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Aid for Education is a non-profit local organisation established to help some of the poorest children and their families in Rwanda, families who normally would not have access to basic medical care, education or sufficient shelter. We believe that God cares about those in need and Jesus taught us to love our neighbour as ourselves. With your support, we can give a voice to the voiceless and hope to the hopeless.

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Rwanda is etched in our minds with images of men, women and children being slaughtered in a genocide that defied any logic. However, as the country tries to recover one local charity is aiming to help the next generation learn new ways...

Rwanda's problems are those associated with all developing countries but in addition to the problems faced by poverty, lack of healthcare, sanitation and access to education, Rwanda is struggling to cope with the long term effects of the 1994 Genocide.

Due to vast numbers of people re-entering the community in recent years as returnees from refugee camps or those released back into the community as part of the reconciliation process, Rwanda is immensely over-populated and resources are in shortage.

Important progress is being made by the government of Rwanda through its Economic Development and Poverty Reduction strategy. This strategy works to increase sustainable economic

growth, reduce poverty and stabilise population growth. But the country still faces serious challenges.

Agricultural & Economic Issues

Rwanda's economy is primarily agricultural, but the agricultural standard is becoming increasingly poor because of:

- * Poor rainfall in the dry season, causing poor harvests
- * Densely populated country, leading to a shortage of land for cultivation.

In addition, a lack of family planning means there is a high birth rate, especially for families in rural areas.

Issues that affect children

Many families lack basic necessities such as food and water, access to education and healthcare. Due to the effects of the Genocide there are many child headed households meaning children have no parental care and have to fend for themselves.



Through regular contact with all of our children, supervision and sponsorship, Aid for Education will focus on assisting vulnerable

children in the following ways:

- Access to education, school materials and school uniforms
- Access to health care through the payment of medical insurance
- Support for their families

Support our School Building Project

SPONSORED CYCLE



14TH AUGUST 2010

Douglas Kakooza and friends will cycle 22 miles (Greenock to (& round) Millport) for Aid for Education's school building project.

Show your support and help us raise £30,000 to build the classrooms.

Contact us or visit our website for more information.

"Education is the door to freedom, democracy and development"
(Nelson Mandela)

Location: Rwamagana District, Rwanda
Classes: P1-P7



Sarah Kazooka co-founder
Aid for Education

Aid for Education is a registered Scottish charity, established in 2010, helping some of Rwanda's poorest children and their families. We believe that God cares about those in need and that Jesus taught us to love our neighbour as ourselves. We have a vision to see the children of Rwanda have access to education, so they can achieve their potential and have hope for the future.

Projects include child sponsorship, providing children with school materials, medical insurance and providing families with a goat.

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God gave Sarah and Douglas Kakooza a passion for children in need. They have a vision to see the children of Rwanda have access to education, so they can achieve their potential and have hope for the future.

Sarah, from Northern Ireland, is a Secondary school teacher. She first went to Rwanda in 2000, and later returned in 2006, where she taught English in a Secondary school. There she met and married Douglas Kakooza, who was working with street

children. With Douglas's experience of working with street children, vulnerable families and refugees and Sarah's experience in education, together they started Aid for Education.

During the 100 days of genocide killings, many pupils and teachers were massacred and many more fled the country to escape justice and retribution. Since 1994, the number of school teachers has increased through government recruitment efforts. There has also been an increase in school enrolments, however, retention and repetition rates remain high, meaning that nearly half of Rwandan children either never attend or fail to complete primary school, and out of those who do only 17% pass the examination at the end of Primary 6. Although Primary education is now free in Rwanda, many children cannot afford the necessary materials needed which affects their attendance. In addition, with very large class sizes and inadequate resources,

Rwandan pupils do not have access to good quality education.

Aid for Education hopes to build a school where the children can have a better education. As well as training new teachers, the charity will work with schools in the community by training local teachers who will then bring their



Sarah's husband Douglas Kakooza who
co-founded Aid for Education with his
wife

new skills into the local classrooms.

Aid for Education relies on the kind and generous donations of its supporters. Together we can make a real difference to the life of Rwandan children and their communities.



Stuart Easton (pictured opposite) is a solicitor who lives and works in Glasgow, Scotland. He deals with the legal aspects of the day to day running of the charity. Stuart is a Christian and shares Aid for Education's vision of helping Rwandan children have access to education.



Some of the Rwandan children that Aid for Education help...

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- £10 can feed a child for a month
- £10 can provide a child with a school uniform & school materials
- £15 could buy a goat for a family
- £5 can buy a mosquito net for a family
- £5 can buy a medical card for a year

If you are a Sunday School, Church, youth group or school, you could help by:

- Sponsoring a child
- Organising fundraising events
- Becoming a partner of Aid for Education

For further information, visit www.aidforeducation.co.uk