



RUZUBE PROJECTS

A report about the field trip to
Burundi summer 2013

What is Ruzobe Projects?

- A non-profit organization with the purpose of running social entrepreneurship projects in Burundi. The organization was founded by family members of the Ruzobe-family in Norway and Canada in January 2013. The organization is registered in Norway (organization number: : 999513409)
- The Organization wants to help women living in rural areas. Rural women are the backbone of the Burundian economy, but are still the poorest.
- Gishambusha(Gashoho) in the Province of Muyinga in the North of Burundi was chosen as the first village to receive help from the organization
- Five women were selected to participate in the pilot project
- The Ruzobe Family owns a large and unexploited land I Gishambusha. We have decided to dispose parts of the land to the women

Vision and mission

- **Vision**

Ruzobe projects wants to help women in Gashoho to financial independence, so that they do not have to rely on aid.

- **Mission**

Ruzobe projects will have the followings tasks:

- Finance courses and guidance about agriculture
- Provide financial help to support the women's own projects

The women

Janviere

- 51 years old
- 9 children og 2 grand children
- Has never been part of any associations, but feels that this is something that can help her directly since it is a small group
- Wishes that the group within one year will buy a cow together



Vestine

- 24 years old
- Lost 2 children. Both before they were 5 years old.
- Wishes to learn how to collaborate and share thoughts and ideas with other women. She was an excellent student, but had to quit school in sixth grade when her mother died

- Marie (Poupee)
 - 38 years old
 - 5 children of her own. Has the responsibility for her brother's 2 children since he is incapable to take care of them.
 - Is a part of a saving group, but wishes to be a part of a group that is more interactive. Believes that this is the right opportunity



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- Venasia
 - 52 years old
 - 5 children
 - Widow
 - Search for a place to work with other women and thinks this can help her children's future

- Beatrice (No picture)
 - 40 years old
 - Educated and worked as a teacher, but wants to contribute to the local community and feels that this is a good chance

The first guidance course held 16.august

- The first guidance course was held in Gashoho by a representative from Stamm Foundation in Muyinga (en.fondation-stamm.org/)
- The women got an insight in challenges and possibilities in agriculture in Burundi
- The representative challenged the women to be innovative. Agriculture should be seen as a business!
- We agreed on which part of the land the women were going to use.



How can you help?

- Cash donations

You can choose how much you would like to donate. Here is an indication of what the money is going to be used on:

- Buying cattles for the women. A cattle will provide milk the women can sell.
Cost: 500 US \$
- A cowshed to protect the cows. Cost: 670 US \$
- The right and rich fertilizer is important to cultivate high quality corps. A bag of 25 kg of fertilizer costs 25 US \$
- All donations, no matter size, will provide help to the project.

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- Other contribution:
 - Send this document to family and friends
 - Talk about us in suiting occasions (Spread the word!)

What's in it for me...?

- Good and high social interest return
- Annual report on what the funding have been used on
- Pictures from Burundi, the heart of Africa 😊



Thanks you very much

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