the youth movement, 45 of them were reunited, 2 were resettled, 3 girls reunited due to pregnancy, one youth went to China to carry on studying in medicine and 13 others were admitted to youth facilities.

The number of young people in care outside SOS facilities has shifted from 14 to 64 including 3 youths who are studying abroad. Also, among 23 youths residing looked after housings, 9 were resettled and 14 reunited. In addition, 13 of 14 young people who were already reunited with their families were resettled. It is worth noting that the three girls who had been kicked out of SOS facilities continue to benefit from the assistance of the organization and a young girl with mental disability still resides in the youth community.

Regarding education, 98 SOS youths are attending secondary education while 48 others continue their higher education.

So far, 12 youths who have completed high school are waiting for enrollment in higher education and one who has obtained his vocational diploma is waiting for resettlement.

As for academic performance, the success rate was 87.7% against 79.49% last year. It should also be noted that five young people have just got their degrees including a master degree in computer science and 4 bachelor degrees respectively in Law, Business Administration, Social science and Community Development, as well as communication and audio visual design.

As part of the promotion of the right to participation, young people are involved in the planning of the Village activities. They are also involved in budget planning estimates, managing the family budget, the organization of blossoming activities and other issues that may occur in youth facilities.

In terms of co-worker capacity building, 2 youth leaders have undergone an initial training at the SOS Hermann Gmeiner Training Centre Kigali.

In the field of health, young people in general are in good health state. However, a case of a young patient could not be treated locally and was referred to Nairobi, Kenya for more specialized care. The youth health state is now good.

3.1.3 SOS KINDERGARTEN BUJUMBURA.

At the end of 2013, the SOS kindergarten Bujumbura had 218 children against 207 last year. There were 44 Village children and 174 community ones including 3 assisted by the Family Strengthening Programme and one vulnerable child who is granted school fees and materials.

At the beginning of this school year, 89 children were enrolled in the SOS Kindergarten, 76 others moved from Kindergarten 3 to primary1.

The Kindergarten held in February and September meetings with parents to discuss about various educational issues and to involve parents in the preschool childcare.

The Kindergarten has celebrated important events this year. On May 4, Kindergarten children performed good acts during a fair held at the SOS Secondary School Bujumbura. It was a moment of immense joy for little children. On 28 June, the 2012-2013 school year was solemnly closed; livened up with child dances and games.

December 18 was a celebration day of Christmas which closed the school year's activities. Before the ceremonies of Father Christmas began, the school children made a trip to the Living Museum of Bujumbura, which was a relaxing and blossoming moment highly appreciated by the children. At this time, 2013-2014 results were presented to parents. It was on this occasion that Santa Claus distributed gifts to children.

In the area staff capacity building, the Head of the Kindergarten participated in a training workshop on the management of early childhood and on the key policies of the Organization at the SOS Hermann Gmeiner Training Centre Kigali, Rwanda, from June 10 to 14. Also, the July 8 to 12, all educators and the Head of the kindergarten attended training on various topics related to kindergarten education and the child rights and duties.

Still on the same chapter of capacity building, the Head and the Kindergarten educators have visited two pre-schools for experiences exchange in October and November.

3.1.4 SOS HERMANN GMEINER SCHOOLS BUJUMBURA

In Bujumbura, there are one SOS Hermann Gmeiner primary school and one secondary school. In total, 1,111 pupils are enrolled in these two educational facilities at the end of 2013, including 483 primary schoolchildren, and 628 pupils in high school. Two hundred and twelve (212) children and youths are Village children, 899 children come from surrounding communities including 11 who receive the Organization support.

In terms of academic achievement, the results are very satisfactory. At the end of the 2012-2013 school year, the success rate in primary school is 97.91% against 98.15% last year. In the 2013 edition of the National Competitive test giving access to secondary education the success rate was 100%. At the National level, the school is ranked first as last year.

At the high school level, the success rate is 88.78% against 89.39% last year. This year, the school has issued 84 diplomas, 28 from Economic Section, 27 from Arts section and 29 from Science section .Nevertheless it should be noted that 6 candidates did not succeed. Once again, two laureates have passed with «**HIGHEST PASS**» in Science section. The school has already recorded 5 diplomas of the same pass since its existence.

At the National Competitive test giving access to higher education, even though we have not yet the overall ranking of schools, all the candidates obtained at least 50%. Also, 3 candidates got more than 90%. As for the National competitive test giving access to the senior level, the school is ranks 4th of 995 schools.

The SOS Hermann Gmeiner High School Bujumbura participated in other competitions both intellectually and athletically. Thus, the essay writing competition organized by Rotary Club of Bujumbura, a candidate has come out first in 10 African countries in March.

On the extracurricular front, the primary school won the football tournament trophy called "Tournament of Hope" which pitted 6 well-known private primary schools Bujumbura. The school has also participated in several blossoming activities. In March, the women's basketball team was ranked first for the fifth consecutive time in interschool championship organized at the National level.

In terms of co-worker capacity building, teachers from both schools have received a training on the relationship "teacher -learner." In addition, a training was organized for students, administration and teaching staff of secondary schools about the consequences of drugs, tobacco consumption and alcohol abuse.

The high school has acquired a corridor linking the administration block with classrooms, which facilitates movement in the rainy season, thanks to parents' contributions. In addition, the inside walls of secondary school dormitories for were plastered and repainted to improve cleanliness and hygiene at the boarding.

Finally, we regret the death of a 4th form pupil in May after who died soon after he fell ill.

3.1.5 THE SOS MEDICAL CENTRE BUJUMBURA

During this year, the SOS Medical Centre Bujumbura has recorded 1,119 cases of inpatients against 1,033 in 2012. As for outpatient consultation, 27,654 patients were received with 1,094 SOS children and youth, 11,440 community children and youth as well as 120 adults. Note that in 2012 there had been consulted 20,641 patients. Compared to 2012, the total number of consulted and treated patients at Medical Centre has increased thanks to the collaboration of our Medical Centre with the Public Service health insurance.

In the laboratory department, additional tests increased from 27,084 in 2012 to 31,059 in 2013. It should be noted that the list of tests commonly carried out has not changed.

With regard to preventive activities, 687 new and 3,319 old infants were vaccinated in accordance with the National schedule. In addition, 1,170 doses of vitamin A were administered. In addition, 1,107 anti-tetanus vaccines were administered to young women likely to get married with 1,020 vaccines given to women attending antenatal consultations.

With regard to family planning, contraceptive methods were administered or distributed. In total, 681 Microgynon plates, 96 Microlut plates, 1,249 condoms, 48 coloured strings of pearls, 700 depo-provera, 40 Jadelle implants and 6 intra uterine devices.

In the field of the fight against HIV / AIDS, 142 Information/ Education / Communication sessions were held before vaccination of infants and pregnant women could take place and 12,268 condoms were distributed. A total of 3,392 HIV/ AIDS tests were conducted and 98 cases were HIV positive, or 2.88%. The Medical Centre provides care to 387 people living with HIV on antiretroviral treatment and 125 people under prophylactic bactrim. In protection against the transmission of HIV from mother to child) 18 pregnant women were taken care of.

In terms of partnership, the Medical Centre entered signed an agreement with the Public Service health insurance to treat its affiliates since February. We also signed a collaboration agreement with the platform REMUA in the implementation of a project "GAVI Alliance" to promote vaccination at the Community level. In addition, an agreement was signed with the "Jubilee Insurance" and "SONAVIE" insurance to treat members of these companies.

3.1.6 THE FAMILY STRENGTHENING PROGRAMME BUJUMBURA

During this year the Family Strengthening Programme has continued to support children who have lost or are at risk of losing care of their families. The number of children in care rises to 350 orphans and other vulnerable children living in 101 households against 339 last year.

In order to target the new area of the Family Strengthening Programme's intervention, a comparative study of socio-economic life conditions of the population was conducted in four communes of Bujumbura Township. The results of the study showed that Buterere commune was the neediest.

Seventy-eight families have been phased out this year. Among them, 28 families came out by self-sufficiency and others either because they live far from the programme's intervention area or because they did not comply with the commitments. In the new intervention area of Buterere, there, are 83 families with 295 Orphans and other Vulnerable Children.

In the field of health care accessibility, the Orphans other Vulnerable Children as well as their tutors receive health insurance cards that they use in public health facilities. However, the Family Strengthening Programme deplores the death of one child in August.

In education, 350 Orphans and other Vulnerable Children are assisted including 6 who are attending kindergarten, 213 in primary school, 20 attending high education and 111 children have not yet school age.

As far as family capacity building to improve access to basic services, one family got iron sheets, doors and windows. The house walls were erected thanks to the community support. So as to help families acquire sufficient resources, a young boy received theoretical and practical driving trainings.

With regard to capacity building for the programme's implementation, the FSP social worker received a training on " Community Development " while 12 Community Based Organizations (CBOs) managers were trained " Development Projects drafting, Management of Associations and on different fundraising techniques . " Besides, 20 guardians have been trained about «child rights «on the occasion of the celebration of the «Child Rights International Day. »

Concerning blossoming, 20 Orphans and other Vulnerable Children joined others from Gitega, Rutana, Muyinga and Cibitoke to participate in a summer camp organized in August at Cibitoke. They contributed to bricks making for the Family Strengthening Programme beneficiary families in Cibitoke.

As for planning, the Programme's self-assessment program took place in August. This has resulted in active involvement of various stakeholders to assess achievements and prepare for the evaluation of results and the Plan of Action 2014.

In the end, it should be noted that the Family Strengthening Programme coordinator has been dismissed and a new coordinator hired.

3.2 CIBITOKÉ

3.2.1 SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGE CIBITOKÉ

By the end of the year, the village had 124 children living in 12 family houses (63 girls and 61 boys) against 118 last year. Four young people are attending high education and three of them attend the Lycée SOS Hermann Gmeiner Bujumbura. Note that 8 children were admitted during the year. The family house¹⁰ now hosts 11 children due to a case of admitted two sibling twins.

Educationally, SOS Hermann Gmeiner primary school Cibitoke has 82 SOS schoolchildren this school year 2013- 2014. An individualized academic coaching, provided jointly by teachers and the core- care co-workers to improve school performance of our children has allowed 66 children out of 82 to have a score between 60 and 100% , only 2 children did not reach 50 % in the first term. It would not be superfluous to mention that the four youths who are attending secondary schools have all scored above 60%.

As part of improving the quality of SOS Children's care services, a team of psychosocial support has been set up in the village. The team's Coordinator received training in Rwanda on techniques of child and adolescent psychosocial care from June 24 to 28, 2013. Besides, children needing psychosocial assistance are better identified thanks to this training.

In order to fight against malaria , the village, in collaboration with the Red Cross office Cibitoke of the, held in January an awareness session in favour of SOS mothers on the detection of malaria symptoms and prevention techniques . At the end of the session, a distribution of long lasting mosquito nests impregnated with insecticides was carried out in SOS families. This has significantly reduced the number of hospitalizations due to malaria.

In addition, a campaign to immunize children against diarrhea diseases and deworming was carried out from December 16 to 20 in favor of village children. This campaign was conducted by the Ministry of Public Health. Similarly, tablets whose effect lasts 15 years were distributed to fight against onchocercosis. However, a rumor in the surrounding community spreading the information that immunized children will be sterile pushed more than parents not to get their children immunized. Public awareness has helped curb the problem and children were brought to vaccination.

Concerning advocacy for child protection in the surrounding community, the village contributed to release an imprisoned child from 17 to 18 February being wrongly accused of having stolen a bike. The Village has sent him back to school and the case was closed immediately after judicial investigations. This child, who is being fully supported by the Village, has passed the National competitive giving access to secondary education.

Given the scale of early pregnancy among community school girls and pupils, the village organized a training of trainers for 18 teachers from 9 community schools and 6 child beneficiaries of the Family Strengthening Programme, from 19 to 21 August

2013 in order to build their capacity on education to life. As a result, committees of education to life were set up in their schools of origin.

As for visits, the village has had the privilege to welcome Mrs. BARBARA Francis, President of the Promoting and Supporting Association Belgium. She was deeply impressed by the step already taken by the SOS Children's Village Cibitoke in child care and creating a conducive environment of child harmonious development at the Village level.

As far as events experienced this year are concerned, it is worth recalling the celebration of the SOS Day on June 22nd, 2013. Members of the supporting association to Village attended the ceremony. On this occasion, the Village Friends were recalled to strengthen their efforts in the support of the Village.

Children and the whole village community celebrated Christmas on December 24. It was a unique opportunity to show the audience child talents in folk and modern dances.

3.2.2 SOS KINDERGARTEN CIBITOKÉ

The SOS Kindergarten Cibitoke reached its fifth year of existence on 31 December 2013. It cares for 91 children, including 31 SOS Children, 3 beneficiaries of the Family Strengthening Programme and 57 surrounding community children.

The child learning level in all preschool activities is satisfactory in relation to their spoken French and their level of participation in recreational and psychomotor activities. It is the same for activities related to the pre-numeracy and pre-writing. Regarding socio-emotional side, children play various games such as the ball, slide, swing and sandpit.

Under the Kindergarten educators' capacity building, a workshop on "relationships Teacher-learner in daily classroom management" was held in November 2013 and training on capacity building in preschool education was organized by the National Office in July. The Head of Kindergarten also attended a training at the SOS Hermann Gmeiner training centre in Kigali, Rwanda in June on the SOS Children's Villages International Organization and Kindergarten management.

The end of the first term of the 2013-2014 school year was marked by the celebration of Father Christmas on December 20. Children had the opportunity to show parents what they have learned through recitations and sketches, dances and songs.

3.2.3 SOS HERMANN GGMEINER PRIMARY SCHOOL CIBITOKÉ

In 2013, the SOS Hermann Gmeiner Primary School Cibitoke has been operating for 5 years with 232 schoolchildren after one child has left the village. Among them, 82 are SOS children and 150 are community children, including 8 needy community children in need who are provided with school material. One of them is supported by the Family Strengthening Programme.

During the year, two changes were made: in February 2013, an English teacher was transferred from our school to SOS Hermann Gmeiner High School Bujumbura and was quickly replaced. Similarly, since May 2013, the SOS Hermann Gmeiner Primary School is headed by a new Director, the former Pedagogical advisor of the SOS Children's Village Musinga.

With regard to academic achievement, the school has made with the end of the school year 2012-2013, an overall success rate of 94.0%. Village children success rate was 93% while community children have reached a rate of 94.5%.

At the National competitive test giving access to high education, 36 schoolchildren including three SOS children out of 38 candidates passed; that is a success rate of 94.7% whereas it was of 87.5% the previous year. Among the three Village children, 2 are attending the SOS Hermann Gmeiner Lycée Bujumbura while another attends a local secondary school.

The SOS Hermann Gmeiner Primary school has continued supporting three neighbouring public schools in the preparation for training tests to the National competitive test and their results have been encouraging, shifting from a success rate of 44% in 2011 to 67.5% in 2012 and finally to 73.9% in 2013.

Following a series of measures adopted in September to improve school performance, the SOS Hermann Gmeiner Primary School Cibitoke reached a success rate of 98.3% in the 1st term of 2013-2014 school year tests.

In the framework of the implementation of the Child Protection Policy, hearing sessions for grade 4, 5 and 6 children, sessions of education to sexuality, the fight against HIV-AIDS and respect of the child rights were regularly conducted.

in co-worker capacity building of staff, four teachers and the school Director participated in a workshop to evaluate new French and English curricula. Teachers also participated in a training workshop on "relationships Teacher-learner for the daily class management."

Finally, the SOS Hermann Gmeiner Primary School Cibitoke Director and SOS Aunts participated in a National workshop on the protection and advocacy for child rights.

3.2.4 SOS MEDICAL CENTRE CIBITOKÉ

During the year, the SOS Medical Centre Cibitoke has recorded 11,865 medical consultations against 9,596 in 2012; that is an increase of 23.6%. Of the 11,865 recorded, medical consultations 609 are SOS children (5.2%) and 11,256 are community beneficiaries with 7,076 children (59.6%) and 4,180 adults (35.2%). In sum, 64.8% are child consultations and this high increase would be linked with the "Mother –Child Health" national campaign that took place in January 2013, alone records 3,951 vaccinated children. Note also that the medical centre treated 228 inpatients, making a total of 739 hospitalization days against 1,021 in 2012.

In laboratory, 10,273 samples of 4,932 patients were analyzed against 9,204 in 2012. The most carried out laboratory analyses are malaria test, stool test, urine cytobacteriological tests and blood sugar. The number of samples would have been higher if the hematology unit had worked throughout the year.

With regard to preventive care, the Centre has vaccinated 159 children in addition to the National campaigns "mother –Child Health" and 29 antenatal consultations were recorded. As for family planning, 57 women received contraceptive methods and 180 male condoms were distributed in this regard.

In the field of the fight against HIV/ AIDS, the Medical Centre is now accredited for comprehensive care of people living with HIV/ AIDS and voluntary testing since July 2013. Therefore, 149 volunteers have been screened and 4 people were HIV positive; that is 3% HIV positivity.

Under partnership, the Medical Centre has executed a project funded by Gavi Alliance via the platform 'REMUA' of which SOS Children's Villages is a member. This project has trained 25 community health workers, to educate 480 community leaders on the importance of immunization, family planning and antenatal consultations. The trained community health workers in turn sensitized 2,771 people from their community on the topics mentioned above.

In sum, given the services offered by the Medical Centre to the surrounding population, its extension and its permanent water supply seem to be a priority so as to maximize profitability of the existing services and to improve the quality of its services.

3.2.5 THE FAMILY STRENGTHENING PROGRAMME CIBITOKÉ

In the framework of the extending its work, the Organization has established the Family Strengthening Programme (FSP) Cibitoke since March 2013. The Programme assists 249 children admitted in June 2013 and dispatched up in 75 families.

The Programme's activities focus on providing housing, child education, medical care, the protection of child rights and strengthening the socio-economic capacity of households and communities.

Family Development plans aiming at making beneficiary families become self-sufficient have jointly been written out and signed by the heads of households as well as the Family Strengthening Programme representative.

In order to strengthen skills in child care and protection, 76 guardians of Orphans and other Vulnerable Children received a training on child rights and the psychosocial care of Orphans and other Vulnerable Children. In addition, Information-Education-Communication sessions were conducted on the importance of hygiene, the fight against HIV / AIDS and other Sexually- Transmitted Infections as well as family planning.

In order to involve community children in promoting their rights, 81 ten year old children and over have received training on Child Rights, 5 clubs of Child Rights were created and are located in five primary schools of the intervention area of. Three hill area committees of child rights protection (incorporating children) elected by the community are now functional.

In advocacy, two Family Strengthening Programme beneficiary young girls raped (12 and 14 years old) were identified and reported. The perpetrators of these acts are in jail at the main prison of Mpimba in Bujumbura.

On the economic side, capacity of guardian families has been strengthened. Indeed, 75 tutors were trained in agriculture and breeding techniques. The same tutors as well as 42 members of the community have been trained in drafting and management of micro-projects. Nine groups of tutors were provided with seeds, fertilizers and farming equipment. To promote orphans' and other vulnerable children's balanced diet, 4 nurseries and 9 "kitchen-garden" have been established.

In order to strengthen the Community system for orphans and other vulnerable children protection and support, community development plans were made and signed. In addition, three hill area committees of child rights, 6 Community Based-Organizations, 9 farmer groupings of tutors and 10 Community Associations for Savings and Credit were established. They received trainings on child rights, support for Orphans and other Vulnerable Children, administrative and financial management of organizations, drafting and management of micro-projects, resource mobilization, mediation and peaceful conflict management. In addition, 6 "Farmer-Field Schools" of maize, sorghum, peanut, soy, beans and vegetables were introduced and serve as a community model.

In terms of blossoming, a Summer Camp was jointly organized by the Family Strengthening Programme Cibitoke and Gitega in favour of children from all over the Country's Family Strengthening Programmes.

3.3 GITEGA

3.3.1 SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGE GITEGA

In the beginning of 2013, the SOS Children's Village Gitega had 130 children dispatched up in 13 family houses. With transfers that have occurred during the year, changes have taken place though the year ended with the same number of 130 children. Indeed, the Village has transferred 19 children to SOS youth facilities and 2 siblings reunited at the request of their biological family. This allowed the Village to admit 21 new children in family houses. Among the 130 Village children, 12 have not yet reached the school age, 28 are in SOS Kindergarten while 90 more are attending the SOS Hermann Gmeiner Primary School Gitega.

Education-wise, the success rate of the SOS children Village attending primary school was 97% at the end of the 2012-2013 school year while it was 96% at the end of the 2011-2012 school year. As for the National competitive test giving access to high education, 16 SOS children sat for the test and all passed. They are currently attending 7th form according to the national education policy. Seven of them are attending the SOS Hermann Gmeiner high school Bujumbura and 9 in other local schools. In line with the preparation of child potential candidates at the International College of Tema in Ghana, 14 children were strengthened in during holidays, English language, which is the medium of education at the college. This English training period was ended by the children's going sightseeing.

Further social surveys on origins of our children and youths have allowed two foundlings to get fatherhood and registration to the registry office. They have also allowed us to establish a reunion between two of our SOS children with their families of reference. It has also been possible to help a youth, now 21 years old and had never been recognized in his family of origin, to be accepted and to recover the property left by his parents. In addition, with further complementary social surveys, a parental link was restored between 3 children and their fathers. The latter did not know whether their children were still alive. These reunions were each a moment of parents', the children's and the Village's immense joy.

Regarding co-worker capacity building, the psychosocial care local team has received training in this area in April. Another team of co-workers in charge of child rights protection has been trained in March about investigation techniques in cases of child rights violations. An SOS mother who was going to retire has also been trained at SOS Hermann Gmeiner Regional Training Centre Kigali to help prepare for retirement.

In order to improve our services to SOS children and youths, 4 core-care and education co-workers have been sent to Rwanda for an initial training. In addition, the village took part in a national professional retreat of co-worker representatives from all SOS facilities held in August at Muramvya by the National Office. The Pedagogical advisor and the social worker have recently participated in a regional training on adult education. The training aimed at organizing internal trainings.

In connection with SOS children/youths and co-workers blossoming, the Village organized two football matches first and second legs together with the SOS Children's Village Rutana and co-workers made a trip to pay a visit to SOS Children's Village Cibitoke so as to celebrate the new year together. It was a great opportunity for SOS children and education co-workers from both SOS Children's Villages to get to better know one another and enjoy themselves. The Village has also organized an outing for children who had made academic achievements as well as their SOS mothers and aunts who had helped them. Gifts' giving has closed this incentive ceremony. In mid-December, Village co-workers have joined other SOS co-workers in the country for a fulfillment and fraternization day held in Bugarama. It was a good opportunity to relax and get to know one another.

To joyfully end the year on, the Village management has organized a traditional conveying wishes ceremony on December 31st, 2013. The ceremony began with a Mass which was followed by performance of songs and dances by children and the whole community living in the Village still waiting for the end and beginning of the New Year 2014. At midnight, participants greeted one another to convey best wishes.

On the occasion of the celebration of the 13th edition of Peace Global Games for Children and Youths, the village community has conducted a peaceful march along streets of the city Gitega to the football field at the "Lycée Notre Dame de la Sagesse" where the football match took place, pitting SOS Village youths and those of the Family Strengthening Programme against pupils of "Notre Dame de la Sagesse". In an immense joy and a smile, the children were waving a banner on which was written: "UNITE AROUND SPORT FOR OUR HEALTH AND STRENGTHENING OF PEACE." At the same time, 447 signatures were collected as a manifesto for peace. A large crowd attended these ceremonies.

So as to increase local receipts, a fair raffle was carried out jointly with other SOS facilities of the area and children had the opportunity to enjoy playing games.

It is regrettable that an SOS mother who had just retired passed away. SOS children and her former family house members as well SOS co-workers joined her biological family for funeral ceremonies and mourning.

3.3.2 SOS YOUTH FACILITIES GITEGA

At the beginning of this year, youth facilities comprised 128 SOS youths. The number youths changed with transfers that have occurred during the year. Thus, at the end of 2013, there were 139 youths because of the transfer of 21 youth from family houses to youth facilities and a resettlement of 10 youths including 4 from youth facilities and 6 who came from other SOS care facilities. The SOS Village has 6 SOS Youth Facilities including 3 girls' and 3 boys' ones. Among the 139 youths, 85 are accommodated in youth facilities and 54 others are in other care facilities.

Regarding the youth academic performance, the success rate was 85.09% at the end of the 2012-2013 school year while it was of 71% the previous school year. Eleven out of the 13 candidates who sat for the National competitive examination giving access to higher education passed while the 2 others completed vocational high education. Among young people attending university, one youth has just supported his dissertation. Two young girls were sent to the SOS Hermann Gmeiner Technical School in Kigali, Rwanda, a reputable technical school with a boarding.

In terms of participation, a Youth Day, which was celebrated in July, allowed young people to express themselves as far as their level of satisfaction was concerned with services provided but also to improve their contribution to activity planning and the quality of care.

As for significant events, the Village cheerfully took part in wedding ceremonies of three SOS girls and one boy. The Village also celebrated the African Child Day and the SOS Day. In addition, another SOS girl already married defended her dissertation from a National Institute of Public Health. To end the year cheerfully and start the New year 2014, all youths gathered together with their leaders to convey New Year wishes.

As part of capacity building for SOS Youth facility co-workers, a youth leader national forum was held in August. The Pedagogical Advisor also took part in the forum's activities. Furthermore, two SOS young girls' leaders participated in the training of youth leaders held in November at the SOS Hermann Gmeiner Regional Training Centre in Kigali, Rwanda.

In order to ensure a peer to peer education, a team of former SOS Village children has taken the initiative to create a network to exchange with the Village. In so doing, they established a committee of peer to peer education consisting of SOS adults and SOS youths still in the Village care.

The Village Director had taken part in the first activity launching meeting in December and encouraged them to go ahead because this will effectively contribute to the improvement of SOS Child care.

3.3.2 SOS KINDERGARTEN GITEGA

At the end of this year, the SOS Kindergarten Gitega had 94 children, including 28 SOS children and 66 community children. Of these, 4 are assisted by the Family Strengthening Programme.

Lessons are conducted in French and practiced group works and finally illustrated by appropriate teaching aids.

During the 2012-2013 school year, one SOS child has been provided with remedial classes so that she could keep up with others level and moved directly from SOS kindergarten² to primary¹ because she was a bit older than other school children of her class.

As part of co-worker capacity building, educators and Heads of SOS Kindergartens have received training on pre -school management in July and certificates were delivered. The Heads of SOS Kindergartens Burundi and Rwanda newly recruited have also received an initial training in June in Kigali, Rwanda. In October, educators and primary school teachers participated in training on the relationships Teacher-learner.

On partnership and so as to participate in community development, the SOS Kindergarten has guided teachers to be who came from 4 neighboring kindergartens for teacher training.

The SOS kindergarten also received a valuable donation of teaching materials from a donor via the chairperson of the parents' committee.

Concerning blossoming, a fair raffle was organized by SOS projects Gitega in July. SOS Kindergarten children had the opportunity to present games to liven up the day alongside with their elders.

Finally, on December 19, SOS Kindergarten children brilliantly celebrated Christmas party in the presence of parents and Santa Claus who gave them gifts. On this occasion, the head of the SOS Kindergarten, together with the parents' committee, took the opportunity to encourage educators as far as the tremendous work achieved was concerned.

3.3.3 SOS PRIMARY SCHOOL GITEGA

At the end 2013, the SOS Hermann Gmeiner Primary School G itega had 394 schoolchildren, including 90 Village children, 304 community children. The latter comprised 4 assisted by the Family Strengthening Programme and 9 pupils supported by the Organization.

On academic achievement, all the 70 candidates who sat for the National competitive test giving access to high education passed; everyone had the required score to access secondary education; that is a success rate of 100%. The school is ranked first at the provincial level. Similarly, at the end of the first term, 2013-2014 school year, results are satisfactory. In fact, 10 pupils out of 394 pupils who sat for examinations did not get 50%. The overall success rate is 97.9%. In order to improve English and French speaking skills, an interclass contest was held in June. The prime prize was awarded to a child studying in 4th form. She presented a poem about SOS Children's Village's deeds.

In addition, new French and English curricula have been initiated and this is the 2nd year of their implementation. A workshop with teachers of grade 1, 2 and 3 was held grade 1 curricula and to immersed with their content as well as new methodologies of grade 2.

In terms of co-worker capacity building, all teachers have received training on the «relationship teacher-learner." The school director has trained SOS mothers and aunts on "academic coaching of SOS Children» so as to improve SOS children school coaching. He has also attended trainings on "investigation techniques about Child Rights protection» and on «Psychosocial support of SOS youths and children «.He also attended a training of trainers on child rights protection and advocacy.

As for extra-curricular activities, a field trip was organized at the National Museum of Gitega in of grade 5 and 6 pupils in May. It aimed at illustrating some lessons learnt in class. In July, pupils have lived up activities of a fair-raffle. They performed 14 dances, sketches, poems and lullabies in total out of the 20 acts at the day's menu.

In terms of partnership, the primary school exchange with 4 neighboring schools training tests for the National competitive test giving access to secondary education.

Finally, in November, the school, together with SOS facilities Gitega participated in celebration activities of the «Child Rights International Day» and the "teacher-dedicated day".

3.3.3 SOS MEDICAL CENTRE GITEGA

In the curative sector, the total number of patients received at the medical centre amounts to 18,024 patients including 17,406 outpatients and 618 inpatients. Curative medical care was provided to 562 SOS children and youths, 8,341 community children and 8,503 adults. Last year, the Medical Centre Gitega recorded 15,690 consultations and 407 people were admitted into hospital.

The laboratory service records 17,165 tests carried out for 8,201 different people against 19,994 laboratory tests operated in 2012.

In the fight against HIV/AIDS, 1,321 people were sensitized, in collaboration with other stakeholders, on free checkup. There were recorded 1,112 cases of voluntary HIV checkup with 20 HIV positive, which is 1.79 % of the screened people. Among them, 4 women were transferred to the Programme of mother-to-child transmission. On 10 sites visited, 632 people attended a pre-test and post-test counseling. In addition, the Medical Centre is currently following 45 People living with HIV under bactrim including 34 under ARV and 3 children are in the Mother-to-child Programme.

On the preventive side, the medical centre recorded 254 pregnant women consultations including 195 for pregnancy monitoring and 59 underwent usual antenatal consultations. It should be noted that 8 women were vaccinated, 203 women attended the Family Planning Service and 47 children were vaccinated.

At the community level, many activities have been implemented through outreach where the medical centre meets people for the promotion of preventive actions. Then, 2,848 people attended the Information/Education/Communication sessions on parasitic and dirty hands diseases and a therapeutic weekend was held for 25 people living with HIV/AIDS. Other Information/Education/Communication sessions were conducted on various topics. A total of 36 information/Education/Communication sessions have been held in the outreach approach and 6,576 beneficiaries participated in those information/education/communication sessions.

In conjunction with the National Association of care and prevention of diabetes (APREPRIDIA), as well as the Family Strengthening Programme Gitega, the medical centre has organized awareness activities on diabetes prevention and screening for SOS youths and beneficiaries of the Family Strengthening Programme. In total, 2,034 people benefited from this awareness session including 1,023 Family Strengthening Programme beneficiaries.

Significant events that marked the year include the celebration of the Nurse World Day, the World Day against Diabetes and the World Day against HIV / AIDS. Finally, it is worth noting that a cleaner who departed was quickly replaced. The Medical Centre also recruited in May two co-workers; a cashier and a pharmacist.

3.3.5 FAMILY STENGHENING PROGRAMME GITEGA

In December, the programme cares for 1,000 Orphans and other Vulnerable Children dispatched up in 376 families after replacing 74 families (228 Orphans and other Vulnerable Children) including 52 families by self-sufficiency, 20 by non-compliance and 2 families because the children in their care had just left the Programme's intervention area.

In education field, the 2012-2013 year recorded a success rate of 72.51 %. In the 2013-2014 school year, the programme supported 787 children and young people, including 16 in kindergarten, 568 in primary, 201 in secondary schools and 2 at the University. Note that 213 children have not yet reached the school age.

In the health sector, beneficiaries receive care through a medical assistance card purchased by the Family Strengthening Programme. Beneficiaries contribute on 20% and the government contributes 80%. The Programme comes for cases not covered by the medical insurance card and of which the beneficiary is unable to pay the bill.

In terms of child rights protection, 3 exchange workshops with Child Protection Committees, hill area development committees and representatives of community groups were conducted to identify existing problems in their villages, to develop a Plan of Action for child rights protection and to monitor its implementation. As results, 54 orphans and other vulnerable children were recovered their property, 131 children were registered at the registry office, 19 Orphans and other Vulnerable Children who were likely to drop out of school received school supplies. Two mass awareness sessions on child rights have been carried through contests, sketches and dances. In total, 3,739 people were sensitized including 2,933 women and 806 men.

Within the of tutor families capacity building, a development plan for each family has been developed. Seeds were distributed to 380 families. Training/sensitization focused on hygiene, child rights, the stages of child development and psychosocial care were conducted for 261 beneficiaries. In addition, 38 homeless families have benefited from accommodations.

At Community level, groupings activities focus on savings and credit, mutual aid and agriculture. Groupings' leaders were trained on financial management, organizational development, peaceful conflict management and the rights of the child. Training in modern agricultural techniques was conducted for 54 committee members of the groupings involved in agriculture.

Concerning the partnership, the programme piloted a coordination meeting of the activities undertaken by stakeholders in the protection and promotion of child rights. A self-assessment programme was conducted for the fifth time and the challenges pointed out have allowed us to plan for 2014.

As part of blossoming, 30 young people participated in a summer camp that brought together young people from the 5 country's Family Strengthening Programmes. At the end of December, 408 Family Strengthening Programme's children/young people were trained on their rights and shared the Christmas joy at the end of the training together with the Programme's staff.

3.4 MUYINGA

3.4.1 SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGE MUYINGA

Socio-economic conditions of families receiving orphans and other vulnerable children are generally not conducive to child welfare because the households very poorer living conditions and HIV/AIDS effects. Overall, the number of total orphans is gradually decreasing thanks to the end of war and the fall in HIV/AIDS pandemic death rate. As a result, most of newly- admitted children are social orphans.

By the end of 2013, the Village had 145 children in its care out 150 child capacity dispatched up in 15 family houses. The Village admitted 18 children including 2 children admitted in March 2013 and 16 ones admitted from September to November. Among the 18 newly-admitted children, 2 are total orphans, 4 semi-orphans whose mothers deceased and 12 social orphans.

The child admission into the SOS Children's Village has also complied with the new methodology actively involving officials, community leaders, populations of the surveyed areas and all the target groups so as to admit the neediest children. Admitted children into SOS families do not face integration and adaptation problems.

The Village has transferred 19 youths to youth facilities. At the same time, 1 of the children has just been transferred to the "God's Cross" brothers' community for care, as the SOS Children's Village was no longer the appropriate facility to care for him. However, SOS Children's Village bears expenditures related to the child's care.

Concerning academic performance, 21 children have recorded outstanding achievements during the 2012-2013 school year. They have been awarded so as to encourage them and motivate others. The overall success rate was 80.96% in the 2012-2013 school year while it was 83.76% the previous school year.

It is worth mentioning that one of the 9 Burundian youths who are attending the SOS Hermann Gmeiner International College in Ghana has been admitted to an American university (Franklin & Marshall College). The latter has stated that the youth is one of the fewest admitted students who have been granted scholarships for 25 years.

At the occasion, the National Office held a farewell party for the youth and a certificate of merit has been awarded to the Village and the Director the efforts made in the field of child/youth education and development. It should be noted that out of the 9 children attending the International College Ghana, 7 are from the SOS Children's Village Muyinga.

Regarding children with psycho- emotional and learning difficulties, an eternal psychologist helps them and they also receive extra remedial classes from SOS aunts.

In staff capacity building, 5 SOS mothers and the Social worker attended training in April on psychosocial care in Kigali, Rwanda. Psychosocial and advocacy teams

have taken part in 2 trainings on investigation techniques and case of abuse and another one on psychosocial support.

As for co-worker turnover, 2 SOS mothers and 6 SOS aunts have left for wedding. Both mothers were replaced by two aunts while the latter and 4 others were replaced after recruitment.

With regard to significant events, the Village celebrated the SOS Day on June 29th, 2013. In October, sport activities took place during the Global Peace Games for Children and Youths. Finally, the Village Community spent the Christmas Eve in a great joy during a mass celebrated by Bishop of Musinga diocese.

As far as the Village premises are concerned, 7 family houses, which were remaining, have been repainted.

In child blossoming, a coaching programme has been held and was even carried on during the school period. Therefore, a football match pitted the Village children against those from another public school of the town. They both scored two.

3.4.2 SOS YOUTH FACILITIES MUYINGA

By the end of 2013, the SOS Children's Village Muyinga had 223 youths (108 boys and 121 girls). It should be mentioned here that the number SOS youths has increased, shifting from 213 youths by January 2013 to 229 youths by September 2013, before 6 of them were resettled on December 15th.

Concerning youth facilities, youths are divided up into 2 main categories namely YF1 (Youth Facilities 1) with 149 youths and YF2 (Youth Facilities 2) with 80 youths living in families of origin but still receiving the Organization support. It is also worth pointing out that there are 7 youth facilities after 2 ones have been closed.

Academically, the youth overall success rate is 70.14% while it was of 79.25% in 2012.

Likewise, 17 SOS Children's Village Muyinga youths are studying abroad: 8 in Rwanda, 5 at the SOS Hermann Gmeiner International College Tema in Ghana, 1 in Morocco, 1 in Canada, 1 at the "Franklin & Marshall College" in the USA and another one in a Chinese university in China. Besides, 4 SOS youths have just completed their higher education; one at the National University in Rwanda as a telecommunications engineer, another one at the "Université Adventiste d'Afrique Centrale" (Adventist University for Central Africa) in Rwanda with a BA degree in computer science, another one in Paris, France with a degree in Medical Biology and the last one in Russia with a Master's degree in computer science applied to Analytical economics.

Concerning co-worker capacity building, the Pedagogical advisor and 2 youths leaders participated in trainings that were held at the SOS Hermann Gmeiner Training Centre Kigali in Rwanda.

On the blossoming front, a men basketball team has taken part in a province championship and came out 2nd of 6 teams. In addition, 3 youths (one boy and 2 girls) have just come back from a youth national forum that was held in September at Ruhengeri in Rwanda by the Rwandan catholic Church on education to spiritual and human values.

Youth socio- professional integration remains a major issue, for the whole country's socio-economic situation is characterized by a high rate of unemployment. Despite that, a youth who has completed his paramedic education with an A3 diploma has just been hired by the Public service and is currently working in the health province of Mwaro.

Last but not the least, it is worth mentioning that 3 young girls and 1 boy have got married this year while another former SOS youth organized bride price giving ceremonies.

3.4.3 SOS KINDERGARTEN MUYINGA

The SOS Children's Village MUYINGA has 96 children, including 53 boys and 43 girls. From this number, there are 32 SOS children and 64 community children including 8 who are supported by the Family Strengthening Programme .

From educational side, teaching aids were purchased in order to improve learning. Moreover, a test is organized and given at the end of each theme so as to constantly assess children acquisition.

In July, all educators have actively followed training on pre-school child care organized at national level. By the end of this training, certificates were awarded to all participants. In August, a workshop for decoration designing and making was organized so as to make classrooms be more attractive.

The Head of the SOS Kindergarten has received an initial training in Rwanda Kigali held in June.

As far as blossoming is concerned, the Kindergarten organized in collaboration with the children's parents, a celebration «Christmas for Children ». Ceremonies began with an open- day followed by the presentation of various children's games and "Santa Claus" who has enough entertained both parents and children by offering them presents.

With regard to activities to promote child rights, an induction session on Child rights was held in favour of all the Kindergarten child parents.

In terms of partnership, the UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) via the Head of Sub- Delegation in Muyinga, donated to the Kindergarten 6 boxes of child toys.

Finally, in collaboration with the SOS Hermann Gmeiner Primary School, the Kindergarten organized a fair - raffle in June as part of fundraising.

3.4.4 SOS HERMANN GMEINER PRIMARY SCHOOL MUYINGA

The SOS Hermann Gmeiner Primary School Muyinga had 445 pupils including 249 boys and 196 girls. There were 101 SOS Children and 344 community ones including 18 children supported by the Family Strengthening Programme.

During the past school year, all the 71 candidates who sat for the national competitive test giving access to the 3rd level of primary education (3 extra years of primary school) passed, that is a success rate of 100%.

Ninety- eight out of 109 SOS children have moved up; that is a success rate of 89.9%, whereas it was 96.32 % in 2012.

In order to build a culture of excellence, the School has awardee certificates of merit to children having successively enhanced results of at least 3% and to talented children.

In August, grade 1 and grade 2 teachers along with the English teacher of the same grades participated in an induction workshop on the new French and English curricula aiming at improving pupils' speaking skill.

With regard to advocacy and defense of child rights, training sessions on child rights have been held favor of 11 primary school headmasters, 4 headmasters of public high schools and 32 teachers including 22 of primary and 10 of secondary.

With regard to trips, co-workers have made a trip to the north of the country to visit the lakes while of 4th grade children have visited the park Ruvubu.

3.4.5 FAMILY STRENGTHENING PROGRAMME MUYINGA

The Family Strengthening Programme Muyinga supports 249 Orphans and other Vulnerable Children living in 72 families after having resettled all the children and families that the Programme was supporting last year.

Education-wise, there are 211 children attending school, including 23 in the kindergarten, 135 in primary and 53 in Secondary schools. They benefit from different supports such as school fees and supplies, transport tickets to go to school, etc.

Moreover, 18 children attending SOS Hermann Gmeiner primary school and 32 others of 5th and 6th grades in primary public schools have received remedial courses. For pupils of primary school, the success rate was 92.5 % against 76.7 % last year. As for high school pupils, the success rate has passed from 71.3% in 2012 to 88.6 % in 2013.

Note that a high education laureate young girl of is currently taking computer science courses in order to better prepare for job seeking.

In the field of improving the Programme implementation, a third self-assessment was conducted in August 2013. It enabled us among others to make a community plan of action and to plan well for 2014.

As far as house improvement is concerned, 11 families that were in need benefited from building materials, namely poles, iron sheets and nails.

About resource growth and beneficiary self-sufficiency, bean seeds were distributed to 82 families in March 2013. Also, 8 beneficiary associations received 8 Income Generating Activity loans.

A training on child rights was conducted in favour of children, youths and the programme tutors in November. Brochures of child protection policy were given to 11 of the participants.

In terms of capacity building of community members, the partner association «REMA BIBONDO » has benefited from several trainings including the Savings and Credit to contribute to assistance of solidarity groupings.

The savings and credit system was introduced this year at the Family Strengthening Programme Muyinga and outcomes are good. Indeed, there are currently eight associations that have already begun to make savings. Credits will soon be granted and paid by and for members of these associations.

Finally, the Programme regrets to report two children who died during the year 2013.

3.5 RUTANA

3.5.1 SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGE OF RUTANA

The socio-economic situation in the province of Rutana did not improve during the year 2013 that just ended. Prices of staple commodities have not been stabilized. The rise in prices was due to climate disturbance that region is still facing. As an illustration, the price of a kilogramme of rice and beans has shifted respectively from BIF 800 to BIF1, 300 and from BIF 650 to BIF1, 100 at the local market with the second half of the year.

With the admission of six new children and the transfer of 16 young people, the village children shifted from 134 to 124 for a capacity of 140. The boys are 63 against 61 girls.

Regarding results of the end of the school year, 59 of 68 children of the SOS Hermann Gmeiner Primary School moved up, that is a success rate of 86.76 % while it was 89.77 % last year. At high school, 8 young people out of 17 of the Village advanced, that is a success rate of 47.06 % against 69.37 % in 2012. In order to improve academic performance, strategies were established. These include particularly individualization of supervision for youths and children with learning difficulties.

In the same way, 23 children are in Kindergarten, 66 are attending the SOS Hermann Gmeiner Primary School, 30 young people at high school and 1 young girl at vocational school. Note that 4 children have not yet school age.

As far as blossoming is concerned, children / youths participated in the Global Peace Games for Children and Youths, 2013 edition. The Village has also organized two football matches. The first took place at Rutana stadium on October 05 and was between the Village team " Etoile FC " against motorcycle drivers' team in the locality. The cup was won by Etoile FC with a score of 2 goals vs 1. The second match was between " Etoile FC " team and the Technical high School of Kiryama (Bururi Province) team on October 18. This match took place at Kiryama in order to strengthen relationships with this technical school very popular in the South. Note that the Village team was beaten on a score of one goal vs 0.

In terms of events, the SOS Day, the Mother's Day and the African child International Day were commemorated on June 23rd, 2013 . On this occasion, the group of drummers showed off for the first time and pleasantly surprised the audience.

In addition, on June 22nd 2013, the SOS community of Rutana site met to mend the lane leading to SOS socio-Medical Centre and to SOS HG Primary School damaged by rain water erosion.

As for staff blossoming, various training courses were conducted for core care co-workers on investigation techniques in cases of abuse, education to sexuality and psychosocial support for children and adolescents with difficulties. In addition, some of them have been trained at the SOS Hermann Gmeiner Training

Centre Kigali in Rwanda. The mother and aunt representatives were trained on leadership in May. The Social Worker and the Pedagogical advisor attended the second training sequence on adult education and on the concept of supervision and coaching in December.

In the area of partnership, the Village has received a donation from Mr. Antony Magloire (a Belgian) consisting of a table for tennis table, 4 pairs of rackets for table tennis and a field , two nets, twenty balls, a box and a set of flying balls.

3.5.2 SOS YOUTH FACILITIES RUTANA

During 2013, Youth facilities changed from 4 to 5 after a new boys' facility was opened in October. Thus, the number of young people increased from 64 to 72 due to the transfer of 16 youths and to the reunification of 8 others. Among these young people, 44 are boys and 28 girls.

Talking about education, 68 youths are attending general and technical high education, one youth is attending the International College of Tema in Ghana and 3 are attending vocational training at Centre of Vocational Training Bujumbura. Also among the 8 youths reunited, 7 are attending higher education and one girl is in secondary school.

Concerning academic performance, 46 of 72 youths have moved up, that is a success rate of 63.8 % while it was 60.37 % last year. About 8 youths reunited, the high school girl advanced, 4 have passed the examination giving access to higher education and 3 who were already enrolled at the university are still doing their examinations.

Regarding self-assessment of youth facilities' activities, a «Youth Day" was held on 11 July. The theme was «assessment of the situation child rights implementation." Issues related to food, education, development and accommodation were discussed. Youths' points of view were taken into account during the planning of activities and budget2014.

On December31st, the Director of the Village held an exchange session with young people on the SOS mission and school work. On this occasion, he communicated the new measures governing the conditions of youth access to SOS higher education. He encouraged them to work hard to improve their academic performance in order to enjoy the benefits provided by the SOS organization through these new measures.

In terms of significant events that have marked youth facility life, 4 diplomas and 8 family reunifications were celebrated.

In the field of youth integration into the community, the Village organized a visit to the sick at RUTANA hospital and a basketball match pitted the SOS women's team against Rutana High School. This is village team that won the game. This team also opened the province basketball tournament with a match that was between pupils in holidays of the locality. The match ended with a defeat of Village team with a score of 20 against 38.

Regarding the staff capacity building, all teachers participated in the Forum of educators in July. In addition, one teacher attended training in psycho -social support and 4 attended the first sequence of initial training in November at the SOS Hermann Gmeiner Training Centre of Kigali in Rwanda.

3.5.3 SOS KINDERGARTEN RUTANA

At the SOS Kindergarten Rutana, out of 90 children who being taught, 23 are from the Village and 67 from the community including 6 who supported by the Organization. Learning activities are conducted in French.

Regarding the implementation of the policy of child protection, the Kindergarten began to let Kindergarten 3 know some of their rights.

With regards to child blossoming, the Kindergarten has made a visit to preschool circle of Rutana III, a local public kindergarten school. On this occasion, the children presented games and shared soft drinks, sweets and biscuits. Teachers took the opportunity to share good practices on preschool teaching.

In addition, the kindergarten has celebrated 23 birthdays of children with contributions from their parents.

At the end of June, the Garden has made a school party in which the children presented various numbers of compounds dances, recitations, poems, and role-playing to the satisfaction of the public.

In December, the kindergarten celebrated "Santa Claus". He distributed gifts to children in an atmosphere of joy. Note that parents had responded massively to this party, which indicates their involvement in their children school life.

During summer holidays, the kindergarten coached 12 community children during the holidays.

In terms of capacity building, the kindergarten head has been trained to focus on the pre-school care. In addition , teaching staff attended a series of training courses on the education to sexuality , pre-school care , psychosocial care of children / youths victims of abuse and relationship "teacher -learner ".

3.5.4 SOS PRIMARY SCHOOL RUTANA

At the SOS Hermann Gmeiner Primary School Rutana, out of 199 pupils who were enrolled, 66 are from the village and 133 from the community including 9 who are assisted by the organization.

In order to develop strategies to improve academic performance, two pedagogical days were held. Among the strategies includes the of clearly targeting pupils' learning difficulties in general and Village children's in particular, individualizing them and proposing appropriate homework.

With the implementation of these strategies, results have been improved. In fact, the school recorded a success rate of 96.9 % in December 2013 while it was 91.7 % in December 2012, which is an increase of 5.2 %. Village children succeeded at a rate of 100% in December 2013 against 86.7 % in December 2012, that was an increase of 13.3 % .

It should be noted that the top ranked pupil at the national level in the National competitive test was from SOS Primary School Rutana , academic results 194 out of 200 ,that is 97 %.

In the field of child rights respects, the school has organized in December a counselling session on the situation of child rights implementation at school and in family. It is a pleasure to realize that problems of child protection are limited both at school and in family. This is the result of prior coaching club " child Rights " and the awareness of parents about the importance of respecting child rights in families.

In order to reward the personal efforts, honor certificates were awarded in July to pupils who achieved the best score and demonstrated exceptional skills in drawing, sport and stop- AIDS and child right clubs. Other certificates were awarded to staff and parents who actively get involved in school life.

In order to improve school care and thus child achievement, trainings were conducted for teaching staff on various topics relevant to the teaching profession. Thus, the following topics were discussed : technical animation of a discussion / chatting on education to sexuality, psycho-pedagogical care to different stages of child development , the relationship "teacher - learner ," reporting and reporting procedures on abuse cases towards children , conflict resolution , the diagnosis of learning difficulties and learning assessment.

On the child and co-worker blossoming, the school has organized a co-worker trip to Kobero in Muyinga Province in January and a 6th grade pupil to Rutovu to visit the source of the Nile in December.

3.5.5 SOS MEDICAL CENTRE RUTANA

At the end of 2013, the Socio Medical Centre recorded 13,339 medical visits and 9,452 samples (belonging to 5,630 patients) analyzed in the laboratory.

Out of 13,339 medical visits, 1,157 are for SOS children / youths (that is 8.6 %) and 12,182 are community beneficiaries including 4,618 children and 7564 adults.

The Medical Centre has recorded during this year an increase of medical consultations of 11.4 %. In fact, medical visits that were 1, 1 970 in 2012 have increased to 13, 339 in 2013. As for the samples analyzed in laboratory, they increased of 82.5 %, shifting from 5, 178 in 2012 to 9, 452 in 2013. This high increase is related to the acquisition of new Biochemistry equipment, stability of laboratory personnel and the implementation of new strategies aiming at increasing the level of self-financing. The latter has been a significant increase by evolving from 29.6% in 2012 to 44.2 % in 2013.

In the field of preventive care, 338 women joined the use of modern contraceptive methods while 382 others were consulted to monitor their pregnancies and 565 children were vaccinated. Also, 41 sessions of information, education and communication were held in the context of promoting health activities in the surrounding communities.

In the fight against HIV / AIDS, 1,350 people have been screened voluntarily to HIV / AIDS after counseling session. HIV-prevalence is of 2.2 %. During this year, eight new patients have been under antiretroviral treatment.

It should be noted that 87 people living with HIV / AIDS are on ARV treatment and 69 others are under Cotrimoxazole prophylaxis. In sum, 156 people living with HIV/AIDS are monitored by the Medical Centre.

In the area of partnership, the Socio Medical Centre conducted 30 sensitization sessions in 5 hill areas of Rutana thanks to financial support by GAVI Alliance through the platform "REMUA".

In addition, 25 health workers and 480 community leaders were trained and sensitized about contraceptive methods, antenatal consultation and vaccination. In turn, they have sensitized 2,236 members of their respective communities.

In the same spirit of partnership, the Medical Centre has signed a contract in the first quarter 2013 with "ASCOMA", a health care insurer.

3.5.6. FAMILY STRENGTHENING PROGRAMME RUTANA

The programme has supported 350 vulnerable children living in 89 families in 2013, that is the same number of children as in 2012 but living in 91 families. As transfer that occurred within the programme, 41 families taking care of 167 orphans and other vulnerable children have been resettled including 33 by self- sufficiency leaving room to 167 admitted orphans and other vulnerable children living in 39 families.

In relation to access to basic services, 28 Orphans and other Vulnerable Children have received direct medical support while 40 families have benefited from the Health Insurance Card to have access to medical care. In addition, school uniforms and supplies were provided to 270 school children / youths. The programme also paid school fees and remedial courses respectively to 53 children / youths and to 31 pupils from grade 5 and grade 6. Finally, 12 homeless families were supported in building their homes.

On educational level, the programme recorded in September 5 Orphans and other Vulnerable Children in kindergarten, 214 in primary and 66 in secondary schools. The success rate for December examinations was 74.6 % in primary and 78.6 % secondary; that is an overall rate of 75.6 %. With the aim to reduce failures and dropouts observed in the previous year, an exchange workshop with members of school management committees and those of child protection was held to define strategies relating thereto.

In the field of entertainment and socio-educational activities, the Family Strengthening Programme's children / youths having got a very results were targeted so as let them participate in a Summer Camp organized at Cibitoke for children from the five country's Family Strengthening Programme.

Concerning activities of capacity building and parental skills, 3 discussion groups and 3 Information, Education, Communication sessions on savings and credit system were conducted for 90 tutors to encourage them and show them opportunities to overcome their vulnerability and reach self- sufficiency.

Also, information/education/communication sessions were conducted on various topics: the fight against HIV/AIDS and support for people living with HIV/AIDS, consequences of drug consumption, hygiene and sanitation, family planning, immunization and education to sexuality. The number of beneficiaries of such training is 776. In addition, 3 trainings on: the savings and credit system, the development and management of micro-projects, and financial education have been held in favour of tutors.

In terms of community development, a survey on forms of alternative care was conducted on 6 hill area of Rutana. In addition, six Community- Based Organizations and 4 Child Protection Committees were strengthened. The network "DUHUZE" has already received funding for its activities and 30 members of two Community- Based Organization partners and Child Protection Committees were trained on developing micro projects and financial education.

Two partnership agreements in the implementation of programme activities have already been signed with the Community- Based Organizations, "DUHUZE" and "DUKUNDANE."

