



foundation 4 orphans

EMPOWERS

“If you give orphaned youth fish, they become dependent. If you teach them skills, they become empowered, and control their destiny.”

-WAYNE LAVENDER*

**With thanks to Lao Tzu, who wrote
“If you give a man a fish . . .”*



In 2022 the **Foundation 4 Orphans** pivoted from the construction and funding the operational cost of Homes For Children (*orphanages*) by creating a partnership with **Zoe Empowers**.

The F4O-Zoe Empowers Program is a 3-year, community-based, indigenous-led empowerment program, where the young people are able to take the lead in their own journey out of poverty. They are able to become safe and healthy, skilled for long-term success, and able to live meaningful lives wrapped in layers of community. This program was developed by an orphaned youth in Rwanda named Epiphanie Mujawimana. Epiphanie grew frustrated with the cycle of relief offered that created dependency. Her 8-point plan is based on young persons finding and taking their own path out of poverty.

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\$300 EMPOWERS

ONE ORPHANED OR VULNERABLE CHILD FOR A
TOTAL OF 3-YEARS & TOTAL INDEPENDENCE!

THE PROGRAM TRAINS EACH PARTICIPANT IN THESE AREAS:

- 1 Food security
- 2 Disease prevention
- 3 Housing
- 4 Income generation with vocational training
- 5 Child rights
- 6 Community reintegration
- 7 Connection to God
- 8 Education

SUMMARY

- The F4O – Zoe Empowers Model is 40 times more cost effective than an Orphanage Model.
- The F4O – Zoe Empowers Model is better for these young people.
- The F4O – Zoe Empowers Model works and the board of directors has unanimously voted to endorse it.
- We believe you will embrace it as well!



Pictured above:
TOP: Young men training to be mechanics.
MIDDLE: Future bakers.
BOTTOM: Joao holding one of his chickens.

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