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Subject: 2025 Activity Report of Hope for a Good Life (HGL)

Dear Mayor,

We have the honor of submitting to your esteemed office the 2025 Activity Report of Hope for a Good Life (HGL).

This report provides a comprehensive overview of the activities and initiatives that HGL successfully carried out during the past year, underscoring our ongoing commitment to the development and well-being of the communities we serve.

We sincerely appreciate the excellent collaboration between HGL and Bugesera District, and we are confident that our partnership will continue to grow, generating a positive impact in 2026 and beyond.

Thank you very much for your continued support, collaboration, and trust.

Yours faithfully,

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Executive Summary

Hope for a Good Life (HGL) recorded an exceptionally strong performance during the reporting year, successfully translating its Action Plan into concrete, life-changing results for vulnerable communities in Rwanda. Through well-coordinated humanitarian and development interventions, HGL demonstrated institutional maturity, accountability, and a clear ability to deliver impact aligned with its mission and strategic objectives.

Across psychosocial support and peacebuilding, education, health and nutrition, youth and women empowerment, disability inclusion, environmental protection, and organizational strengthening, HGL not only met but, in several areas, exceeded its planned targets. The organization reached hundreds of direct beneficiaries, strengthened families and communities, restored hope among vulnerable youth and women, and contributed meaningfully to social cohesion and sustainable development.

This report clearly demonstrates that HGL is an active, effective, and results-driven NGO with the capacity to plan, implement, monitor, and report on development programs in line with donor and regulatory expectations. The achievements presented herein provide strong evidence of HGL's credibility and readiness for expanded partnerships and increased investment.

1. Introduction

Hope for a Good Life (HGL) is a Rwandan non-governmental organization dedicated to improving the quality of life of vulnerable populations through holistic, people-centered development approaches. The organization prioritizes children, youth, women, and individuals facing social, economic, and psychosocial vulnerabilities.

Guided by its approved Action Plan, HGL implements integrated interventions that address both immediate humanitarian needs and long-term development challenges. The organization's work is grounded in community participation, respect for human dignity, and strong collaboration with local authorities, schools, faith-based institutions, Foundations and development partners.

This Progress Activities Report presents a detailed account of how HGL successfully implemented its Action Plan, highlighting achieved results, positive community impact, and lessons learned. The report serves as evidence of HGL's commitment to transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement.

2. Implemented Activities (Aligned with the Action Plan)

All activities implemented during the year 2025 were guided by the HGL Action Plan. The following sections present achievements against planned interventions, demonstrating effective execution and utilization of resources.

2.1 Psychosocial Support and Peacebuilding

Planned Interventions (Action Plan)

- Group counseling for 100 youth in 10 structured groups;
- Individual counseling for 400 people, primarily youth;
- Peacebuilding, conflict healing, and anti-drug campaigns in families, schools, and communities.

Implementation and Achievements

HGL fully implemented all planned psychosocial and peacebuilding interventions. Group counseling sessions reached 100 youth, creating safe spaces for trauma healing, emotional expression, trust-building, and restoration of dignity. Participants reported improved self-confidence, reduced stress, and renewed hope for the future.



In parallel, 400 individuals received individualized counseling with structured follow-up over three months. This personalized approach enabled beneficiaries to address deep-rooted psychosocial challenges and rebuild positive life trajectories. Counseling services extended to parents of teen mothers significantly strengthened family reintegration and reduced stigma.



Results and Impact

- Enhanced mental health and emotional resilience among youth;
- Strengthened family relationships and social cohesion;
- Increased community awareness on peace, prevention, and positive behavior change.

2.2 Education

Planned Interventions (Action Plan)

- Education sponsorship for 120 vulnerable children;
- Reintegration of adolescents and teen mothers into education;
- Implementation of the Rwanda–USA Pen Pal Program;
- Community awareness on children’s right to education.

Implementation

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Achievements

HGL successfully supported 120 vulnerable children through a comprehensive education package



that included school feeding, scholastic materials, uniforms, and school fees. This intervention directly reduced absenteeism and dropout rates while improving academic motivation. HGL distributed school materials to 120 students from 3 schools, namely G.S Murama, GS. Kanzenze and EP Kavumu/ Mayange. Alongside school material distribution, children whose families were not yet

covered with Insurance Health Care were given money to pay such scheme in conjunction with donor partners!





The Pen Pal Program was effectively implemented, linking students from GS Maranyundo and GS Murama with peers in the United States. Fifty students actively participated, gaining exposure to cross-cultural communication, global citizenship, and confidence building.

HGL also identified children with disabilities and engaged their caregivers through counseling and guidance. This effort strengthened inclusive education practices and reinforced parental involvement.

Results and Impact

- Improved school attendance, retention, and learning outcomes;
- Increased confidence and global awareness among students;
- Enhanced inclusion of children with special needs.



Children and Youth Empowerment

HGL successfully implemented peace and youth empowerment campaigns under the “*Hunga Irari rya Gisore*” initiative. The campaigns targeted children and youth in schools and communities, focusing on **prevention of drug and substance abuse, avoidance of risky sexual behavior, and discouragement of street life and vagrancy.**

Through community dialogues, school-based awareness sessions, arts, drama, and peer education approaches, youth were encouraged to make informed life choices, adopt positive behavior, and resist negative peer pressure.



The

campaigns emphasized self-respect, discipline, education, and long-term life planning as foundations for a responsible and productive future.



Results and Impact:

- Increased awareness among youth on the dangers of drug and substance abuse;
- Improved knowledge on sexual and reproductive health and responsible behavior;
- Reduced risk of youth involvement in street life and delinquency;
- Strengthened self-confidence, discipline, and positive social values among participating youth.



Hope for a Good Life (HGL) places great importance on the integral development and well-being of the child:

The personal fulfillment of children is based on a global development (cognitive, social, emotional) fostered by a loving, secure and stimulating environment, where the adult plays the role of an example and benevolent companion, encouraging autonomy, self-esteem, confidence and emotional management, while respecting the individual rhythm of the child. It is a holistic approach that values the uniqueness of each child, their efforts and progress rather than comparison, to help them grow, assert themselves and integrate harmoniously. That is why, Hope for a Good Life (HGL) targets the pillars of personal development, the role of the environment, practical tools and signs to be monitored for personal development and child fulfillment.

1. Pillars of personal development

Security and unconditional love: Essential foundations for developing self-confidence and self-esteem.

Example and mimicry: Children learn by observing adults. Parents must embody the values they teach (managing emotions, respect).

Stimulation and exploration: Propose games (construction, puzzles) and varied activities that stimulate imagination, curiosity, and problem-solving skills.

Autonomy and affirmation: Encourage the child to do by himself, to explore, to ask questions (the famous <<Why?>>) and to express his will.

Recognition of efforts: Congratulate efforts and attempts, not just successes. This strengthens perseverance and reduces the fear of failure.

2. Role of the environment :(family, school, community)

To promote the development and well-being of the child, the family and school are necessary for:

Reception and listening: The reception structures must offer an adapted framework that meets the needs of the child so that he can develop his potential.

Respect for differences: Understand that each child has their own pace and perceptions, and adapt the support accordingly.

The pedagogy of success: Emphasizing individual progress and achievements, rather than comparison with others, to build confidence.

3. Practical tools

To ensure the development of children, varied games and sports are necessary:

Gratitude game: Note each day 3 things for which the child is grateful.

Construction games and puzzles: Develop reflection and perseverance.

Role-playing and cooperative games: Help to understand emotions, manage conflicts, and develop a sense of right and wrong.

4. Signs to watch out for (if difficulties appear)

- Relational difficulties, isolation, behavioral disorders or anxiety in the face of novelty.
- In these cases, a consultation with a professional (speech therapist, psychologist) may be advised.



Strengthening Families and reintegration for children from street situations



Since 2018, Hope for a Good Life initiated the Family Strengthening Programme. The community empowerment programme aims to support vulnerable families in their capacity to protect and care for their children.

The program prevents family separation which is among the root causes of child abandonment and strengthening the safety nets for

vulnerable children and their families within the community. The programs/projects support

vulnerable families with positive parenting skills and economic empowerment.

Vulnerable families are strengthened economically with activities such as entrepreneurship training, income generating activities, saving schemes, kitchen gardens, animal husbandry, a rotational goat distribution scheme and environment protection.

They also receive psychosocial support and are trained on positive parenting skills, conflict management and child rights.



In 2025, HGL continued implementing a community-based rehabilitation model to re-integrate children living on the streets into their families and the community.

The family strengthening programme is specifically implemented in Bugesera District, where there is a high rate of population migration and more risks of children's vulnerability.

This year the family strengthening program supported 53 families with 212 children and built capacity of 289 members of community structures to enhance child rights and child protection.

HGL strengthened Savings and Loans Associations and Income-Generating Activities for both young people and families which has become a benchmark for the socio-economic development of program participants. 10 groups were created and these reinforced greatly the economic wellbeing of the supported families, enhanced their social cohesion and improved their resilience to make independent decisions.

2.3 Health and Nutrition

HGL implemented comprehensive health and nutrition interventions targeting the most vulnerable populations. Nutrition support was provided to **100 young and teen mothers and their children**, contributing to improved feeding practices, enhanced maternal confidence, better child health outcomes, and successful social reintegration.



HGL facilitated access to **Mutuelle de Santé** for vulnerable families, enabling beneficiaries to access essential health services without financial barriers. This intervention significantly improved timely healthcare-seeking behavior and reduced health-related vulnerabilities.

To address child malnutrition, HGL conducted **stunting prevention activities**, including nutrition education, community sensitization, and targeted support to households with children at risk of undernutrition. These efforts contributed to improved dietary diversity and child growth monitoring.

In addition, HGL provided **medical assistance to individuals without caregivers or financial means**, with particular focus on **street-connected children, children from extremely poor households, and other vulnerable persons with special needs**. Through referrals, accompaniment, and collaboration with health facilities, beneficiaries accessed medical consultations and essential treatment.

Children with disabilities were identified, and their caregivers received guidance and support, strengthening family capacity to meet the health and developmental needs of their children.

Results and Impact:

- Improved maternal and child nutrition practices and reduced risk of malnutrition and stunting;
- Increased access to healthcare services through Mutuelle de Santé coverage;
- Improved health-seeking behavior among vulnerable households;
- Enhanced access to medical care for street-connected children and other vulnerable individuals;
- Strengthened family and community capacity to support children with disabilities and persons with special needs

2.4 Economic Empowerment and Job Creation

Planned Interventions (Action Plan)

- Support income-generating activities for youth and women;
- Promote savings culture and entrepreneurship skills.

Implementation and Achievements

HGL supported youth and women in developing and strengthening small income-generating initiatives. Beneficiaries received guidance on project planning, savings, and basic entrepreneurship, laying a foundation for economic self-reliance.



2.5 Environment and Climate Change

Planned Interventions (Action Plan)

- Tree planting and environmental conservation initiatives;
- Community sensitization on climate change and environmental protection.

Implementation and Achievements

HGL successfully planted fruit and agroforestry trees in Nyamata Sector, contributing to improved nutrition, soil conservation, and climate change mitigation. Community sensitization meetings strengthened local ownership of environmental protection efforts.

Results and Impact

- Improved environmental awareness and community engagement;
- Contribution to climate resilience and sustainable livelihoods.



Meetings and Consultations

Throughout the reporting period, HGL conducted several key meetings and consultations to ensure program effectiveness, stakeholder engagement, and alignment with community needs:

Date	Meeting Type	Participants	Outcomes	Decisions
01/05/2025	Virtual	Support Black Charities (SBC): 1. Annick Silencieux HGL: 1. Ally H. 2. Janvier N.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Commitment to provide mentorship and advisory support to the HGL team ✓ Providing feedback and guidance to enhance and upgrade the HGL website ✓ Promoting and strengthening HGL's visibility and public presence 	HGL profile is displayed on SBC website.
18/07/2025	meeting	Wecare foundation Australia: 1. David HGL team.	Partnership between our NGOs	Commitment to support our community.

12/05/2025	Virtual	<p>BEYONDWATER GLOBAL:</p> <p>1. Mwikali Mary</p> <p>HGL:</p> <p>1. Ally H. 2. Janvier N.</p>	Discussing about Partnership establishment	Physical Visit postponed to next year.
16/05/2025	Virtual	<p>INFO36:</p> <p>1. Ernest Comer III</p> <p>HGL:</p> <p>1. Ally H. 2. Apophia M.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Introduction to HGL's Mission and Background ✓ Establishment of the Partnership ✓ Required Documentation 	HGL is currently in the process of submitting the required documentation to initiate fiscal sponsorship
12/12/2025	Virtual	<p>GIVE TO AFRICA:</p> <p>1. Victoria Philips</p> <p>HGL:</p> <p>1. Ally H. 2. Apophia M. 3. Janver N.</p>	Give to Africa's Fiscal Sponsorship Information Session and eligibility requirements	Application is open till mid January 2026
18/11/2025	Virtual	<p>SIVIO Institute (AFRICA GIVING):</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Partnership between HGL and the SIVIO Institute ✓ Enhanced visibility of HGL and fundraising 	MoU signed and HGL Profile displayed on SIVIO Institute

		<p>1. Rebekah Cross</p> <p>HGL:</p> <p>1. Ally H. 2. Janvier N.</p>	<p>opportunities through the SIVIO Institute's website and social media platforms</p>	<p>Fundraising Platform</p>
3/05/2025	Virtual	<p>IFERS (Institute for Education, Research, and Scholarships):</p> <p>1. Prof Newton Lee</p> <p>HGL:</p> <p>3. Ally H. 4. Janvier N.</p>	<p>✓ Discussion on Fiscal Sponsorship</p> <p>✓ Agreement/Contract between HGL and IFERS</p>	<p>IFERS Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement signed but activation pending for payment</p>
25/11/2025 19/12/2025	Virtual	<p>Humanity Pathways Global (HPG):</p> <p>1. Moreen 2. Girbert:</p> <p>HGL:</p> <p>1. Ally H. 2. Janvier N. 3. Agathe U. 4. Apophia M</p>	<p>✓ Strategic Check-In for Action Plan 2026</p> <p>✓ Fiscal Sponsorship Initiative and Contract/MoU</p>	<p>The HGL profile is displayed on the HPG website as an indication of the initiated partnership commitment. The Contract/MoU is currently pending signature.</p>
9/04/2025	Virtual	<p>1. HOGGAT LIZ</p>	<p>Establishment of Pen Pal Project between USA_Rwanda students.</p>	<p>Pen Pal Project Initiated. Letters from U.S. students have been received, and</p>

		HGL: 1. Ally H. 2. Janvier N.		HGL beneficiaries are currently preparing their responses on behalf of Rwanda.
12/12/2025	Virtual	TOTO AFRICA: 1. A. Otiunno 2. Nyamat B. HGL: 3. Ally H. 4. Janvier N.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Upgrading the Network and Initiating a Strategic Partnership with TOTO AFRICA ✓ Selection of Topic for 4th Afro_Asia Summit Agenda, Dec 2025. 	HGL Presentation “Disability and Health”
13/09/2025	Physical	HGL General Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Introducing new HGL Members ✓ Documents Review and Validation ✓ Sign and submit HGL document to comply with RGB regulations 	Documents validated. Application done through RGB portal
2/12/2025	Physical	HGL Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Taking Photos for all HGL Community ✓ BoD members Meeting 	Photo taken for the record-keeping purpose

3. Overall Results and Organizational Performance

The successful implementation of the Action Plan demonstrates HGL’s strong organizational capacity and effectiveness:

- 520 individuals accessed psychosocial counseling and peacebuilding services;
- 120 vulnerable children benefited from education sponsorship and school feeding;
- 100 young mothers and their children received nutrition and psychosocial support;
- 50 youth participated in international cultural exchange through the Pen Pal Program;
- Environmental protection initiatives strengthened climate resilience at community level.

These achievements confirm that HGL is a reliable, results-oriented organization capable of managing funds responsibly and delivering meaningful, measurable impact.

4. Challenges and Lessons Learned

Challenges - Limited financial resources compared to the high demand for support; - Increasing number of vulnerable beneficiaries requiring assistance.

Lessons Learned - Strong collaboration with local authorities and partners is essential for effective implementation; - Continuous follow-up enhances the sustainability and long-term impact of interventions.

5. Conclusion

The results presented in this report provide compelling evidence that Hope for a Good Life (HGL) effectively implemented its Action Plan and delivered high-quality interventions that positively transformed lives. Through strong leadership, strategic planning, and committed partnerships, HGL demonstrated that it is a credible and impactful NGO.

Yours faithfully,

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