



Dealing with emergency, post Corona (COVID-19) strategy, Technological inclusion and "getting back to business" post-Corona.

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INTRODUCTION

Organization name: HVP GATAGARA

Country: RWANDA

Project title:

Capacity building of PwDs to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 pandemic in KICUKIRO, RUHANGO and NYANZA DISTRICTS

Project mission

- **Mission:**

High quality and sustainable education, orthopedic and rehabilitation services to all persons with disabilities in partnership with other stakeholders

- **Target :**

Physical impairment, Visual impairment, Hearing impairment and Mentally Challenged, and finally, the project aims at social economic reintegration of PwDs

Project short description

- Psycho- social support sessions to our beneficiaries by calling them and tell them how to help themselves (PwDs), how to help their children with disabilities
- We have carried out systematic and well organized community visits, in order to ensure continuity of SEN and rehabilitation services
- Supported by REB, HVP GATAGARA is designing model lessons to be broadcasted at national TV and Radio, with the intention the help learners with vision and intellectual challenges at their homes

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- Through our CBR program, HVP started a new program of community mobilization by teaching persons with disabilities how to prevent themselves against COVID-19.
- Through our social service, HVP offered food and hygienic material to some of vulnerable families in KICUKIRO, RUHANGA and NYANZA districts.

Impact created so far (how many people have been reached/supported etc):

- More than 350 PwDs benefited rehabilitation services including, medical consultation, P&O, Physiotherapy, Clinical Psychology, O.T
- Basing on their IEPs, 100 learners with intellectual challenges were supported online by special teachers
- More than 100 vulnerable families benefited food and hygienic material
- More than 2500 people living in RUHANGO, KICUKIRO and Nyanza districts were mobilized and sensitized on COVID-19 prevention (social distance is respected)

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- 25 medical staff were trained on COVID-19 (Prevention, Spread and Management)
- 15 Teaching staff were trained on COVID-19
- The center was supported by MoH/RBC with some PPE material and equipment (Test, mascs, etc,...)

What needed to do in order to adopt and use locally

- a) Install and equip 2 isolation rooms with adequate materials (1 in Nyanza/1 Gikondo)
- b) Provision of COVID – 19 preventive materials and equipments, (Full PPE)
- c) Provision of food and hygienic material to support more than 120 vulnerable families.
- d) Provision of 90 health insurance to most vulnerable families of PwDs for them to be able to afford medical and rehabilitation services

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