



Niragira Community Development International Project



MWANSI & HEROES LIBRARY

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1. Background

Since 2015, NCDP has had a department to support young student in pursuing their dream school. NCDP launched this program with 10 students but the number of students we supported increased every year. Kazoza Care for Children KCFC, an NCDP department in charge of caring for students from underprivileged families, provides school needs, tuition fees, and paying student health bills. NCDP is lucky to have 10 of their student graduate and be able to jump to their University Level.

2. NCDP Library

a. Problem

Since 2015, NCDP has found it good to have an open space to care for students from underprivileged families. More student from rural communities do not have the opportunity to continue their studies due to the lack of funds to support their school journey. School expenses are too tough for them to carry on with their schools. On the other side, families lack the basics for their household and when it comes to paying the school needs, the journey becomes very hard. The school dropout rate increases every year. 18000 students drop out of their schools in 2022 nationally. The cause concerns the lack of school needs, food, and long-distance school space.

Local students don't have access to big libraries to increase their knowledge and skills in diverse engineering domains. Again, there is no space to keep acquired knowledge in farming and transmit the knowledge to the new generation. Because of the climate change, local farmers need access to tech-based farming using new seeds, artificial intelligence, and satellite data to make accurate decisions about what to do and grow the soil fertility. On the other hand, we normally get hard to keep the history records of our ancestors, movie production, and song recording. As the world migrates to digital quantum technology, the oral tradition of keeping the history is no longer sufficient. We need to keep all oral events in videos, audio images, and texts. Furthermore, there is a lack of space for social events such as wedding ceremonies, funeral events, gathering for information, and learning space. There is a need for entertainment and hobby space.

b. NCDP Solutions

NCDP through Kazoza Care for Children KCFC, with its low investments, started supporting 10 students from low-income families. We started paying their school fees, paying all bills related to their school expenses. Today, we are lucky to plan the next level to support around 150 underprivileged students from low-income families around Bihororo and Busanga. Since 2005 we have a free primary education in Burundi. Kazoza Care for Children supports students from their post-primary school until to complete their senior school.

NCDP through its program to support students was engaged to do more impact in the localities. We actually extend this program. The next step looks at implementing the NCDP Library. This library will be dedicated to MWANSI & HEROES LIBRARY one of the Family members of our ancient parents. He was the First HERO to fight with German colonials. At the time, they were willing to kill the Burundian King but Bihome and Mwansi wanted to hide the Burundian King. They thought of dressing in the King's robe. The time German colonials came to kill the Burundian King, they couldn't find him around since he was hidden. Bihome and Mwansi were killed at this time. We will ensure that this wonderful history won't vanish away from our ancient parents.

Furthermore, this Library will have digital devices connected to the internet. All the digital equipment will be used to support students and community living around the localities to access the history and digital-related skills.

B.1. Why NCDP Mwansi & Heroes Library?

Below is the literacy logic behind the NCDP Mwansi & Heroes Library program:

1. Literacy is powerful, it makes life better for people. It helps them grow and build the skills they need to meet their goals
2. Literacy is for everyone: everyone can learn but everyone gets the help they need. We find it important to help and support these people in the native villages of Bihororo, Busanga, Budagari, Masango, and Gahahe, where indigenous people live (Abatwa) for learning and literacy needs.
3. Literacy is important: these people need to understand and write words for basic things in their daily life.
4. Literacy builds equality: knowing how to read and write helps people to reach their goals, the time the whole village knows the basic knowledge in reading and writing Masango will be strong.
5. Helping everyone to learn is the main goal NCDP Mwansi & Heroes Library has. This is our best tool to create a more positive impact in the future and for everyone starting in Masango and later extending it to the whole country.

c. NCDP Initial Investment

As part of establishing Kazoza Care for Children, to support young students from underprivileged families, NCDP dreams of doing great things. We established an initial investment first to have the space and the building. Now NCDP gets 20% to set the space. At the floor completion, NCDP through Kazoza Care for Children will equip the Library with bookshelves and digital tools connected to the internet. Our initial investment started with \$10,000 and we still need more funds of \$40,000 to complete the next phases, including connected digital devices.

C. 1. Books Shelves

The first step looks at collecting books. The books will include history, finance, macroeconomics, Mathematics, informatics books, farming etc. This first installment will only focus on book collection, establishing a strategy to keep the storage neat and clean.

C.2. Digital tools

NCDP dreams of establishing digital tools but is likely a desktop connected to the internet. This project looks at extending digital-based skills to the next generation of young students. We want to enable them and equip with them the right skills that will unlock more potential to pursue their digital dream. Our purpose is to ensure that everyone has the right skills in basic information in technology.

d. Security

The practice of good housekeeping is probably the simplest and least expensive method of preventive conservation. To keep both books and desktops clean, the housekeeping will keep books and digital tools clean from dust, dirt, smoke, and mold spores. Dust and dirt could contain organic materials that serve as food for insects and mold. Therefore provide an environment in which they can live and flourish. By keeping the space clean, NCDP will reduce the risks of such damage to bookshelves and even more damage to digital tools. Moreover, clean space within the collection makes a healthier environment, and pleasant environment for the beneficiaries and even the surrounding community. The housekeeping should schedule a daily cleaning plan to prevent some risks inside the floor. Since NCDP already set other security set up, the security guard including the military office will be in charge of guaranteeing the NCDP's security and sustaining its surrounding safeguard.

e. Dream Impact

NCDP already made a successful impact through Kazoza Care for Children KCFC. Now we dream of the next step to support around two hundred students. As we continue to do more, NCDP looks to implement the multi-media room. The Multimedia room will serve to extend more impact around the community. The current generations are progressing with digital knowledge and we are dreaming of extending it through the NCDP library(Mwansi & Heroes Libray). The first purpose looks at extending digital knowledge to young students pursuing primary and senior school to equip with them the right skills necessary for basic technology-based knowledge. The next target audience looks at equipping the school staff, government staff, and NGO personnel to come to NCDP Library and learn more about technology.

NCDP looks at identifying the gaps in digital skills and solving them through different ways of progressing in technology. Digital workshop will be provided, doors are open to everyone who wishes to unlock their digital potential. Through this open digital gate, NCDP is expecting to unlock more talents, especially in computer science, web, and Mobile development. Furthermore, the current generations will have access to different research gates, unlocking more talent related to entrepreneurship, cultural history, and job creation.

f. Kumugondo Smart class

Kumugondo is one of the great and ancient places that took advantage of public justice. The group of Abashingantahe locally living at Masango played a crucial role in unifying Burundian community. Some of them went to the IRENGA court palace, others operated court and law events at Kumugondo. The recent generations remembered some of the drum dances and singers of the abajerere team, they all operated their rehearsal at Kumugondo.

Actually, we don't want to miss such history, so we dedicate this Smart class, to the royal work done on this same ground. Kumugondo Smart Class will soon be a great NCDP achievement to teach the new generation the history made by our ancient parents but again, including smart digital skills to unlock more talented people living in the localities. Furthermore, Kumugondo Smart class will be an open gate to equip the community with technical training based on some crucial information in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and some basic internet skills. Our purpose looks at equipping with them the tech skills of the surrounding community. NCDP intends to make it a tourist environment for everyone who wishes to know more about history and technology can get the right information on the ground.

g. Multimedia Room

The NCDP dreamed multi-media room serves to fill the gap in tech and history. The multi-media room will allow the local community to access more technology skills, educating the community on how to navigate through different social media platforms, projection system, inclusion of the audio & video conference, and audio and video recording.

This program fills the gap of many people in the community since more of them look for those services only in big towns such as Bujumbura and Gitega. NCDP project mainly focuses on constructing all media networks at Kumugondo to keep the history strong but again includes tech-based skills since it is too tough to get such skills even around the provinces.

h. Beneficiaries

Kumugondo has more surrounding localities. When it comes to community development, the Library has more impact. More years ago, kumugondo was the open space for justice-based events. Today, the ground has the same attraction to bring the community together. Implementing the MWANSI & HEROS library at the ground will typically increase the level of making more impact because it is the

most visited place. It will call the community to be together and work together. When it comes to digital skills and history inclusion, NCDP will greatly extend the impact to more than three thousand people living in the community. Again, we expect to get more beneficiaries from other provinces since the multi-media room will serve to unlock more potential locally. Students willing to take online courses, video conferences, and recording needs, will be the expected services because the community gets such services in the big towns.