

SPONSORSHIP REPORT



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GENERAL INTRODUCTION

The March 2025 Sponsorship Report offers a comprehensive overview of Eden's Child's ongoing commitment to improving the lives of sponsored children and their families. Through a range of strategic programs—including educational support, healthcare services, family visits, self-help groups, and spiritual development initiatives—Eden's Child continues to make a tangible difference in communities. This month's report highlights critical interventions such as school follow-ups, Easter letter writing, hosting database trainings given by US mission team, family visitation, Saturday bible club and engaging in self-help groups, all designed to nurture growth, hope, and resilience. The success stories and field updates featured in this report reflect the organization's mission to foster sustainable change through faith, empowerment, and community engagement.

EDUCATION

In March, Eden's Child staff conducted school visits to monitor the academic performance and attendance of sponsored children. These visits are vital to ensure that children are not only attending school but also progressing well in their studies. Some kids were visited by their sponsor such as Deo Mugisha, Dancilla Umwali, and David, who were also visited by members of the U.S. mission team.

The presence of Eden's Child staff at schools strengthens the partnership between caregivers, schools, and the organization. It assures both children and teachers of continued support and commitment to the children's education, while allowing the staff to identify challenges early and respond effectively.



FAMILY VISITATION

Together with the US mission team, our staff conducted home and school visits to meet with sponsored children and their families. These visits are deeply meaningful. When sponsors and staff meet the children in their own environment, it reinforces the reality of change brought through sponsorship. Many families shared how their lives have improved through the support they receive, including participation in self-help groups that promote savings, entrepreneurship, and empowerment. These interactions serve as a testament to the tangible transformation happening across communities.



Database Trainings for Project Managers

To ensure high-quality record-keeping and program efficiency, our project managers underwent training prepared by the Eden's child foundation in data management and were introduced to SharePoint, a powerful tool for information sharing. With this training, our teams are now better equipped to maintain up-to-date, accurate profiles of each sponsored child, making communication and reporting more reliable and effective.



EASTER LETTER WRITING

In celebration of Easter, all sponsored children took part in writing heartfelt letters and best wishes to their sponsors. Letter writing remains one of the most powerful tools to strengthen the emotional bond between a sponsor and their sponsored child. It fosters mutual understanding, builds hope, and allows children to express gratitude while sponsors feel personally connected to the impact they are making.



DISTRIBUTION OF BOOKS AND PENS FOR BIBLE CLUB

To enhance learning during our Saturday Bible Club sessions, we distributed books and pens to all attending children. This investment of 354,500 RWF is crucial in improving the effectiveness of our Bible Club activities. With proper writing materials, children can now take notes, reflect on Bible lessons throughout the week, and engage more deeply.



Follow-Up on Water Filters Distributed

In January 2024, Eden's Child distributed water filters to over 900 sponsored families, including those newly registered this year. This March, our field staff conducted follow-up visits to assess usage and effectiveness. The feedback has been encouraging—these water filters are making a significant impact on reducing waterborne illnesses and improving overall health among families. Clean water is not just a basic need but a foundation for healthier, more productive lives.



LINK PROGRAM

In March, our staff in charge together with Lanni, focused on following up the Link Program within several Self-Help Groups (SHGs) including Amahoro, Iterambere, icyerekezo, and Ejo Hazaza in the Mukoni project. The visits aimed to ensure members were still engaging with the provided spiritual syllabus and Bible readings. They also met with successful women in the program, such as a shop owner and a farmer in Cyarwa, to observe progress. The Link program activities had a positive impact, with SHG members reporting spiritual growth due to regular prayer and Bible study.



SELF HELP GROUPS

Self-help groups continue to play a crucial role in promoting economic self-sustainability among Eden's Child beneficiaries. These groups actively save and invest in livestock and farming, ensuring both sustenance and additional income through surplus harvest sales. As of March, there are 60 self-help groups across different locations, in Mukoni we have gotten a new group formed called UMUCYO: Mukoni (12), Save (2), Vumbi (5), Karama (13), Mukindo (4), Runda (9), and Muhanga (15). Collectively, these groups own 5 sheep, 2 cows, 134 chickens, 117 pigs, 93 rabbits, and 108 goats.

No	Program	Number of groups	Total Members	February Savings	Total amount on ACC
1	Mukoni	11	230	484,840	1,066,603
2	Save	2	27	39,200	75,100
3	Vumbi	5	98	75,600	127,870
4	Muhanga	15	199	ff	ff
5	Runda	9	157	91,200	1,482,070
6	Mukindo	4	59	54,700	189,100
7	Karama	13	120	ff	ff
	Total	59	890	745,540	2,940,743

NOTE: Muhanga and Karama project managers did not submit their reports for March.

SELF HELP GROUP SUCCESSFUL STORY

Nyirandagijimana Immacule, a member of ITERAMBERE self-help group, is a mother of Kevin Niyomugenga (#171), sponsored in Huye. She lost her entire family during the Genocide against the Tutsi, leaving her in misery until she married at 16. Overwhelmed by hardship, she once attempted suicide, but God's plan was different. In late 2022, her second son, Kevin, was sponsored in Eden's Child, bringing hope. In September 2025, with just 150,000 RWF, she started a small business, which grew to 1M in six months. She now dreams of owning a 5M shop and a home in five years. Her story proves that success comes from vision, determination, and resilience—not just big capital.



MEETINGS WITH SELF HELP GROUP

Several meetings were held across different locations to address member participation, loan repayment, and group savings. Attendance varied, but concerns remained consistent. Many members fail to clear monthly savings, delaying group progress. Loan misuse and lack of repayment accountability were major issues. Some members borrow beyond their savings, leading to financial strain. Committees for group

savings will be established. Members must justify late payments to avoid penalties. Loan requests must be documented with repayment plans. Leaders will meet on 07/03/25 to discuss financial organization.



KIDS SAVING GROUPS

Sponsored kids' saving groups encourage financial responsibility and independence, empowering children to plan for their futures. These efforts aim to instill self-reliance and economic sustainability among beneficiaries.

Kids in below programs save 100RWF every Saturday after bible club, they now have 393,070RWF in Huye, and kids in Vumbi have 243,000RWF while in Muhanga they have not reported about kids savings in this month.



SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Club Program continues to provide a nurturing environment for sponsored children, fostering spiritual growth, skill development, and social interaction. Children engage in various activities, including arts and crafts, ICT training, and participation in self-help groups, equipping them with valuable life skills. Interactive games and educational sessions further enhance their learning experience, promoting creativity and teamwork. A key highlight of the program is the opportunity for children to share a nutritious lunch, ensuring they receive essential nourishment for their well-being. Through these holistic activities, the program not only strengthens their faith but also empowers them with knowledge, confidence, and a sense of community.



CONCLUSION

Eden's Child continues to uphold its mission of empowering vulnerable children and families through a holistic approach that integrates education, spiritual development, and economic self-reliance. The progress documented in March 2025—from the inspiring growth of self-help groups to the positive impact of the Bible Club and LINK Program—underscores the power of compassionate sponsorship and community-driven transformation, the commitment of staff, volunteers, and sponsors ensures that the journey toward lasting change remains strong. With continued collaboration and support, Eden's Child is poised to further uplift lives and strengthen communities in the months ahead.