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SECTION 1: ANNUAL REPORT

1.1 SUMMARY OF THE SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES WORK BURUNDI FOR 2014.

Burundi has celebrated its New Year Eve in a socio-political context marked by violence. A group of rebels, not officially identified up to now, attacked in Cibitoke province in the northwest of the country since the Tuesday morning of, 30 December, 2014. The attack took place in a political climate already polluted by continual tensions between parties tending more towards the presidential party on the one hand, and those of the opposition and the civil society organizations on the other. These tensions were exacerbated by widespread allegations of fraud and malfunctions during voters' registration for the 2015 elections, the third term issue of President Nkurunziza which is contested by the opposition parties, thinning of civil liberties space, rising steady of corruption and allegations of paramilitary training of the ruling party young people.

With regard to social and economic side, Burundi currency has remained stable around its average value 2013 (USD = BIF1, 569). Inflation, galloping from 2011 to 2013, has generally been under control during the first half of 2014. Prices of essential commodities have remained at their highest level of 2013 while one could expect a prices fall. The fall in world oil prices has not had the positive impact which the population could expect. In fact, between January and December 2014, fuel prices at oil stations have not been reduced to 2.56%; which is insufficient to improve household purchasing power. As far as SOS families are concerned, a slight increase in food allowance has been suggested in the running budget 2015 and has been accepted.

Earlier this year, a catastrophe struck the northern quarters of Bujumbura during the night of Sunday to Monday, February 10th, 2014. People were surprised while asleep by a torrent that poured over them mountains of earth and stone blocks, causing of people damage and death. The most affected part being in the area covered by the Family Strengthening Programme Bujumbura, 15 beneficiary families were affected and the programme has been able to assist them. The city's opening up main road was heavily damaged forcing transport trucks supplying the city of Bujumbura to make long detours because of these downpours, increasing the cost of goods and services.

In 2014, SOS Children's Villages Burundi continued with its programmes' implementation. To reach more needy children, a new programme of "Alternative care" was initiated in September in Bujumbura. It is within this context that 13 total orphans are assisted in 5 volunteers identified families. In addition, a partnership agreement was signed with a Centre called "MUGABEKAZI W'INGO" so as to care for 52 orphans and vulnerable children. It is also worth mentioning that a financing agreement has been negotiated with the SEP / CNLS (Permanent Executive Secretariat / National Council for the Fight against AIDS) to provide health care and school supplies to 1,180 children that will be identified in 7 provinces of Burundi in order to assist orphans and other vulnerable children.

In terms of SOS Villages' children medical care, a systematic medical checkup has been carried out during the year. This reassured about their health state and cases requiring personalized care were identified.

Regarding young people socio-professional reintegration, the country is facing a serious problem of unemployment. Indeed, it takes an average of 5 years for a young person who has just completed his/her education to get the first job. Thus, of the 482 SOS young people already resettled, only 207 are currently employed. To address this issue, SOS Children's Villages Burundi has developed a strategy of supporting the creation of self-employment projects and encouraging young people to attend the most promising fields of education at the job market. It is in this context that the best high school achievers receive scholarships in foreign universities. This practice also solves the concern of giving incentive.

SOS Children's Villages Burundi is also proud of its schools performance. For the 4th consecutive time, SOS Hermann Gmeiner primary schools are ranked 1st in their respective education provinces. Pre-school education is not nimble. Preschool education being less developed in Burundi, SOS Kindergartens serve as a model in areas they are established and are facing a high demand from the community at the beginning of each school year.

Child rights defense and advocacy remains at the centre of our concerns. Thus, 6 children from the SOS Children's Villages Bujumbura and Gitega have been able to recover property left by their deceased parents thanks to the support of the Justice and Administration, whereas they had been robbed by relatives. Furthermore, 41 children from vulnerable families receive scholarships from the SOS Hermann Gmeiner schools so as to ensure the right to education.

In the establishment process of the National Association, the Constitution and internal regulations have already been drawn up. They are being legalized by the authorized institutions. The 5 members of the Executive Committee have already received their credentials.

With regard to events that have marked the year 2014, May 24th, 2014 will remain engraved on SOS mothers' and children's memories. In fact, it was on 24 May 2014, at the Regional Training Centre Karen in Nairobi, Kenya, that the SOS Kinderdorf International President, Mr. Siddhartha Kaul awarded SOS Rings to 18 SOS mothers, including 12 Burundians and 6 Kenyans. Nearly a month later, on June 21st, the SOS Children's Village Muyinga celebrated, in presence of a huge crowd, its 20th anniversary servicing children in need.

Finally, it is worth mentioning that 2015 starts with challenges to address such as youth unemployment, alignment of SOS Hermann Gmeiner schools to the policy of primary education, the introduction of ICT in our education system, review of our Medical Centres' status and obtaining funding to implement an advocacy project for children.

1.2 OBJECTIVES AND MAJOR ACTIONS FOR 2015

N°	Objectives and major actions for 2015
1	Improve the quality of care for our target group children for
	Developing programme proposals to implement the the CVPP in two locations
	Training resettled to be young people on self-employment and micro-projects' drafting
	Extending actions of the alternartive care programme to a larger number of children
	Evaluating the current reunification practice of young people who complete vocational and secondary education
	Updating the monitoring and evaluation tools of FAMILY STRENGTHENING PROGRAMME activities
	Capacity building for orphans and other vulnerable children's community partners
	Increasing the number of orphans and other vulnerable children receiving essential social services through the project:"community orphans and other vulnerable children" (Global Funds)
	Developing an advocacy national project
2	Improve the quality of education in our schools
	Evaluating the SOS Hermann Gmeiner primary schools' grade 3 English and French curricula and revising the same curricula for grade4
	Revising the SOS kindergartens' curriculum
	Aligning two SOS Hermann Gmeiner primary schools with the national education policy
3	Strengthen the child care partnership
	Carrying out a feasibility study to care for Village AMAHORO children who were assisted by the Canadian NGO "HARBOUR 4 LIFE YOUTH SOCIETY"
	Developing an agreement memorandum with the SOS CV CANADA
	Finalising the partnership with care facilities for children looked after by the Missionary Nuns of Theresa of CALCUTTA
	Developing two intervention requests for International Solidarity Volunteering (France Volunteers)
4	Improve local and instittutional funding for our projects' activities
	Searching for further fundings to make up for the loss of earnings DGD
	Searching for funds of three projects drafted in 2014
	Drafting of a new community project "Orphans and other vulnerable children" to be submitted for funding (Global Funds)
	Carrying out 4 fundraising campaigns in Gitega, Muyinga, Rutana, Cibitoke and another one in Bujumbura during the Silver Jubilee of the SOS Hermann Gmeiner Secondary School
	Holding an exchange workshop for regular and active donors on the Brand of the Organization
	Developing a national strategy for institutional partnership
	Developing a strategy of approach for important individual donors
5	Improve the human ressource management
	Guiding co-workers on the CVPP at each location
	Setting up an internal contreol service
	Training of trainers on enterpreunorship and small scale business for SOS young people
	Training of financial officers on internat control
	Initial training of SOS mothers and aunts (2nd phase)
	Training of core HR managers on orientation, supervision and evaluation processes, and legal texts and reluations

6	Improve the SOS Medical Centres management
	Providing the SOS Medical Centres Bujumbura and Gitega with a reliable internet connexion
	Computarizing the SOS Medical Centres Bujumbura and Gitega
	Aligning the performance evaluation system of SOS Medical Centres with the Ministry of Public Health policy
7	Establishing the National Association
	Legalizing the National Association's Constitution
	Orienting members of the National Association
8	Improve the quality of international sponsorships service
	Weekly downloading from SPS and writing welcome letters to new and replacement sponsors
	Uploading weekly village children's data updates to SPS

1.3 SCHEDULE OF MAIN ACTIVITIES FOR 2015

<i>Month</i>	Activities
January	Writing up the annual activity report and submitting it to the Regional Office
	Developing the Management report of the 4 th quarter of 2014 with the database LUCY
	Carrying out the 4 th review of the Plan of Action 2014 and forward it to RO
	Official starting of carrying out the project « COMMUNAUTAIRE PRIDE » for orphans and other vulnerable children, funded by the Global Funds
February	Supervising and evaluating SOS projects Bujumbura and Cibitoke
	Evaluating the performance agreements 2014 and finalizing those of 2015 at all management levels
	Submitting the annual report 2014 to the International Office
March	Supervising and evaluating the SOS projects 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 projects Muyinga
	Conducting the first review of the National Plan of Action 2015
	Writing up the 1st quarter management report 2015 with the database LUCY
May	Holding a fulfillment day with former SOS young people
	Holding a fulfillment day for children attending SOS schools
June	Writing up the mid-year village sponsorship letters
	Writing up child progress reports for sponsors
	Celebrating the African Child Day
	Celebrating the SOS Day
July	Conducting a mid- term evaluation of performance agreements 2015
	Carrying out the 2 nd review of the National Plan of Action 2015
	Writing up the 2 nd quarter management report 2015 with the database LUCY
	Holding a National day of co-workers' fulfillment
August	Conducting the FAMILY STRENGTHENING PROGRAMME self-evaluation
	Carrying out an FAMILY STRENGTHENING PROGRAMME and village children's holiday camp
	Evaluating and revising English and French curricula of SOS primary schools
September	Preparing the National Plan of Action and the budget 2016
	Carrying out the 2 nd supervision of SOS projects Rutana and Cibitoke
October	Celebrating the Silver Jubilee of the SOS Hermann Gmeiner secondary school Bujumbura
	Writing up the 3 rd quarter management report 2015 with the database LUCY
	Carrying out the 3 rd review of the National Plan of Action 2015
	Carrying out the 2 nd supervision of SOS projects Gitega and Muyinga
November	Writing up end-of-year village sponsorship letters for sponsors
	Organizing the World Peace Games for Children and Young people
	Celebrating the child rights International Day
December	Celebrating the HIV/ AIDS Day

SECTION 2: STATISTICS

2.1. FACILITY STATISTICS (See in Navision)

2.2. SUMMARY OF STATISTICS (See in Navision)

SECTION 3: FACILITY REPORTS

3.1 LOCATION BUJUMBURA

3.1.1 SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGE BUJUMBURA

The country socio-economic situation and particularly that of Bujumbura where the village is located is not improving any more. Essential commodity prices keep on rising. As an illustration, the charcoal price, unique source of energy used in cooking by SOS families increased by almost 45%. The Village is trying to cope with this situation by setting new family allowance management strategies. Thus, family savings, which would serve to small household repairs, have been spent. SOS mothers have adopted the joint purchasing system (they go shopping together and purchase a team) and retention of the least expensive suppliers.

In order to improve child medical care, their medical checkup was systematically carried for the first time. Some cases requiring a special diet and specialized medical care were also detected. For instance, there have been 21 cases of mild anemia and 13 cases of toxoplasmosis.

It would not be absurd to point out that all the village buildings' roof is made of fibrocement containing asbestos material which has adverse effects on human health. Furthermore, dampness caused by this roof exposes children to respiratory and allergic diseases such as asthma, bronchitis, cough and influenza. The best way out would be immediate replacement of the roof.

By the end of this year, the village has 132 children after having transferred 6 young people to youth facilities and having admitted 6 new ones in family houses. Two children among them were suffering from malnutrition and another one was suffering from acute otitis. Fortunately, their health state had significantly improved two months after their admission.

In September 2014, the Village has initiated a new programme taking care of children in need called "Child Alternative Care Programme". This programme started with 13 orphans and other vulnerable children. They were placed in 5 identified volunteer families and will be supported until the end of high school. It is worth mentioning that some of them had already dropped out but have now gone back to school.

It is also worth stating that children keep on performing well. By the end of the school year 2013-2014, the village children overall success rate was 78.75% against 82.89% in 2012-2013. To cope with this drop in the success rate, the SOS aunts strengthened collaboration with teachers for a better child coaching. On the other hand, all the 12 candidates for National Competitive examination giving access to secondary education, edition 2014, passed and 9 of them are attending the SOS Hermann Gmeiner Secondary School. Besides, two young girls have passed the examination giving access to the International College in Tema, Ghana.

However, the Village has recorded cases of children with psychosocial problems that affect their academic progress. This is the case of a sixteen- year old young man who could not move up to grade 3 and was therefore oriented in a vocational training centre. Twenty others are attending specialized care through the educational rehabilitation programme called FENIX¹, the child psychodrama game and creativity exercises. In addition, a listening team

¹ Project of school resilience for children with learning difficulties

has been established. The results are satisfactory. Children are able to express their fears and become more confident in themselves and in others.

In the child rights promotion, core care co-workers have been trained on this concept. An educational guide highlighting the child rights and duties was produced by participants and will be used internally. In the same vein, children and their mothers have been trained in sexual and reproductive health in order to experience a healthy and responsible sexuality.

Within the framework of capacity building, four SOS mothers participated in the first initial training session held at the regional training centre Kigali in Rwanda from 28 July to 22 August. Meanwhile the Village Director has received training in Kenya under the theme “Emerging issues on the child and youth development, role of the Village Director” in July. He also received training at the local level on the SOS Children's Villages Programme Policy and on projects management.

The Village has also experienced some important joyful events that deserve to be mentioned: Four dedicated SOS mothers have caring for children for over 10 years! They have been awarded an SOS Ring in Nairobi, Kenya by the President of SOS KDI himself in May 2014. The celebration of the Villages Day was exceptional and moving. The Village organized a farewell party for two young girls who were leaving for the International College in Tema, Ghana. Children performed enthusiastically games and dances in honor of their sisters. One had to be there to experience one of the young people’s grandmother excitement. Oh! What hugs! The Village choir EQUINOX’s children sang in the Mass and amazed people with their angelic voices. Note that the same choir has already performed three concerts this year and participated in the “Festival Africa Sings Burundi”².

In November, the Village Bujumbura and its ancillary units commemorated the International Day dedicated to the Global Peace Games for children and youth 2014. A sensational football match pitted the men's to that of the “Holy Spirit” secondary School. The match ended with the victory of the SOS Hermann Gmeiner Secondary School team.

² A festival of African choirs organized every year by the African Federation for Choir Music

3.1.2. SOSYOUTH FACILITIES BUJUMBURA

By the end of 2014, the number of young people living in youth facilities increased from 98 to 89, including 58 boys and 31 girls. They are divided up into seven youth facilities and the SOS Hermann Gmeiner boarding Secondary School. This reduction is due to family reunification of 10 young people and 5 others going to study abroad. On the other hand, 6 young people have been admitted to youth facilities. Speaking of young people looked after non SOS facilities there are 69 young people including 61 living in their families of reference and 8 young people studying abroad.

In terms of education, 89 young people are attending secondary school while 54 others pursue their higher education. To date, 10 young people who have completed high school are waiting for university enrollment, 3 young people in vocational schools; another one is still studying in primary school. However, one young girl with mental deficiency still lives in the youth community.

Regarding academic performance, pupils' success rate was 81.40% against 87.7% last year. This performance decrease is due to pupils the adjustment problems in the 7th year of the new education system. To remedy to this situation, an individualized education coaching has been put in place.

The village is proud of young people who continue performing well. A young man majoring in the faculty of medicine in China has just come for holidays after getting a score of 85%! He is a model for other children and young people through excellence. "Wow! If I could be like him", exclaims one of his SOS little brothers. The village also celebrated BA graduates and one MD degree.

With regard to the young people socio-professional reintegration, the Village faces an employment problem at the job market. For example, one of the 9 young people resettled this year got a job. Regarding this situation, young graduates are trained to come with and to perform self-employment activities.

Within the framework of co-worker capacity building, 2 youth leaders continued their last initial training session at the Regional Training Centre in Kigali, Rwanda in November. The pedagogical adviser and the sponsorship secretary received training on writing techniques in July. In addition, the core care co-workers and some children young people have attended a training about sexual and reproductive health for a responsible sexuality.

In terms of child rights, youth leaders have been trained on the child rights and duties. An educational guide developed during the training will make easy the dissemination of its content to young people. A Hermann Gmeiner week was dedicated to the popularization of care model of SOS Children's Villages for young people in holidays.

In order to strengthen relationships between the Village and reunited and resettled young people, an exchange meeting was conducted. It was an opportunity to introduce to children and young people of the Village reference SOS adults who had been identified by SOS family. Finally, the Village emotionally celebrated a young person 'being on the oath, as a young lawyer and wedding ceremonies of 7 young girls.

3.1.3 SOS KINDERGRATEN BUJUMBURA.

The SOS Kindergarten Bujumbura is one of the oldest pre-school institutions in the city. Its 29 year experience earns it great respect educationally. His invitation by UNICEF has invited the kindergarten to present its programme at the National Symposium on Integrated Early Childhood Development and this is an obvious sign of recognition of its expertise.

As far as statistics 2014 are concerned, the SOS Kindergarten Bujumbura has 217 children against 218 last year. There 37 village children and 180 community children including 3 of the Family Strengthening Programme this year while 72 children were enrolled in the SOS Kindergarten.

Pedagogically, lessons are taught in French. They are carried out in workshops and are realized by adequate teaching materials. Recreational facilities for sensorimotor development also help Village children Bujumbura and the ones from neighborhood outside formal learning moments.

At the opening of pre-school year 2014/2015, newly- admitted children have been warmly welcome and an emotional close care has been especially reserved for them. In addition, small gifts were offered to children showing anxious separation signs so as to soothe them and prepare them for a better adaptation to the new environment.

On the occasion of the celebration of Christmas, a fulfillment excursion for children to KARERA Beach on Lake Tanganyika was performed. The children were amazed by the various games spaces they visited. The day ended with Santa Claus offering gifts to children school results giving to parents.

With regard to co-worker capacity building, educators have benefited from 08 September to 10 October, an educational support by Mrs. Claude MINAUD, an experienced French volunteer in language, pre-writing, pre reading, psychomotor and of educational material storage fields. Educators have been trained in psychosocial care of children aged 3 to 6 years. In addition, the Head of Kindergarten has received training in child psychodrama and school rehabilitation through the FENIX game technique. In collaboration with the Village, the Head of Kindergarten carefully follows 8 children with learning difficulties thanks to the technique. Implementation of this technique begins is producing encouraging results. Indeed, some children who had behavioral disturbance are already showing a certain concentration.

The end of the preschool year was marked by the presentation of children's achievements, competitive games, songs and sketches on the topic “party school”, modern and traditional dances. Children who have responded well to questions received incentives.

3.1.4 SOS HERMANN GMEINER PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS BUJUMBURA

The Burundi education system is experiencing a serious crisis for some time, following the difficult times that the country has undergone. The quality of education is still unsatisfactory in both public and private schools. Fortunately, it is still maintained in the rare schools such as the SOS Hermann Gmeiner schools in Bujumbura. Many parents appreciate the teachings and guidance provided by these schools; that is why there is always high demand from parents despite the inability to satisfy them all.

On December 31st, the Primary School has 492 pupils while the secondary school is home for 670 pupils. Among them, there are 87 schoolchildren supported by the Organization amounting to 139 in the primary school and 139 in the secondary school.

Both schools' performance is very satisfactory as evidenced by both internal and external tests' results. Indeed, class pass rates are 92% in the primary school and 92.75% in the secondary school. It is worth noting that all the candidates at the National Competitive examination, 2014 edition, have been admitted into the 7th form. Besides, 26 out of 75 pupils obtained outstanding percentages ranging from 90% to 99%. These achievements are also noticeable in High School where it is ranked 2nd of 199 Scientist B section schools at the State examination giving access to higher education, 3rd of 21 schools in Economic Section and 5th of 277 arts section schools. It should be noted that candidates, one of the economic section and the other scientific section got more than 90%. As far as the 10th form test giving access to the senior level is concerned, the School is ranked 3rd of the 1084 competing schools.

As every year, both schools have taken part in several competitions at national and international level. Sixth graders were ranked first in the contest on the Millennium Objectives for Development organized by the Direction of Monaco International Cooperation for Burundi, Morocco and the Principality of Monaco. In the same vein, the Secondary School has also thrilled spirits. Indeed, the school was ranked 1st in the competition-debate between the best high schools in Bujumbura. At the national world knowledge competition organized by the Club "Génies en Herbes" (a club for talented pupils competing in orally answering questions), the school has once again won the trophy. Likewise, two pupils assisted by the mobile phone company ECONET WIRELESS passed a test giving access to the International College of Swaziland. The same enthusiasm has characterized the whole school community after three young people; two of them are from the SOS Children's Village Bujumbura and another from the SOS Children's Village Rutana, passed the admission test to the SOS Hermann Gmeiner College International of Tema in Ghana.

In order to provide the High School with a security team able to deal with potential risks, 19 members made of pupils and co-workers have been trained in this area by skilled resource people.

In partnership with parents, the Secondary School has built a second part of the corridor connecting different classrooms to administrative blocks. Thus, pupils and teachers movements are no longer disturbed by rain.

3.1.5 SOS MEDICAL CENTRE BUJUMBURA

The year 2014 was marked by community hygiene improvement with the streets paving of the area where the Medical Centre is located. Unfortunately, access to the SOS Medical Centre was hampered by the paving work that took the entire first half- year. In addition, the clogging of drains from which the Medical Centre is connected for waste evacuation has had an impact on hospital hygiene in October and November. Following this situation, the Medical Centre has recorded a significant decline in the number of inward patients shifting from 1,119 in 2013 to 879 .Outpatient visits have slightly increased from 27,654 in 2013 to 28,310 including 819 SOS children and youth.

In the same respect, laboratory tests have increased from 31,059 in 2013 to 35, 180. It is worth mentioning that a medical checkup was conducted for the first time for 130 children from the SOS Village in Bujumbura allowing highlighting certain diseases such as worms, anemia and certain infections. Overall, children's health is good.

Regarding preventive activities, 4,093 vaccines have been administered to infants according to the national immunization schedule. Also, 1, 007 anti-tetanus vaccines have been given to mature women during antenatal consultations. With regard to family planning, 1,092 consultations have been carried out with an adequate contraception method.

Regarding the fight against HIV / AIDS infection, 551 people living with HIV/AIDS, including 415 under antiretroviral treatment, are followed at the Medical Centre. In addition, 2, 201 people have attended voluntary screening and 75 cases have been HIV positive; that is a prevalence rate of 3.4% .In order to contribute to achieving the goal of zero new HIV infections at birth, 19 pregnant women of 603 that made the screening have been regularly followed in the context of protection against the transmission of HIV from mother to child

In terms of the partnership, the Medical Centre has signed a health care providing agreement with SOCAR insurance. In addition, an American NGO called Family Health International (FHI) provides technical and material support to the Medical Centre in the fight against HIV by training medical staff and providing reagents for pregnant women's laboratory examinations.

Finally, thanks to funding from one Medical Centre sponsor, an ultrasound device has been purchased and will be operational in early 2015. This device is very useful in diagnostics accuracy and especially in the monitoring of pregnancies who consult our maternal and child health service.

3.1.6 SOS FAMILY STRENGTHENING PROGRAMME BUJUMBURA

By the end of 2014, the number of orphans and vulnerable children assisted by the Family Strengthening Programme was 329 divided up in 99 families against 350 last year. This reduction is explained by the 21 OVCs departure, including 13 living in 4 families which have been phased out because they relocated, 2 OVCs have left with families which have been phased out by autonomy and 6 others have joined their biological families. Among other factors that motivated this move include the high cost of living, especially the rise in house rents.

The FAMILY STRENGTHENING PROGRAMME, as in previous years, has prevented child abandonment. Both OVCs and their foster families receive health care through health insurance cards. OVCs attending schools also receive school fees and supplies. On the 329 assisted children, 73 have not yet reached school age, 5 are in kindergarten, 218 are primary schools and 33 are attending high school. The primary education success rate was 75.9% against 68.5% of last year and 88.23% against 75% last year for high school.

So as to open up everyone's mind on self-care techniques, families have been trained on the creation of savings and credit groupings, organizational development and financial management. At the end of the trainings, 5 groupings have been created. They have received seeds and fertilizers for food crops especially rice. As a result, families which used to get just one meal a day can now eat twice a day. Some of them even sell their surplus.

Still in caregivers' capacity building, a training on child rights appropriation has been held. Following these activities, parents and caregivers are aware of the need to register their children at the registry office. On 329 children assisted, 316 children are registered at the registry office. Besides, three children who had been abused by their stepmother have been assisted to restore their dignity. In addition, parents and caregivers have taken part in Information, Education and Communication sessions on hygiene. There is a hope that the frequency of dirty hands diseases will decrease. The FAMILY STRENGTHENING PROGRAMME has also sensitized children and young people to behave sexually responsible.

In the realm of events, the Family Strengthening Programme in collaboration with the Ministry of National Solidarity celebrated on 26 June the African Child Day. Also, The Child Rights International Day was also commemorated on November 20.

Finally, it is unfortunate to inform that a torrential rain caused a lot of damage in the north of the city of Bujumbura, the Family Strengthening Programme intervention area in February. A lot of people passed away, fields were devastated and thousands of houses destroyed. The Family Strengthening Programme has provided relief by providing 12 victim caregivers with metal sheets to rehabilitate their houses.

3.2 LOCATION CIBITOKÉ

3.2.1 SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGE CIBITOKÉ

The year 2014 ends while the Village intervention zone is affected by a prolonged drought's effects endangering the growing season A¹, although the government has put in place mechanisms to make fertilizers available for the population. As a consequence, there have been food stuff shortage and their price rising.

The SOS Children's Village Cibitoke is currently caring for 131 children including 66 girls, 64 boys and one girl reunited with her family of origin while continuing to benefit from the assistance of the Organization. Of these, 3 have not yet reached school age, 26 are attending Kindergarten while 88 are at the SOS Hermann Gmeiner and 9 attending the SOS Hermann Gmeiner Bujumbura. Besides, five children are enrolled in public boarding schools. The eldest of these children is in 9th form and she is about to sit for the admission examination at the International College of Tema in Ghana in April 2015.

For a child-close care, files of 24 psychosocial support needy children have been updated. Four of them have then received a one-week trauma healing session from July 24th to August 2nd, 2014 in Bujumbura by the Bible Society of Burundi. The Village mother representative had accompanied these children and has received training on the methodology of trauma healing.

It is within this context that the mother representative together with a "SERUKA" Centre officer who had received the same training support 24 diagnosed children by organizing psychological and social counseling since September 2014. It should be noted that those who had difficulty with expressing their feelings are more and more expressing themselves and their school performance is improving. The Coordinator of the psychosocial support team has benefited from external training in Rwanda from 2 to 6 June 2014 on psychosocial care under the theme " hobby-horse 2014-2016" and from 8 to 12 September 2014 on planning of the child / youth development under the theme "what success, what challenges? " in order to refine the village children's psychosocial support.

Health-wise, 3 children admitted with leg deformities underwent rehabilitation sessions at the Institute "Saint KIZITO" Centre and their lower limbs are gradually back to normal form. The medical check-up was also performed for 6 newly admitted children Village. It shows that five of them have a good health while one child needs special care.

Child vaccination campaigns organized by the government through the ministry of public health and the fight against AIDS helped to finish the number of vaccines for children who had not got them all. At the same time, they received deworming, vitamin A and tablets that protect them against onchocercosis.

As of April 23rd, 2014, the village has organized training on HIV / AIDS for children / young people in the context of prevention against this scourge. An evaluation session of training of trainers delivered in August 2013 on sex education was also organized for 9 public schools. It is encouraging that a change in behavior is noticed in these schools since the establishment of sex education committees. During the 2013-2014 school year, no dropout due to pregnancy or early marriage was registered in these schools. Other remote village school institutions are now asking for the intervention of the Committee for education to life skills in the village to

help them also to accompany their children. The village is ready to extend the training to other schools in 2015.

In terms of child rights, beneficiary guardians of the Family Strengthening Programme (FAMILY STRENGTHENING PROGRAMME) were sensitized on the child protection policy by the village Director in April. In addition, the village, in collaboration with the Administration and other Non- Governmental Organizations operating in the field of child protection ; that is CDF, Red Cross, Concern Worldwide and World Child, celebrated , in the locality of Buganda on December 4th the child rights Day under the theme “a BETTER WORLD FOR EVERY CHILD”.

Christmas Eve was celebrated for the village children and children from Family Strengthening Programme beneficiary families. The children expressed their gratitude to the Organization for having improved their living conditions and their education.

A fulfillment outing for children from the family house 5 was organized on 25 July 2014. They made a visit to the thermal waters of Ruhwa, twenty kilometres from the SOS Children's Village Cibitoke. For some children, it was the first time they saw thermal water. They were very curious and asked several questions like, “Who heated the water? Where is the fire? “... Back home, the children were very glad and told other village children what they had seen during the outing.

3.2.2 SOS KINDERGARTEN CIBITOKÉ

By December 31st, 2014, the SOS Kindergarten CIBITOKÉ has reached its sixth anniversary. It has 91 children including 26 village children, 6 children from the Family Strengthening Programme and 59 community ones. The SOS Kindergarten is facing a strong demand from the community at the beginning of each school year because preschool education is not developed in Burundi and particularly in the Cibitoke province.

The child discovery level in all school activities is satisfactory in terms of their French speaking skill and their participation in recreational and psychomotor activities and so do they in pre- numeracy and pre-writing.

Socio-emotionally, children participate in various games such as ball, slide, swing and sandpit. In order to improve the care quality at the Kindergarten, a deputy educator of kindergarten 2 was recruited in September 2014.

As part of staff capacity building, the head of Kindergarten has received at SOS Hermann Gmeiner Regional Centre in Kigali, Rwanda in August 2014, training on the management and administration of a Kindergarten.

The end of the 2014-2015 school year first term was marked by Father Christmas Day celebration on December 19th, 2014. On this occasion, all the children were able to exhibit and show parents what they have learnt through French recitations and dialogues as well as dances and songs.

3.2.3 SOS HERMANN GMEINER PRIMARY SCHOOL CIBITOKÉ

The SOS Hermann Gmeiner Primary School Cibitoke has 233 school children. Among them, 87 are of the Village, one of the Family Strengthening Programme and 145 from the community. Of these, 6 are benefit from a scholarship granted to them by the school due to their high vulnerable situation.

With regard to 2014 -2015 school year's first term performance, the school achieved an overall success rate of 93.1%. Village children managed get to 89.1% while community children have reached a rate of 97.2%. A close and energetic coaching is planned so as increase the level of the Village children's success.

All the 35 participants in the National competitive examination giving access to secondary education edition 2014, including 10 children of the Village and 1 grant beneficiary passed; that is a 100% success rate while the success rate was 94.7% the previous year. Of the 10 Village children, 6admitted to the SOS Hermann Gmeiner secondary school in Bujumbura, while the other 4 are attending public schools.

So as to improve children know-how skills, the 6th graders made in June 2014, an outing to the Tea Factory of Buhoro where they followed the green tea transformation process from the early machining process until the release of the finished product. The SOS Primary School continues supporting three neighboring public schools through training tests to the National Competitive examination giving access to secondary education in the choice questionnaires and logistics. This practice was initiated in 2011. Accordingly, the results showed an increase in success rate from 44% in 2011 to 76.7% in 2014 shifting from 67.5% in 2012 to73.9% in 2013.

A drawing contest for 7 to 15 years old children was organized by the Ministry of Solidarity, Human Rights and Gender last November. At the end of this provincial competition, 3 children including 2 from the SOS Hermann Gmeiner Cibitoke were selected to represent the province Cibitoke at the national level.

Other extracurricular activities were organized during the year. These include listening sessions to children with psychosocial problems, sex education sessions, the fight against HIV-AIDS and respect of child rights. The SOS Hermann Gmeiner Primary school Cibitoke also organized in August a workshop on the on child rights protection policy for primary schools teacher in CIBITOKÉ, RUSIGA and MUKINGIRO. Finally, it should be noted that the environment protection club has been created and that the school is in the process of growing palm trees in its yard.

In order to improve teaching/learning and school performance, four teachers and the Director participated in an evaluation workshop of the new French and English curricula in July in Muyinga. Teachers and SOS aunts also attended a training on Mathematics teaching methodology in April. In staff capacity building, the school's staff received training in October in information technology while the School Director participated in Bujumbura in a workshop on projects management held by a French expert in October.

3.2.4 SOS MEDICAL CENTRE CIBITOKÉ

By the end of 2014, the SOS Medical Centre Cibitoke recorded 10,769 against 11,865 medical visits 2013. This diminution is related to the recording error of 3,976 children vaccinated during national campaigns in January 2013 as children consulted curative care.

Comparing medical visits actually received, the Medical Centre recorded 10,769 visits in 2014 against 7,889 medical visits in 2013; that is an increase of 36.5%. Of the 10,769 registered medical visits, 5,110 visits are for the SOS and the community children, that is 47.5% and 5, 659 visits for adults or 52.5%. Also, patients 5,507 received or 51.1% are female against while 5,262 are male with a sex ratio of 1.04. In addition, 9,697 patients received are community members with a predominance of 90.1% against 9.9% of SOS children.

At the laboratory, 11,239 samples belonging to 5,478 patients were analyzed against 10, 273 samples analyzed in 2013; that is an increase of 9.4%. This increase is mainly related to the health checks made this year for 115 SOS children. During the analysis of the medical checkup, it was realized that over 60% of the screened children were suffering from intestinal parasites. This is due to the lack of drinking water in the area where is located the Village Children. To cope with the high prevalence of dirty hands diseases and cholera outbreak frequently reported cholera in Cibitoke province, hygiene education and awareness sessions were carried out for core care co-workers namely the practice of boiling water before use.

In connection with preventive care, 95 women joined the use of modern contraceptives and 57 other women have antenatal consultations In addition, 5,421 children were vaccinated including 5,215 children in the two catch-up campaigns organized by the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS. As for the promotional health, 33 health education sessions with the participation of 2,759 beneficiaries were conducted in the families of the surrounding community.

In the fight against HIV / AIDS, the Medical Centre is still in its first year of comprehensive care of people living with HIV / AIDS (PLWHIV). Currently, it has nine PLWHIV with 3 under active file antiretroviral prophylaxis and 6 under Cotrimoxazole. As for HIV screening, 564 people were HIV screened against 149 in 2013 with a seroprevalence of 2.6%, or 15 HIP positive of 564 screened cases detected.

Finally, it worth mentioning that the Medical Centre has recently been provided with a new hematology device replacing the oldest one which has been broken down since March 2012 in order increase the number of its partners and service beneficiaries.

3.2.5 FAMILY STRNGTHENING PROGRAMME CIBITOKÉ

The Family Strengthening Programme Cibitoke takes care of 492 orphans and vulnerable children living in 152 families. During this year, 17 families with 46 children were have been phased out of the programme by autonomy while 11 families with 35 children have been phased out due to non-compliance with contracts.

As far as community families' economic empowerment, 74 former Family Development Plans have been revised and 81 new plans were developed. Seeds and other agricultural fertilizers have been distributed to 28 groupings and 12 Community- Based Organizations (CBOs).

In the field of environment protection, eucalyptus nurseries have been set up on the hill Rusiga. Thus, 40,000 seedlings were distributed to the population.

Care givers' groupings, CBOs, Community Associations for Savings and Credit (ACEC) have collectively and individually evolved in the implementation of Income Generating Activities (IGAs). In addition, agro-pastoral activities have set up namely maize, peanuts, soybeans and beans growing. Mushroom production was also introduced. One of the groupings supervised by the Family Strengthening Programme bought goats from savings made.

Education of 273 children including 135 girls and 138 boys was supported through the distribution of school supplies, uniforms and payment of school fees. The success rate at the end of the 2013-2014 school year is 77%.

Within the good collaboration framework between the Family Strengthening Programme and its education partners, an advocacy workshop on the child rights in schools has been carried out. The African Child Day and the Children's rights International Day were celebrated in partnership with other NGOs working in child protection field. The Family Strengthening Programme Cibitoke also conducted a self-assessment in August 2014. This allowed a better planning of activities.

At the community level, the Family Strengthening Programme has raised mutual assistance spirit through good cooperation with local authorities. Indeed, the community was able to build decent houses for 24 homeless families. It is also worth noting that 6 Child Protection Committees, 6 OBCs and 2 OBC networks have been set up while capacity of these structures' members was built in organizational, administrative and financial management.

Concerning the development of human resources, the Family Strengthening Programme Coordinator and the agronomist were trained in Rwanda in April 2014 on the Family Strengthening Programme management. Two trainings were provided. The first, concerning data management (Database) was led by the Family Strengthening Programme National Coordinator and the Family Strengthening Programme Coordinator of Gitega. The second, on projects management was organized by the National Office of SOS CV for the Family Strengthening Programme Coordinator. Finally, it should be noted that a training of trainers in literacy was conducted for the Family Strengthening Programme co-workers and 13 community volunteers in November 2014.

3.3 LOCATION GITEGA

3.3.1 SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGE GITEGA

The year 2014 was characterized by the population of Gitega growing poverty due to climate hazards which resulted in poor harvests. Thus, food prices continue to go up. Unemployment is more and more increasing while SOS young people are affected, too.

By 31 December 2014, the SOS Children's Village cares for 130 children in 13 family houses. Of these 130 children, 30 are kindergarteners, 87 are registered in primary schools and 13 others have yet the school starting age. In 2014, one child was reunited with his family and 13 others were transferred to the SOS Youth Facilities. This allowed the admission of 14 new children into the Village.

Academically, the children's success rate was 94.5% while it was 97% during the 2012-2013 school year. Despite the drop in the success rate, it is worth noting that all 6th grade children passed the national competitive examination giving access to secondary education.

As part of child fulfillment activities, a partnership has been signed between the Village and the Youth Centre Gitega. Accompanied by SOS mothers and aunts, all children from the first grade, go every Friday to the Centre for various games and community-based activities. There are various and interesting activities allowing each child to participate in an activity of his/her choice. Children who had performed well at school were encouraged and went sightseeing at the southernmost source of the Nile River at Rutovu located in southern part of Burundi. In addition, the Village girls meet regularly in sports practice to promote women's football. They were motivated by a former village girl's visit, now married in Germany. She organized a sports competition her daughter took part in. The former Village girl encouraged these children by providing them with football jerseys.

In order to perpetuate its relationships with the SOS adults, the Village regularly participates in social celebrations that resettled young people organize. Thus, the village actively participated in bride price giving and wedding ceremonies of two SOS girls. The village also welcomed former SOS young people grouped in an association called "Association of SOS Elders Gitega" who joined the Village community to celebrate the new year 2014. During these ceremonies, various games were organized.

The family reunion is always a happy event! A 33 years old SOS adult who had never known his biological family has recently met them. The Village community was delighted and heled in the reunion ceremonies of. On that occasion, the Village Director, SOS Mothers and other SOS co-workers joined the young man to share his joy.

In terms of staff fulfillment, four SOS mothers have been awarded and SOS Ring by the President of SOS Children's Villages. Ceremonies took place in Kenya in May in a festive atmosphere. Two mother trainees benefited from the initial training's last session in March at the SOS Hermann Gmeiner Regional Training Centre Kigali, in Rwanda. During the closing ceremony, certificates were given to the participants. In addition, three SOS mothers and one SOS mother trainee have just completed a first initial training session held at the same regional training centre from July 28th to August 22nd. Meanwhile, the Village Director has received training in Kenya under the theme «Emerging issues on the child and youth

development, role of the Village Director» in July. He also received training at the local level on the SOS Children's Villages Programme Policy (CVPP) and projects management.

It should also be noted that the Pedagogical Adviser and the Social Worker benefited from the third sequence of their initial training in Kigali. The sponsorship secretary at Village and Pedagogical Adviser attended a national training on writing techniques. The social worker participated in a regional training on children and youth young people psychosocial care.

In fundraising, a fair was organized and SOS co-workers of the location actively took part in its organization. On the other hand, children and young people have contributed through many and varied games. This activity was much appreciated because it has three advantages: fundraising, the educational and fun aspects.

Last, the village community regrets the death of a retired former SOS mother who passed away in April 2014 after an illness.

3.3.2 SOS YOUTH FACILITIES GITEGA

The Village has 6 SOS Youth Facilities including 3 girls' facilities and 3 boys' ones. Two of these facilities are located in Bujumbura to accommodate young people who are attending schools of the area. Following resettlement of 16 SOS young people, the village currently has 137 young people among whom 52 live in youth facilities and 85 other care facilities.

As far as school performance is concerned, the success rate increased from 85.09% for the 2012-2013 school year to 90.9% during the 2013-2014 school year. Nineteen young people who had got their secondary school diplomas have passed the State examination giving access to higher education. Among them, two young people who completed SOS Hermann Gmeiner High School received a scholarship to study abroad in recognition of their high school performance compared to other SOS young people who got diplomas from other schools being enrolled at a university in China. The village celebrated the 19 diplomas at the village so as to motivate young children and to allow all educational stakeholders warmly congratulate the diploma holders.

In the realm of events, the village celebrated the African Child Day and the SOS Children's Villages International Day. The Global Peace Games for children and young people were organized around track sets games. These games aimed at discovering pieces of paper hidden in different places of the tracks on which were written questions related to child protection. Young people were organizing a team to follow the right track and find the right answer. It was a very interesting exercise to such extent that there was an opportunity to have fun, compete and learn.

Regarding youth facility co-workers' capacity building, two youth leaders continued their last initial training session at the Regional Training Centre in Kigali, Rwanda.

Sport-wise, young people have played two matches: One match pitted youth facility young people against young people assisted by the Family Strengthening Programme while another pitted SOS young people against young people from the Paul VI College, a nearby school. A walk and race was conducted specifically to Songa, the highest mountain in the region, to promote the neighbouring environment discovery and young people's physical health. The international NGO Population Services International (PSI), Gitega branch, organized information sessions in favour young people on responsible sexuality and STD¹ / HIV-AIDS.

3.3.3 SOS KINDERGARTEN GITEGA

The SOS kindergarten Gitega has been operational since 1982. By the end of this year, 91 children receive a discovery education. Among them, there are 30 children village, 3 Family Strengthening Programme's children and 58 neighboring community children. Teaching activities focus on intellectual, socio-affective and psychomotor development.

Pedagogically, educators have developed 5 booklets namely pre-numeracy exercises, pre-writing, songs, outdoor games as well as recitations or nursery rhymes. From 14 to 24 October 2014, the Kindergarten benefited from various support by Mrs. Claude Minaud, French volunteer. This support has focused on teaching methodologies, production of teaching aids and preschool activities organization. We have already started to implement the acquired knowledge.

As part of the partnership with other kindergartens, two educators from "AGORA of Angels" kindergarten followed an induction internship in preschool teaching methods at the Kindergarten Gitega. On 16 June 2014, SOS kindergarten's children and educators visited in turn the school "Future Hope School" that welcomed them warmly. It was really a joyful occasion for the children from both kindergartens.

In terms of co-worker capacity building, the staff received training on HIV-AIDS, code of conduct and the SOS brand. In addition, the kindergarten head received training on SOS Children's Villages Programme Policy (CVPP), writing techniques, Kindergarten administration and management as well as projects management.

As part of fulfillment, the Kindergarten organized a school festival in June, in cooperation with SOS primary school of Gitega. The children presented various acts; that is recitations, sketches, songs and dances that were appreciated by the audience.

Finally, the kindergarteners solemnly closed the first term activities on December 18th. On this occasion, the «Santa Claus» that children were impatiently waited for offered them gifts. Various and amusing games enlivened the end of the term. It was a great joy for children, parents and other guests who took part in these ceremonies.

3.3.4 SOS HERMANN GMEINER PRIMARY SCHOOL GITEGA

In December 2014, the Primary School SOS HG Gitega has 420 schoolchildren against 393 last year. There are 91 Village children, 14 Family Strengthening Programme children and 315 community children.

As far school performance is concerned, 64 sat for the National Competitive examination giving access to 7th form and all of them passed with access rate of 100%. The school is ranked first at the province education level Gitega. The first term 2014-2015 results are satisfactory. Indeed 414 of 421 schoolchildren obtained more than 50%, a success rate of 98.4% against 97% of last school year.

In order to improve English and French writing and speaking skills, grade1, 2 and 3 teachers participated in July in an evaluation workshop of the grade 2 new English and French curricula. On the same occasion, they were also introduced to the grade3's same curricula.

This school year 2014-2015, SOS Hermann Gmeiner primary school Gitega is finally aligned with the new education policy extending primary education from 6 to 9 years. Therefore, the 7th form was opened and takes in 40 pupils.

Co-worker capacity building remains a priority. It is in this context that teachers have received training on acquisition's assessment techniques and child rights. Two 7th form teachers participated in July on a training organized by the Ministry of education about the new education policy. In addition, the school principal received training on writing techniques, the SOS Brand, the SOS Children's Villages programme policy (CVPP) and projects Management.

In terms of fulfillment, the SOS Hermann Gmeiner Primary school co-workers and Family Strengthening Programme staff as well as 6th grade school children conducted a field trip to German Faults at Nyakazu in the southeast of the country. On the other hand, Grade 5 and 6 schoolchildren visited the National Museum in Gitega. Schoolchildren also took part in the fair that was organized in July. They had the opportunity to present 14 various and entertaining games.

To end the school year in joy, a school festival focusing primarily on poems, sketches, recitations and traditional as well as modern dances was organized in July.

3.3.5 SOS MEDICAL CENTRE GITEGA

In 2014, the SOS Medical Centre Gitega recorded 20,885 medical visits in curative consultation including 18,399 outpatient visits and 2,486 inwards. Of the 18,399 outward medical visits, 535 are SOS children and young people, 5,589 are community children, 3, 532 others were transferred by other health facilities for laboratory tests while 8,743 are adults.

The laboratory service recorded 19,040 laboratory tests for 8,718 people against 17,165 analyses in 2013; that is an increase of 10.9%. The main analyzes are malaria test, blood count, stool test, the cytobacteriological urinal analysis, blood sugar and Widal serology. Among the most frequent diseases, one can mention Malaria, intestinal parasites, diarrhea, acute respiratory infections and HIV. To deal with these diseases, the Medical Centre organizes Information Education and Communication sessions and community involvement in awareness raising through the action of the Community Health Workers trained by the Medical Centre.

Concerned about the fight against HIV / AIDS, the Medical Centre conducted awareness sessions on the importance of free testing, prevention of HIV transmission from mother to child and therapeutic follow-up. Thus, 2,626 voluntary HIV/AIDS screenings including 41 HIP positive cases were recorded, representing a prevalence rate of 1.5%. In addition, the Medical Centre is currently following 74 people living with HIV / AIDS (PLWHIV), including 7 under bactrim and 63 under antiretroviral treatment. A discussion therapeutic weekend about two themes namely “therapeutic follow-up” and “the rights of PLHIV” was organized for 34 PLWHIV on 29 August.

Prevention is better than cure! It is in context of this proverb that the Medical Centre received 112 women for attending antenatal consultations. It is also worth noting that 52 women and 36 children have been immunized and 360 women have attended family planning sessions. Besides, the Medical Centre joined the population on field thanks to the outreach strategy so as to promote preventive action via. Thus, 108 Information Education and Communication sessions have been held and 9,043 people participated. A deworming campaign was conducted for 505 community and Family Strengthening Programme. In addition, awareness raising by audio-visual material has been provided at the Medical Centre throughout the year.

Finally, a capacity building about HIV / AIDS for peer young people and community health workers has taken been held.

To address the lack of blood bags in blood transfusion regional department and hospitals nationwide, Medical Centre, in collaboration with the Regional Centre for Blood Transfusion Gitega has collected 283 blood bags on 12 May, the nurse International Day.

Finally, to better prepare the Medical Centre computerization, the Medical Centre Director attended training in Nairobi on the management of computerized health system. Meanwhile, the medical and administrative staff locally received on IT.

3.3.6 FAMILY STRENGTHENING PROGRAMME GITEGA

On 31 December, the program has 1,000 orphans and other vulnerable children (OVCs) living in 366 families. During the same month, 135 families have been phased out including 95 families by autonomy, 30 families for non-compliance and 10 families because the children in care had just left the programme's intervention area.

In the field of education, 233 children have not yet reached the school age, 11 OVCs are enrolled in kindergarten, 576 are in primary, 155 secondary while 7 are attending a vocational school and one young person has just finished high school successfully. The success rate is 74.65% against 72.51% last year. It should be noted that 17 children admitted after the start of school year in September will be enrolled next school year.

In terms of health, OVCs and their caregivers receive health care in public health facilities that accept the use of health assistance cards. The Family Strengthening Programme also contributes in paying medical cost for diseases which are not covered by the health assistance card. For cases not supported by CAM diseases, the program helps in the payment of the invoice. On the other hand, the staff deplores the passing away of 3 OVCs and one caregiver.

As far as child protection is concerning, child rights clubs are operational in 38 schools. Moreover, 18 peer educators were elected to assist their community comrades. Capacity building sessions about child rights have been organized for the Family Strengthening Programme intervention area's Child Protection Committees, 111 children have been registered at the registry office and 37 couples have legalized their marriages. Two public awareness campaigns on child rights were conducted through competitive and track sets games. Four thousand seven hundred and thirty-seven attended the awareness sessions.

Thirty-eight 38 homeless families have received sheets metal, 290 families had got seeds and a development plan has been developed in each family. Hygiene, child rights, child and young people's psycho-social support centred training / awareness campaigns have been conducted for 375 families. At the community level, 67 groupings are operational. These groupings' members have received training on organizational development, resource mobilization techniques, financial education, peaceful conflict settlement and child rights. Experience sharing sessions have been conducted with grouping members of Rutana and Cibitoke. As achievements, two community networks have been set and members meet community needs. Indeed, 34 OVCs are supported thanks to funds raised through these networks. Finally, it is worth mentioning that 452 community members are being taught how to read and write thanks to commitment of the programme's community volunteers.

3.4 LOCATION MUYINGA

3.4.1 SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGE MUYINGA

The village takes in 143 children divided up in 15 family houses with a maximum capacity of 10 children each family house. In August, the village has 12 children admitted to replace young people who were transferred to the Youth Facilities and boarding schools. Of these, 4 are total orphans, 7 semi orphans (mothers deceased) and 1 foundling. They have easily integrated into SOS family life and attached to their SOS mothers and SOS aunts thanks to warm physical contact between children and their mothers, games, songs, music, outings, talks and various educational exchanges.

Regarding care improvement of our children with psychosocial problems, 5 children participated in August in a healing camp for traumatized children organized by the Bible Society in Burundi. Thus, healing sessions were held for six other children and a positive change in behavior and academic performance among beneficiaries are noticeable.

For the same purpose, the village invited an external expert in clinical psychology to diagnose psycho-emotional problems of some of our children, in November, for a period of 5 days. In fact, child psycho-affectivity has today become a major challenge for the village: After this diagnosis, cases deserving special attention were identified and receive adequate follow-up.

In addition, visits of our SOS children accompanied by their educators to their families of origin have taken place. This allowed the children to renew bonds with their relatives and feel relieved and supported.

Newly -admitted children having reached school age were enrolled in SOS Kindergarten Muyinga bringing to 33 the number of children admitted to the SOS Kindergarten. In addition, 102 are attending SOS Hermann Gmeiner primary school and 3 in high schools. As for our 15 children who sat for the National Competitive examination giving access to admission to the 7th form, they all succeeded.

From sports and cultural point of view, children and young people especially enjoy playing football and happily play the drum. Friendly competition matches with the young people from the surrounding community have been regularly organized to enable them to build relationships especially during the Global Peace Games for Children and Youth.

“Twenty years of service to children in difficulty” is theme under which that, on June 21st, the SOS Children's Village Muyinga simultaneously celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the village and the International Day of Children's Villages SOS. It was a day of celebration for guests, the surrounding community and reunion for SOS children and young people, as one raved about: “When I was admitted at the SOS Children's Village Muyinga, I received a loving family; I enjoyed the accommodation, health care and education. Now I'm an important civil servant thanks to the support of SOS Children's Villages”. Similarly, three young people including 2 boys and a girl got married while another has been engaged. SOS adults always keep friendly ties with the village.

On the other hand, it should be noted that two SOS mothers with at least ten years of service have been decorated (SOS Ring) by the President of SOS Kinderdorf International on May 25th, 2014 in Kenya. Subsequently, two other former SOS mothers and all other co-workers, including the village director who had served the Organization for twenty years

received a loyalty certificate from the National Director during the celebration of the village twentieth anniversary.

Finally, on December 24th, the village celebrated Christmas, a child Day, in joy and gladness together with all members of the village community, children and some Family Strengthening Programme care givers as well as some neighbors.

Unfortunately, during this year, the village community mourns the death of two children admitted respectively in Januar2013 and in June 2014 after an illness.

3.4.2 SOS YOUTH FACILITIES MUYINGA

By the end of the year, SOS Children's Village Muyinga takes care of 221 young people and 12 resettled ones. Of these 221 young people, there are 105 boys and 116 girls. Our young people are divided into two categories namely YF1 (Youth Facility 1) and YF2 (Youth Facility 2). The number of young people living in YF1 is 137. They are accommodated as follows: 44 are staying in different boarding schools and 93 others in seven Youth Facilities. Eighty-four young people are YF2 and live in their families of origin or foster families. In addition, 16 young people from our village are studying abroad. Among them, 8 continue their secondary education and comprise 3 who are studying at the SOS Hermann Gmeiner International College Tema in Ghana while 8 others are attending higher education.

This year, the school performance has been very satisfactory with a success rate of 93.80% compared to last year when it was 70.14%. It is worth noting that two youth people successfully obtained their International Baccalaureate diplomas at the SOS Hermann Gmeiner International College Tema in Ghana, respectively 86.67% and 71.11%. With this academic year, one was admitted to the University of Debrecen in Hungary and another one at McGill University in Canada.

The student admitted to Canada quickly joined the African Students Association of McGill University, and was elected a member of its management committee. Therefore, she takes part in the organization of festival and discussions about the Africa problems and how to address them. On the other hand, at the request of the communication Director of SOS Children's Villages Canada, she attended two fundraising events organized by SOS Canada on the occasion of the 65th anniversary of SOS Kinderdorf International. On this occasion, she gave her testimonial personal experience in SOS Children's Villages Burundi in the presence of VIPs.

During summer holidays, 9 of our young people have participated in a national forum organized by the Catholic Church of Burundi in Rutana province, located southeast of the country. On this occasion, topics related to citizenship education were discussed.

Despite the country's deteriorating socio-economic situation and the very high unemployment rate, 7 SOS young people have recently been resettled. Among them 5 graduates got employment. At the same time, three young people initiated small scale business projects as part of their empowerment. Meanwhile, an SOS adult has received financial support to complete his university studies within the framework of the "second chance initiative".

In youth facilities' co-worker capacity building, two youth leaders have attended their initial training's last sequence at the Regional Training Centre in Kigali, Rwanda in November.

Finally, a meeting of SOS young people and adults was held in October with the theme "self-employment and youth entrepreneurship" in the Village. One hundred and twelve SOS young people and adults took part in the meeting. This was an opportunity for them to renew bonds with their SOS families and their SOS little brothers and sisters.

3.4.3 SOS KINDERGARTEN MUYINGA

The SOS Kindergarten Muyinga has a total number of 95 children including 56 boys and 29 girls. Of these, there are 33 Village children, 5 Family Strengthening Programme children and 57 community ones.

In order to illustrate lessons learnt on various topics, teaching aids have been diversified: pictures on transportation means, food, biological and extended family, animals, etc. In addition, a series of activities has been carried out, including the design and making of decorative materials by educators to make classrooms more attractive and a class outing to the nearest market was made so as to allow children to explore commodities sold. It should also be noted that safety instructions have been developed and taught to children.

To joyfully close the 2013-2014 school year, a school festival was conducted on 28 June 2014. It was an opportunity for children to express themselves and show off their talents through various acts (recitations, dances, rhymes and songs).

The SOS kindergarten has also developed a programme to upgrade the psychomotor and language development of two newly-admitted children who had shown integration problems.

To improve education personnel's performance, a three- week practical training on the methodology, production of teaching aids, use of books, various games and painting, was provided by a French volunteer from October 27th to November 16th. Besides, the Kindergarten head participated in August in training on Kindergarten administration and management at the SOS Hermann Gmeiner Regional Training Centre in Kigali, Rwanda.

In the partnership realm, as SOS kindergarten is regarded as a referral preschool education in the community, its educators have actively contributed to the setting up of the Kindergarten "Rugwiza" at Muyinga province centre and carried out training of that kindergarten's educators.

To conclude, it should be noted that an additional child toilet block has been built in order to separate girls' toilets from boys' ones.

3.4.4 SOS HERMANN GMEINER PRIMARY SCHOOL MUYINGA

The SOS Hermann Gmeiner Primary School Muyinga has currently 436 schoolchildren while they were 445 the previous school year. Among them, 102 are SOS children of the Children, 13 Family Strengthening Programme children and 321 community children.

During the past school year, out of a total of 445 schoolchildren, 418 have succeeded; that is a success rate of 93.9% while it was of 89.9% in 2013. This good performance is the result individualizing teaching. All the 66 candidates in the national competitive examination giving access to the 7th class passed, making a 100% success rate. It is worth noting that SOS Hermann Gmeiner Primary School Muyinga is always appreciated by the community for its quality education and it ranked first the province level in national examinations.

In July, grade1, 2 and 3 teachers together with the English teacher of the same grades participated in an induction workshop of the new French and English curricula. In order to strengthen learning ability for children with learning difficulties, two remedial weekly sessions were systematically organized especially for grades1, 2 and 3 in which the number of such children is still very high.

Still guided by the spirit of partnership with community schools, SOS Hermann Gmeiner Primary school Muyinga made available to the school “Etoile de l’Espoir” (Star of Hope) Kirundo a grade 2 teacher for a training on teaching of the French curriculum In favour of that school teachers. This training lasted 4 days.

In connection with advocacy and defense of child rights, children listening sessions were conducted by the local advocacy committee team chosen by the children. In the same vein, a tournament on child rights bringing together 11 community schools was organized. Prizes consisting of school supplies were awarded to the best pupils.

Finally, this year, the 6th graders’ farewell ceremony was marked by a trip on the Kavuruga hydroelectric station located at ten kilometres from the school. On this occasion, children were provided with explanations of the hydro-electric power production mechanisms.

3.4.5 FAMILY STRENGTHENING PROGRAMME MUYINGA

The Family Strengthening Programme Muyinga supports 350 children and young people living in 106 families including 36 admitted in December. Two families have phased out of the programme during this year because they no longer live in the programme's intervention area. It should be noted, however, that three children of one of these two families have been taken by another Family Strengthening Programme beneficiary family.

Regarding education, the Family Strengthening Programme Muyinga assists 180 children enrolled schools (26 in kindergarten, 128 primary schools and 26 secondary schools). Last year, the primary success rate was 75% and 76% in high school while in 2014 it was respectively 76% and 88%. In addition, the Family Strengthening Programme provides support to a young girl attending a vocational training in dressmaking, one young boy who dealing with driving and one caregiver who is learning welding.

To build capacity for guardian families, several training workshops were conducted in favour of the beneficiaries. This is the case of training on nutrition, family planning and Code of Persons and the Family. In the same field, 14 Community -Based Organizations (CBOs) which includes most of our beneficiaries have received various administrative and material supports. Thus, the programme has provided support to a CBO in its process to be legally recognized l by the Ministry of Home Affairs. The programme has also provided a number of tools to 13CBOs namely printed materials for tracking savings and credit operations as well as notebooks for meetings. In addition, the Family Strengthening Programme has funded two modern Irish potatoes and beans cultivation projects.

The Family Strengthening Programme has distributed bean seeds for both growing seasons A and B to beneficiary families in order to increase their financial resources and to lead them into a food self-sufficiency process. In addition, a "Famer- Field-School" programme is being tried with a beneficiary grouping the Mukoni area, near the SOS Children's Village, for Irish potatoes cultivation.

To improve accommodation, 14 neediest beneficiary families which had made bricks benefited from doors, windows, sheet metals, nails among others and manpower support.

In the permanent effort to work in synergy with other NGOs and associations working in the OVC field in Muyinga, The Family Strengthening Programme staff participated in workshops on the eradication of the street children phenomenon. This synergy has been able to identify and make 84 street children registered at the Registry Office.

As far advocacy is concerned, the programme, in collaboration with the advocacy local committee, has set up 11 child rights clubs have been in primary schools and 4 high schools of the education local department Muyinga.

3.5 LOCATION RUTANA

3.5.1 SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGE RUTANA

Following the admission of 17 children last September, family reunification of 3 children and the transfer of 6 young people to youth facilities, children in care at the SOS Children's Village Rutana have increased from 124 to 132 children.

During this school year, 18 children are enrolled in SOS Kindergarten, 71 are studying at the SOS Hermann Gmeiner Primary School while 34 young people are attending secondary and vocational schools. It should be noted that 9 children have not reached yet the school age.

Regarding end –of- year school performance, 63 of 66 children from the SOS Hermann Gmeiner Primary School have moved up class; that is a success rate of 95.45% against 86.76% last year. In secondary school, 23 young people of 30 moved up; that is a success rate of 76.76% while it was 47.06% in 2013. This performance is the result of individualization care of children and young people with learning difficulties as well as meetings of individualization of children and youth learning difficulties as well as team and / or individual exchange sessions. It should be noted that one young person has passed examinations giving access to the International College of Tema in Ghana.

As part of the Global Peace Games for Children and Youth, 2014 edition, the SOS Children's Village Rutana organized a football tournament, athletics and competitive games for both the village and community children and young people. During these games, fair play, sportsmanship and tolerance characterized the players. It is worth mentioning that SOS children young people/ won the best prizes.

The SOS Children's Villages International and the Mother Days were celebrated on June 21, 2014. Village and Family Strengthening Programme children and young people presented various acts to enliven the ceremonies. It should be noted that two SOS mothers with at least ten years of service have been awarded an SOS Ring by the President of SOS KDI on May 25, 2014 in Kenya.

In the promotion of sexual health, awareness sessions were conducted for children and youth. During these sessions, the following topics were developed: adolescence and its different characteristics, sex education, HIV / AIDS and sexually transmitted infections.

With respect to staff capacity building, the pedagogical adviser and a youth leader have received training on writing techniques. Also, the mother representative was trained on trauma healing. The social worker and the Pedagogical adviser attended training on the child and youth development plan and psychosocial care. Similarly, four youth leaders have been trained on the development of youth development programmes. Note that the Village Director and the Pedagogical adviser have received training on project management while two training sessions on psychosocial care and trauma were carried out for the core care co-workers. Finally, mothers have attended a three- day professional retreat.

The psychosocial support team has conducted interview sessions with the core care co-workers. At the end of these sessions, participants diagnosed six cases with psycho difficulties. With the implementation of listening strategies, consulting, coaching, guidance

and monitoring, remarkable progress in the identified children / young people has been made on the academic and behavioral plans.

In the area of partnership, the Village received from the Football Federation of Bujumbura (FFB) a donation of 11 foot balls, 30 jerseys, 20 jumpers to wear during football practice and 8 hand balls to allow children to practice the game from an early age. During their visit, FFB officials showed two matches of the 2014 World Cup at the Village. In addition, the Village has joined the Network for quality education in Rutana Province during the celebration of the African Child International Day. An exchange workshop on “Inclusive education of children with disabilities” was held. At the end of this workshop, field visits were conducted in 12 primary schools to sensitize the schools’ staff on this inclusive education.

3.5.2 SOS YOUTH FACILITIES RUTANA

The SOS Children's Village Rutana has 5 youth facilities. The numbers have increased from 72 in 2013 to 87 this year, including 12 young people reunited with their families of origin and 75 young people are in boarding or youth facilities.

Concerning school results 2013-2014, 57 of 69 young people from general and technical schools have succeeded; that is a rate of 82.6% against 63.8% the previous school year. Note that 3 young people have just completed their training. In the same respect, two young people have got secondary school diplomas.

In youth facility SOS employee capacity building, 4 youth leaders continued their last initial training sequence at Kigali Regional Training Centre in Rwanda in November. In addition, young people were trained in responsible sexuality and culinary arts.

With respect to youth integration in the community, two young people participated in the competition of musicians “PRIMUSIC” organized by the BRARUDI brewery. Of the 67 participants at the provincial level, one of the young people was ranked fifth. Furthermore, young people living in youth facilities are active members of local associations and clubs. As part of the New Year celebration, the youth team has played a basketball match with young people from the community.

3.5.3 SOS KINDERGARTEN RUTANA

The SOS Kindergarten Rutana has enrolled 90 children corresponding to its full capacity. Of these, 18 are Village children, 5 and 67 are from the Family Strengthening Programme and the neighbouring community. Educational activities are mainly focused on discovery and psychomotor activities as well as various educational games.

Child fulfillment is another concern of the kindergarten. It is in this context that the Kindergarten has made a two-day fraternization in February and December. During the first day, the children visited their peers in kindergarten RUTANA I. The children of both schools presented acts and shared sweets and cookies. Officials from both schools have pledged to increase such opportunities for experience exchange. During the second day, the school conducted a tour during the “Father Christmas” celebration. To enliven up the party, the children presented various acts. Parents enjoyed this activity and are committed to support the school in this kind of development. With parents support, the Kindergarten also celebrated 33 child birthdays of children.

In order to improve child care, the teaching staff received support from 17 November to 5 December 2014 by Mrs. **Claude Minaud**, French volunteer. This support has focused on teaching methodologies, production of teaching aids and preschool activities. Implementation of the learnt lessons has already started.

Regarding the implementation of the child protection policy, the Kindergarten continues teaching third year kindergartens to be aware of some of their rights. Likewise, educators contribute in the “Child Rights” and “Stop AIDS” clubs’ coaching at the SOS Hermann Gmeiner Primary School.

Finally, it should be noted that the Kindergarten has coached 18 community children in July. It consisted of fulfillment and leisure activities.

3.5.4 SOS HERMANN GMEINER RUTANA

The SOS Hermann Gmeiner Primary School Rutana SOS has 232 schoolchildren. They include 71 village children, 5 Family Strengthening Programme children, 12 granted ones and as well as 144 community children.

By the end of the 2013-2014 school year, the success rate of was 94.6% against 93.4% in 2012-2013. The village children succeeded better than the community children, with a success rate of 99.01% against 93.4%. Note that National Competition, 2014 edition, the school has recorded a 100% success rate at the National competitive examination giving access to the 7th form and was ranked first at the province education department's level.

In order to encourage pupils to develop their writing and speaking skills in the taught languages, a contest was organized in French, English and Kiswahili. Note also that a child Village was ranked first in the province in a drawing competition on the theme "Right to education".

To enhance teacher skills in the classroom practice, a three-day forum was conducted in order to share best practices and lessons learnt from trainings since 2010. In addition, teachers have received a training on the use of teaching audio-visual aids.

To improve written and spoken English and French, grade1, 2 3 and 4 teachers 2nd, 3rd and 4 participated in an evaluation workshop of the grade2 English and French curricula in July. On this occasion, they got immersed in the grade 3 new curricula.

As far as child rights are concerned, the schoolchildren, via their representatives, had the opportunity to assess the child rights' implementation level at school. They were generally happy with the step already taken by their teachers in child protection.

Furthermore, empathic listening sessions for children who show disruptive behavior at school or in the classroom were held. A positive change in behavior is observed among the children who have benefited from these sessions.

3.5.5 SOS MEDICAL CENTRE RUTANA

The Medical Centre Rutana shows a sustained evolution trend, constantly growing both in relation to the number of consultations and incomes. Indeed, the latter increased from USD 22, 026.82 by September 2013 to US \$ 35, 900.22 by September 2014; that is an increase of 62.98%. Thus, the self-financing has increased from 36.5% to 52.9%; that is an increase of 16.3%. This year, the Medical Centre has recorded 13,472 medical visits and 11,845 samples were analyzed in the laboratory. These medical visits include 1,687 SOS children / young people and 11,785 community beneficiaries with 4,576 children and 7,209 adults.

In preventive care, 334 women joined the use of modern contraceptive methods. Note that 424 pregnant women have attended antenatal consultations. In addition, 579 community children have been vaccinated. Also, 60 Information Education and Communication sessions were carried out for the surrounding community through the promotion of health.

As part of improving the village children's health follow-up, 115 children have benefited from annual checkups. Also, a general health check-up was performed for 16 newly- admitted children to the Village. Generally, the village children's health is good.

In the fight against HIV / AIDS, 849 people have been voluntarily screened thanks to the awareness sessions, with a prevalence rate of 2.5%. During the year, 10 new cases have been under antiretroviral treatment. It is worth noting that 97 people living with HIV/AID are under ARV treatment and 79 others are under Cotrimoxazole prophylaxis. In sum, the Medical Centre supports 176 people living with HIV/AIDS. During the "Mother-Child" national week, 662 cases have benefited from vaccines and Vitamin A supplement.

3.5.6 FAMILY STRENGTHENING PROGRAMME RUTANA

In 2014, the programme supported 350 orphans and vulnerable children living in 89 families. Regarding transfers, 50 families caring for 192 orphans and other vulnerable children have been phased out. They include 46 families supporting 176 orphans and other vulnerable children having been phased out by autonomy. After the admission of 48 families that support 192 orphans and other vulnerable children, the programme now supports 350 orphans and other vulnerable children divided up in 87 families.

In order to facilitate access to basic services, the programme has contributed in paying birth certificates for 31 orphans and other vulnerable children and 9 children recovered their deceased parents' property. Also, 59 families received health assistance cards to facilitate their access to health care. In addition, 11 families have been supported to get accommodations while 75 families benefited from chairs and tables. Finally, in the process of family empowerment through livestock restocking, 25 goats were distributed to 12 families in the context of the chain of solidarity establishment.

Academically, 264 orphans and other vulnerable children have been enrolled in schools, including 7 in kindergarten, 192 in primary and 65 secondary schools. Note that 21 high school pupils and 189 schoolchildren received supplies and school fees. Among them, 33 with learning difficulties benefited from remedial courses. This year, the primary success rate is of 82.29% against 76.82% last school year. In secondary school, the success rate was 81.53% while it was of 76.82% in 2013.

In order to strengthen Family Strengthening Programme children and young people's life skills, various social and educational activities were carried out. They were related to children / young people involvement in the vulnerable house construction, education to sexuality for 66 young people and revitalization of the club "INYANGE ZA SOS" traditional dances. The club regularly participates in various festivals held in the city. It has already won a prize consisting of school supplies and 15 dance uniforms respectively provided by the network for quality education and Society for Women against Aids in Africa Burundi (SWAA).

In the field of parent capacity skills, all caregivers have benefited from the Information Education and Communication sessions on coaching and follow-up of school children in their care. They were also trained on child development and child rights. In addition, 131 beneficiaries participated in a training on psychosocial care of children and vulnerable families. In addition, 38 parents of children aged 0-5 years participated in a training workshop on the balanced diet. Finally, 2 group discussion sessions were held for 40 caregivers to help them achieve their self-development.

In order to strengthen the community approach to care for orphans and other vulnerable children, 24 training sessions have been carried out for 706 member associations, CBOs and OVC caregivers on associative work and management of collective income –generating activities. The programme also conducted awareness sessions on vulnerable children's and families' community care for 740 members of the 37 CBOs. In addition, 72 leaders of savings and credit associations received training on managing a savings and credit association. Thanks to these trainings, 4 CBOs are committed to orphans' and other vulnerable children's community care and a coordinating focal person has been appointed.