

“helping Rwanda’s children have a future”

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First of all, we would like to say a big thank you to all of you for your support over this last year. We couldn’t do it without your generosity.

We promise to honour your generosity and use your donation in the most effective way possible.

Aid for Education focuses on supporting children’s education, health care, shelter and on empowering women with income generating projects. We ensure that funds go directly to those who need it most.

Children’s education

Over the past three years Aid for Education has worked with our partners, Children Might Foundation, (CMF) to double the number of children it supports. We’re proudly starting 2013 with almost 70 children in both primary and secondary school. However, many more children still need our help. They are unable to access basic education and cannot afford the materials needed to go to school.

In Rwanda, girls in particular, face considerable barriers when trying to gain an education. The effects of having additional household chores, heading families, teenage pregnancy and early marriage account for the majority of school dropouts. In Rwanda, young mums are forced out of primary and secondary school because they can’t afford school fees or must care for the baby alone.

However, you can help change the future for children in Rwanda.



When you sponsor a child with Aid for Education, you give them the chance to go to school. You help to provide them with school materials and health insurance, giving them a chance to have hope for the future.



Children with school materials

Christmas Party

As January sees the beginning of a new academic year, CMF has been busy ensuring that all the children we support have a uniform, school materials and medical insurance. We are pleased with the progress the children are making, having seen a great improvement overall with school attendance and exam results.

In December, CMF staff organised a Christmas party. The children learnt songs and traditional dances which they performed to the guests.



Children with Christmas presents

Abagore Farming

A co-operative that gives women the opportunity to earn an income

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Volunteer wanted in Rwanda

Recycle Appeal

Recycle your unwanted items to raise funds

Children who had done well in their exams received prizes and each child received a gift of clothes, toothbrush, sweet and pen. Local leaders and people from the community were invited and everyone enjoyed themselves, dancing and sharing soft drinks and cakes. For many children, this was the only occasion they had to do something special for Christmas and they thoroughly enjoyed the day.

More than just a goat!

Poverty can be addressed in so many ways. Buying a goat is one such method.

People often ask, "why a goat?"

Here are the main benefits of a goat:

1. Goats create fertiliser that enriches the soil making it good for growing nutritious vegetables. Some of these vegetables can be used for the family and the rest can be sold for profit.
2. Goats provide valuable meat, which is rich in protein and nutrients.
3. Goats help reduce poverty. They can be bred and can be sold for food or critical medicine. If a family builds up a herd of goats, this can become a valuable source of income.



Claude with one of his goats

Claude is the eldest in his family. His father died during the genocide, so being the oldest male, he has taken on the responsibility of helping his mother look after the family. Claude is 19 years old and has started the fourth year of

secondary school, but

when he is not studying, he earns money to buy food and clothes for his family.

Aid for Education gave Claude a goat in 2010, which has given birth twice. He decided to sell two of the kids to buy a bicycle which he uses as a 'taxi' in the village, thus, enabling him to earn an income.



Claude with his bicycle

Abagore farming

Aid for Education believes that the "Abagore Farming Co-operative" ("Abagore" means "women") is the key to both health and economic security for local women.

In Rwanda, around 60% of people live below the poverty line, with many relying on subsistence farming. Many families live on the proceeds of small scale farming with very little land and so, struggle to support their families.

Aid for Education supports the Abagore Farming Co-operative, set up in 2012. We bought land, seeds and tools to enable women to earn an income and support their families. Many of the families



Women working at the Abagore Farming Co-operative

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Aid for Education supports are headed by women, so this project will not only support a family, but an entire community.

The co-operative will also improve the women's status within their homes and communities by helping them to have more control over the family's budget. In addition, children and families' health will improve through access to nutritional vegetables.

Volunteer Opportunity

Would you be interested in volunteering in Rwanda with our partner organisation Children Might Foundation?

Aid for Education is looking for someone with agricultural experience to work with the Abagore Farming Co-operative. If you are interested in this opportunity, whether short term or long term, please contact us at info@aidforeducation.co.uk

This summer, Aid for Education has two groups of volunteers going to Rwanda, each for two weeks. During their stay, they will be busy with building work, running children's activities and visiting families and local schools. They will also have the chance to visit other parts of Rwanda and learn more about the culture.

We are also looking for volunteers to support Aid for Education's work here in Scotland in the following areas:

- schools and university links
- administration work
- fundraising volunteers

Contact us if you would like to volunteer with us here or go to Rwanda.

We are also available to share about the work of Aid for Education. Any group who is interested is welcome to **contact** us.

Recycle Appeal

Help us raise funds by recycling any unwanted CDs, phones, computers.

Contact us to find out how.

Here are some other things we can recycle:

- CDs (albums in original packaging with barcode)
- DVDs & computer games (original packaging with barcode)
- Ink cartridges (except toner bottles, ribbons, Epson inkjet cartridges, refilled or remanufactured cartridges.)
- Printers & Computers (in whole and working order)
- Cars!

