

Conclusion

In view of the social situation in Rwanda, the planned youth center in Nyagatare can contribute measurably to the general improvement of living standards and support reconciliation among the people of the region. This can be realized through our help as well as that of other powers. Moreover, the center can even serve the youth from neighboring Uganda.

On February 24, 2009 representatives from ASSIST-RWANDA and the Ecumenical 1World-Group of Ruhla met for a working discussion with Dr. Jeanne d' Arc Mujawamariya, the Rwandan Minister of Gender and Family Promotion.

Madame Minister emphasized the importance of the work of ASSIST-RWANDA and expressed joy about the support of 1World Group. After her statement of appreciation she concluded with a request that all necessary attention be devoted to these at risk Rwandan children so that they may finally overcome the consequences of the 1994 genocide.

We therefore ask you to actively support the realisation of the children and youth centre in Nyagatare both financially and by spreading our message!

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Now we are looking for people with pioneering spirit who would like to contribute to this, up to now, unique pilot-project "Children and Youth Centre" in Rwanda.

**We ask all private donors, business people and politicians: Please support this project!
The children of Rwanda need your help now - without delay. Thank you!**

For further information log onto www.11111x40.de

Yes, I would like to help children and youths in Rwanda and support the building of the children and youth centre in Nyagatare!

I donate* Euro/US-\$/BP towards the cost of the centre.
(Choose your currency by underlining)

- I wish to keep my donation information private**
 Please send me a receipt**

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If you would like to receive further information, please tick the relevant topic!

- I am interested in sponsoring a child's education
 I want to support the ecumenical „One-World-Group“ financially (continuous). Please send me more information.
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1-2-Help

Back into life!

With the help of your contribution for a Youth Employment Promotion and Children Development Center in Nyagatare, Rwanda

In February 2007 and 2009 members of the Ecumenical 1World-Group of Ruhla, Germany visited Rwanda. They returned with first-hand knowledge about the children's aid projects which they had been supporting for the last two years. The primary responsible party for these projects is the charity ASSIST-RWANDA. This nation-wide charitable organization was founded by four social workers and orphans who had been victimized by the genocide of 1994. ASSIST offers homeless children and youth an effective support structure so they may successfully integrate socially, emotionally and productively back into society.

In 2007 the organization initiated the construction of a youth center in Nyagatare, which is a city in the economically underdeveloped region of north-east Rwanda. ASSIST-RWANDA has asked that the One-World-Group continue supporting the financial demands of this on-going project.

Of course we realize that seeing this project through to completion will require the loving support of many individuals. So we ask you to help and add your name to the list of those who care and express their concern through participation.

ASSIST has finished the first building of the project, the library. Contributors across Europe and North America donated the necessary 12.000 Euro (16,000 USD) toward the completion of this initial facility.

The construction of two more buildings is now underway, a multi-purpose hall and vocational education classroom building.

Providing that many people are willing to give a donation, we will be able to offer thousands of children and youth in Rwanda the hope for a better perspective in life.

The Patron of our campaign to support the centre is the former Prime Minister of Thuringia, Dr. Bernhard Vogel.



"As Chairman, I welcome wholeheartedly the building of a children and youth centre in Nyagatare in Rwanda. Just a few people in our country are aware of the scale of the suffering in Rwanda and what changes a small contribution could bring about.

Rwanda is a beautiful country with thousands of hills, but unfortunately also with thousands of sorrows. The Genocide of 1994

did cost about one million people their lives. Help is urgently needed. But help should lead to self-sufficiency. A few bricks, a sack of cement, some modern tools help others to help. Those who give will also receive. Happiness in the eyes of children who can hope for a better future will reward you a hundred times."

ASSIST YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROMOTION AND CHILDREN DEVELOPMENT CENTER IN NYAGATARE, RUANDA

By building the centre, Assist Rwanda wants to help the unprotected children and youths, and especially the "child headed families", who live under very difficult circumstances, to be able to run their own household. They should develop creativity, self-confidence and commitment to work, to enable them to lead a successful life. The centre offers:

- ⇒ Career furtherance
- ⇒ Support in developing team spirit and organisational talents. Encouraging creativity
- ⇒ Financial assistance for setting up a business



The first building was built and is in use: the library

- ⇒ Psychological support and advice for traumatised youths
- ⇒ Leisure facilities, as sport, music, dance and theatre
- ⇒ Advice in human rights issues
- ⇒ Reconciliation work with youth and people in their environment
- ⇒ Medical support and advice, in particular information about the HIV/AIDS pandemic
- ⇒ Learning opportunities, library and internet access
- ⇒ Environmental programs, lessons on sustainable economics, forestation and water-economics

- ⇒ Various seminars and workshops about participatory democracy, reduction of poverty and other relevant topics which can empower the local communities



Children and youth like those pictured will be the beneficiaries of the children and youth centre. To this day, they suffer from the consequences of the 1994 civil war. Most of them are orphans who often live in so-called "child headed families" which are lead by the oldest sibling.

- ⇒ The centre will also have a community hall where the seminars and workshops will take place. Renting of the hall should help to refinance the construction costs.
- ⇒ Buildings for offices and rooms to raise additional income. Areas for recreational and outdoor activities.

Word of greeting of the Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Thuringia, Dr. Christoph Kähler.

"The youth centre in Nyagatare opens the door to reconciliation by offering guidance and thereby aims at changing the lives of Rwandan children and young people who were deracinated by the 1994 genocide. In the long run, this will help to heal Rwanda's wounds and lead to a healthy development of society and economy. I greatly appreciate the efforts made by the Erbstromtal's Ecumenical 1World Group to support this particular project by cooperating with ASSIST Rwanda! It clearly and effectively shows the personal commitment of christians to take responsibility for one world. The scheduled plan of action and its implementation so far are convincing and a sign of christian love for fellow beings. That's why it demands support from all of us!"

