



The Hunger Warriors - # world war hunger

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SDGs Targeted : No Hunger, No poverty, Responsible Consumption, Good health and wellbeing, Life on land

Greetings to the Global Social Leaders team!

We, the Hunger Warriors, firmly live by the motto of serving the society which is why us as seven young students decided to initiate a project that would support the people in rural areas of our community that have been severely impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Our reason for choosing this idea was to change the neglect that society had towards rural areas who were actually the most affected by the pandemic.

Due to unfortunate circumstances brought on by the pandemic (lockdown), we were not able to carry out our initial plan of reducing food wastage in school by donating the surplus to the communities in need. In addition, the hesitation of the Organization to support us during the pandemic, forced us to find another way to make our society a Zero Hunger and No Poverty Zone.

Consequently, after several meetings and discussions, we came up with a new idea that consisted of providing large food packages, enough to sustain a few families for months who do not have access to basic staple food in their daily lives. This new idea was a kick off and a small step towards our primary mission of reducing hunger and poverty in the whole of



Gasharu Village which would in turn help its members to recover from the aftermath of the pandemic in terms of health and food security.

Our Journey

We started our planning in October, followed by several virtual meetings and the fear of “if we will ever return to in-person school” , slowly by slowly developing more on our goal of helping people who have to struggle for basic necessities which we take for granted. After finally being able to start in person, We were able to start the implementation of our project still following the Covid -19 precautions. We first started by making our school community aware of our intention, so that we could have as much support as possible. We sensitized them with the struggles of people in rural areas and encouraged them to be part of us by donating raw packaged food or money in order for us to support them.

A few weeks later, We hosted a home clothes day fundraiser with the theme of “ dress up as one of the sustainable development goals” in order to make young people aware of the UN goals that we together have to accomplish. Furthermore, We also hosted a raffle with 11 prizes for 11 lucky winners. With these fundraisers, We were able to raise a total of 723,000 RWF (\$700) which was then used to purchase the food.

The food was then packaged into smaller envelopes by the team with the help of the kitchen staff in preparation for donations. We started our donation right after with the whole GHA community by visiting the families . With the help of the Umudugudu leader (local leader), we were able to get 10 families (30-40 people) which included widows, Orphans, young children and teenagers with no background support or income and laborers who had lost their job due to the pandemic. The total number of people involved including the GHA community were about 70 people. It was very overwhelming to listen to their daily struggles which we had no idea about. For our team , it was hard to digest the knowledge that people even after hard work do not have the luxury we have , while we take things for granted. This motivated us to even strive harder.

Each family was then given a staple food and sanitation package which the families were emotional to receive with. They were grateful for us to think about them and their problems and hoped we would continue the good work. The local leader Mr. Etienne supported us forming a beautiful relationship between the families and our team. We felt accomplished even if on a very small scale, we were able to help families with their daily struggles moving towards our goal of Hunger and Poverty free Kigali. We plan to keep donating different sufferers ahead including our next ongoing being to help the Rwandan genocide survivors.

Our Experience

Throughout this journey, We learnt teamwork skills, time-management skills, communication skills but most importantly dedication and love towards what we are doing. While spending 3 hours per week on this project, we learnt about our school more, the rural areas more, the problems of people and the hardship of life which we had never experienced. We learnt to lead with love and inspire others to give back more to society especially during hard times, especially with hunger and poverty becoming a rising issue. We also became aware of how expensive food is while budgeting and how much hard work it is to package the large quantities. This made us appreciate the small things we have. We also made kigali aware by sharing our project on different social media in order to inspire other people and together thinking about giving back to our society.

Acknowledgement

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Social media accounts and other posters:

https://www.instagram.com/p/CODcx9mgVDk/?utm_source=ig_web_button_share_sheet

Instagram : [hunger.warriors_2021](https://www.instagram.com/hunger.warriors_2021)

Youtube : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pym_k7BCATQ

Posters:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ilqXFZLbn-FmNOeS_7IUz9vOcPd7vFE/view?usp=sharing

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DjnQ7iMy0Zodm9h6-sR2cVfkG_5ZQ0bq/view?usp=sharing