

SPONSORSHIP  
REPORT



**September**  
2025

## GENERAL INTRODUCTION

September 2025 was a productive and impactful month for Eden’s Child, marked by significant achievements across education, health, spiritual development, and community empowerment. From paying school fees for all 816 sponsored students to strengthening Bible Connect sessions, supporting self-help groups, and following up on special medical and social cases, every activity reflected our commitment to transforming lives. This report highlights the milestones reached, the challenges encountered, and the inspiring stories that continue to shape our mission of restoring hope and building stronger families.

## EDUCATION

In the month of September, Eden’s Child paid the first term school fees for all 816 sponsored students for the 2025–2026 academic year. A total of 18,942,425 Rwandan Francs was spent to ensure that every child under the program continues their education without interruption. This significant investment reflects Eden’s Child’s ongoing commitment to supporting vulnerable children and empowering them through education.



## Health and medication

### **Dorcas Uwizeyimana #250**

Safeguarding the health and well-being of sponsored children remains a top priority for Eden's Child.

Our staff visited Dorcas at the hospital to check on her condition following reports of her ongoing illness. During the visit, she expressed deep frustration and said she no longer wants to undergo more surgeries, as previous ones have not improved her health. The doctor explained that they still have the capacity to continue her treatment and that a transfer is not yet needed. He emphasized the importance of encouraging her to accept further medical procedures, as there is still hope for recovery. Dorcas's condition remains unstable, and she may need to be admitted again at any time.



## CHRISTMAS LETTER WRITING

Each year, to strengthen communication between sponsored children and their sponsors, letters are exchanged every season. This ongoing correspondence helps build a meaningful relationship and keeps sponsors updated on the child's well-being and progress. During this season, children are writing their Christmas letters, expressing gratitude, sharing their experiences, and sending warm holiday wishes. This regular exchange continues to nurture connection, encouragement, and mutual understanding between both sides.



## SPECIAL CASES

Eden's Child has planned to remove all teen mothers from the sponsorship program, citing concerns that their continued participation might negatively influence other sponsored children or appear to normalize early pregnancy among girls. This measure is intended to uphold the program's values and encourage positive behavior and responsibility among the youth. However, two teen mothers, Ishimwe Grace and Ishimwe Esther, have been allowed to remain in the program due to their strong commitment to continuing their education. Both girls are still in ordinary level, and the organization believes supporting them will contribute to their long-term stability and academic progress.



Below is the list of teen mothers in Huye program

Names	school	Situation	project
MUGABEKAZI Faida	She graduated from carpentry school	She has a baby	Huye
ISHIMWE Grace	S3 student at G.S Nkubi	She has a baby	Mukoni
MUHAWENIMANA Sylvie	A hairdressing student at Don Bosco	She is still pregnant	Mukoni
MUHAWENIMANA Jeanine	She graduated from S3 and planning to join hair dressing school at Rango	She is still pregnant	Mukoni
ISHIMWE Esther	S1 student at G.S Dahwe	She has a baby	Mukoni
ABIRAGIYE Lea	Graduated from Culinary Arts	She has a baby	Vumbi

## HYGIENE (MAKING PADS)

Our Women Empowerment staff visited the trained group of women in Tumba who are producing reusable sanitary pads as part of the empowerment initiative. During the visit, the team provided fabric was donated by our partners and assessed the group's progress. Although the women had begun making the pads, they were unable to complete them due to challenges in operating the machine donated by Lanni, which requires more advanced skills. These technical difficulties have slowed their production. Additional support, including further training on proper machine use, will be necessary to help the group continue their work effectively.



## SELF HELP GROUPS

Self-help groups continue to play a vital role in promoting economic self-sustainability among Eden's Child beneficiaries. These groups consistently save and invest in livestock and farming, securing both daily sustenance and additional income from surplus harvest sales. As of March, there are 61 self-help groups across different locations: Mukoni (13), Save (2), Vumbi (5), Karama (13), Mukindo (4), Runda (9), and Muhanga (15). Collectively, these groups own 4 sheep, 369 chickens, 261 pigs, 113 rabbits, and 245 goats. These figures do not include Mukindo, as the project manager did not submit the self-help group report for this month.

### Projected Activities for Self-Help Groups in the Coming Year

#### **SAVE Groups**

Next year Save self-help groups plan to join hands and buy a grinding machine which values 400,000rwf. It will help them generate income through making corn flour from their harvest.

They will also generate income from the neighbors in the village who will need to use this machine.

#### **Ejo hazaza self-help group**

This group plans to buy a cow next year with the purpose of giving each other a cow every time it gives birth.

#### **Twitezimbere self-help group**

They have accumulated a lot of loan funds (about 580,000 RWF). This group has agreed that by February next year, they will pay back the loan and buy goats.

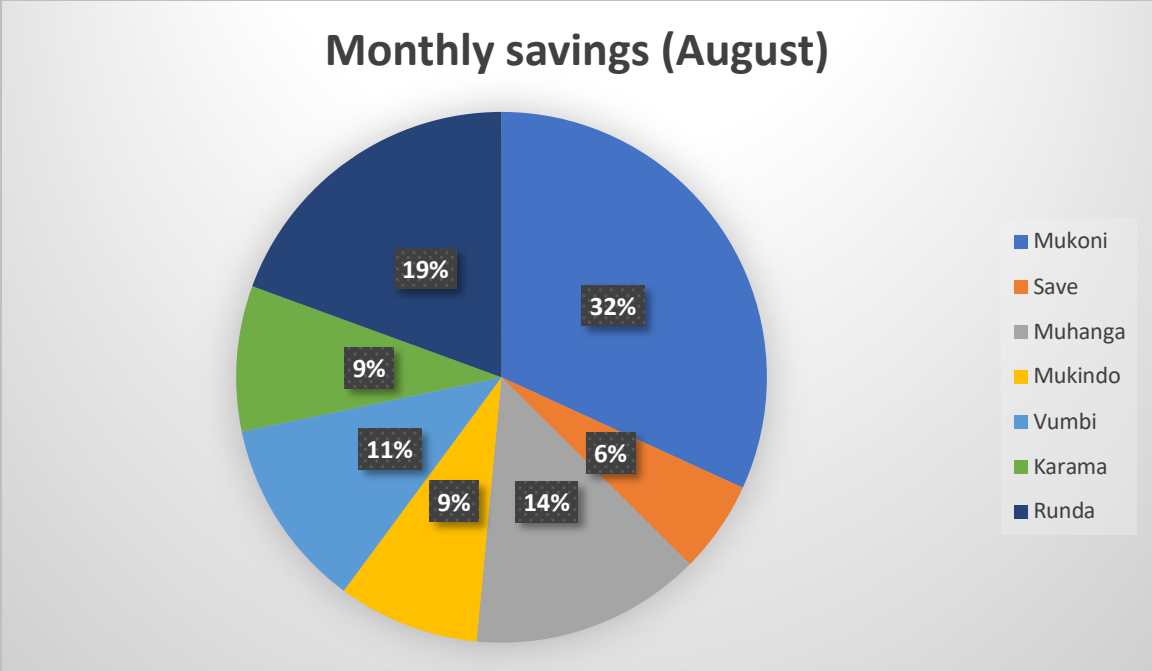
Next year, some groups will raise their saving portion as they agreed. The ones with 300 RWF will increase to 400 RWF, and those saving 200 RWF will increase to 300 RWF.

#### **Challenges in Self-help groups**

1. Low average attendance of group members in their weekly meetings.
2. Even when someone puts in effort to work hard and improve their life, some members do not understand the importance and must be constantly pushed.

No	Program	Number of groups	Total Members	September Savings	Total amount on ACC
1	Mukoni	13	270	210,950	1,130,760
2	Save	2	27	37,150	136,200
3	Vumbi	5	98	76,800	137,070
4	Muhanga	15	199	93,100	5,516,010
5	Runda	9	157	128,700	1,394,670
6	Mukindo	4	59	57,200	194,900
7	Karama	13	120	58,700	254,970
	<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>562,150</b>	<b>8,764,580</b>





## SELF HELP GROUP SUCCESS STORY

Mukakarangwa Marie Rose, a 37-year-old single mother of five from Karama, has turned her life around through Eden’s Child sponsorship and her Twiyubake Self-Help Group. With just 200,000 RWF, she started a tailoring business making clothes, uniforms, and handbags, now earning 5,000 RWF daily. This steady income not only provides for her family’s needs but also allows her to save and she has begun building her own house. With big dreams ahead, she hopes to expand with more sewing machines and train others, becoming a beacon of hope in her community.

Eden’s Child is proud of mothers like Marie Rose who boldly step up to transform their families through hard work, courage, and determination. We celebrate the way their growth inspires the entire community, becoming a shining example of hope and lasting change.



## Link program

The Link Program continues to show encouraging progress, especially through the Saturday Bible Connect sessions and the Self-Help Groups. The new system of Bible study, where each group member actively participates by leading sessions, reading scripture, and asking questions, has greatly contributed to the members' spiritual growth and engagement. This participatory approach has made the learning environment more interactive and empowering. As a result, some groups have even taken the initiative to start giving offerings during their meetings, showing deeper commitment and ownership. We also recognize Mark Ufitumkunzi, a parent whose children are sponsored for his valuable support in helping, facilitating and strengthening this program.



## Community activities

During the month of September, parents from the Karama program participated in a community work activity at the church. The cleaning was done in the area surrounding the new church bathroom building, ensuring a healthier and more welcoming environment.



In this month of September, the beneficiaries from Mukindo program carried out the work of filling the big pit located near the new clinic. In addition, the beneficiaries of Eden's Child met for their regular bi-weekly cleaning activity, where they dug the trenches to prevent erosion. This exercise was conducted successfully, with active participation from all members. Their

continued commitment contributes greatly to maintaining a safe and clean environment around the clinic.



## 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 396,300RWF in Huye, and kids in Vumbi have 263,600RWF while in Muhanga they have 563,070RWF kids' savings in this month, which tally to 1,222,970rwf savings of kids in all 3 programs.



## 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.



The sponsored children were encouraged today as they gathered to study the Bible in groups, an activity that continues to strengthen fellowship among them. Their participation in Bible preaching, worship, and praise greatly enhances their understanding of Scripture and nurtures a deeper connection with Jesus. Through these sessions, the children are growing spiritually, building confidence in sharing God's Word, and developing strong relationships rooted in faith.



## Introduction of Bible audio radios (Proclaimers)

Bible audio radios (proclaimers) have played a vital role in our Saturday Bible Connect sessions. They make it easier for children to listen and take notes on the verse of the day. Whenever the kids do not clearly understand a passage, they can simply replay the verse, which strengthens their learning and comprehension of Scripture.



## Challenges in Karama program

Karama program is facing the challenge of kitchen construction, where the kitchen they have during the rainy season water enters inside the kitchen.

Second is lacking office materials like the cabinet to keep sponsored kids' profiles and other documents.



## Closing remarks

In conclusion, the achievements highlighted in the September 2025 report demonstrate the continued dedication of Eden's Child to advancing the well-being of the children and families under our care. The progress made in education, health support, community empowerment, and spiritual development reflects the collective commitment of our staff, partners, and stakeholders. While certain challenges persist, we remain steadfast in our resolve to address them with professionalism and accountability. We extend our sincere appreciation to all sponsors and collaborators whose contributions make this work possible. Eden's Child will continue to uphold its mission with integrity and purpose, ensuring that every child is supported toward a dignified and promising future.