



EMPOWER DEVELOP DIGNIFY

FACTSHEET

Background:

EDD, formerly known as Enfants de Dieu, was founded in 2002 by Tajdin and Khatun Jaffer, residents of Rwanda since 1950. In 1962, they established Sulfo Rwanda Industries, a leading manufacturer of consumer goods such as soap and cosmetics. The family provided street children outside their factory with food every Friday, but soon realized the children needed a safe place to live and donated land in Ndera. The founders were instrumental in setting the vision for the organization and continue to visit regularly, providing advice and guidance to the Board of Directors and Management Team.

Organizational Overview:

Vision: To be one of the leading educational institutions in Rwanda, enabling youth of all backgrounds to reach their full potential.

Mission: Empowering underserved youth and their families in Rwanda by providing quality, affordable and holistic education.

Values: All programming aims to embody transparency, sustainability and excellence.

- Empower Develop Dignify (EDD), formerly known as Enfants De Dieu, was founded in 2002 by the Jeffer Family. The organization has supported nearly 700 underserved youth across Rwanda during the past 20 years.
- EDD is located 3 kilometers from the Kigali International Airport between Ndera and Kanombe.
- EDD is currently registered as a non-profit organization (local NGO) in Rwanda with legal status as of August 6, 2004 and a Charitable Incorporated Organization (CIO) in the UK with a registered number of 1155922.
- EDD's Executive team and independent Board of Directors oversee the management, operations and policies of the organization.

Impact:

- Since the launch of EDD's Early Childhood Education program in October 2021, **50** children, ages three through five, attended day time programming where they receive holistic early childhood care and protection courses. Our pillars of focus

include **education, nutrition, health and sanitation, physical activity, and learning through play.**

- Since 2002, over **698** former street children have been successfully reintegrated into their families.
- EDD still supports over **200** reintegrated street children by paying for school fees and educational materials as continued follow ups and moral support.

Current Programming:

- **Early Childhood Development (ECD):** Launched in August 2021, in response to the Rwandan Government's reprioritization of policy pertaining to street children, the program aims to ensure all children living in Rwanda's low-income communities receive access to high quality and affordable Early Childhood Care and Education. Research shows children between the ages of zero and six are in the most formative years of life. Investing in a child's education at a young age bears fruit for their whole lives ahead. The program aims to mitigate stunting rates in Rwanda, as well as preventing children from seeking life on the street. Less than one year after program launch, 50 community children are already enrolled in the program, and we plan to increase the number of beneficiaries to meet high demand.
- **Educational Sponsorship:** Over 200 former street children including 43 primaries, 153 secondary and 4 vocational training students, are supported via school fees and educational materials. EDD hopes to expand this support to more community children once they enter schools outside the organization's ECD programming.
- **Community Empowerment Activities:** EDD has a well-stocked library, computer lab, and recreational sports facilities. These provide resources for children, youth and adults who wish to unlock their potential and cultivate a culture of reading, use ICT tools, and partake in physical exercise. EDD facilities provide a platform for community members to grow their talents, express their creativity, relax and manage their stress through traditional dance, modern dance and learning music instruments such as guitar and piano. We believe in the true power of sports to build peace, and that football (soccer) and volleyball are at times, universal languages.

Current Funding:

- **Current Donors with their yearly support:**
 - WECARE4 (2 million RWF)
 - HHN (8 million RWF)
 - SULFO RWANDA (12 million RWF)
 - Parent contributions (4, 3 million RWF)

Expansion Plan:

- **Early Childhood Development (ECD) Extension:** As demand from families to enroll their young children in EDD's early childhood education and care

programs constantly grows, we plan to add two more classes, Day care and top classes, by October 2022.

- **Launching Excellent Primary School Education:** By 2023, the children currently enrolled in ECD will have completed preschool and be ready for primary school. Working very closely with parents, they have provided the valued feedback and requested that their children continue primary school with EDD. We have received this feedback and their requests openly, and hope to launch an extended primary school option given our available facilities.
- **Health Programming:** By 2024 EDD hopes to offer children attending EDD's education programming and the surrounding community a holistic primary treatment and medical services including outpatient care, child immunizations, growth monitoring for children under five years, antenatal care, family planning counseling and reproductive health education.
- **Nutritional Program:** In order to work effectively toward a community in which families have the knowledge, resources, and support needed to meet their nutritional needs, we plan to start a community gardening and nutrition training program. Parents and children will learn to grow fruits and vegetables for their families, participate in nutrition education, and attend cooking workshops.

Proposed Budget

<i>Programs</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Activities</i>	<i>sessions</i>	<i>Number of participants</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>	<i>Comments</i>
ECD Program	<i>School program</i>	<i>Preschool Program</i>		<i>75 children</i>	<i>3,750,000</i>	<i>Food will be paid by parents</i>
		<i>daycare</i>		<i>15 children</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Parent will pay needed expenses</i>
	<i>Parenting program</i>	<i>Nutrition, health</i>	<i>3 days sessions</i>	<i>250 parents</i>	<i>7,000,000</i>	
		<i>Demo garden & Seedling Nursery</i>	<i>2 days</i>	<i>250 Parents</i>	<i>14,850,000</i>	
Education support	<i>EDD Alumni</i>	<i>School fees</i>	<i>Primary students</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>4,560,000</i>	
			<i>Boarding schools</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>12,600,000</i>	
			<i>None boarding schools</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>5,400,000</i>	
			<i>20 VTC students</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>10,800,000</i>	<i>School fees and internships</i>
		<i>Materials to all students</i>		<i>124</i>	<i>1,240,000</i>	<i>Pens and note books</i>
		<i>Follow(school visits)</i>		<i>124</i>	<i>2,480,000</i>	<i>Two visits per year</i>
	<i>Bring back in school 75 who drop out of school</i>	<i>drop out students' needs short courses</i>	<i>75 special training In two phases</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>27,000,000</i>	<i>Cases of Alumni who didn't continue their studies</i>
		<i>Drop out students materials</i>	<i>School materials for 75 students</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>7,500,000</i>	
			<i>Dedicated person to the alumni education/ year</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>1,800,000</i>	<i>All students</i>
Community Activities	<i>Lab and Library</i>	<i>Monthly internet, Lab& Library facilitator and maintenance</i>	<i>It will be open to the community each day except Sunday</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>3,600,000</i>	<i>It will give knowledge and skills to the alumni and youth in general from the around community.</i>
		TOTAL Budget			99,016,000R	WF