



About 1 200 people directly benefit from RSVP daily!

1. Daily SOSOMA Porridge at Mihabura n = 960
2. Daily Meals at Mihabura: n = 70
3. 2<sup>nd</sup>ary School & University Sponsorships n = 39.
4. The Jean Main Program: n=165

**Annual Budget?**  
Only £26K!

RSVP is dedicated to **enabling Bugarama children to change** their lives **through** education. In this edition, they embark on a learning trip, leaving Bugarama at 6am!



RwandAir staff explained passenger journey right from booking **1**. Children then went through security checks as if they were passengers **2**. Thereafter, participants gathered in departure lounge for a question/answer session.



One of the passengers arriving on the 7am RwandAir flight from Kigali was Mr Mathias HAREBAMUNGU, 1<sup>st</sup> secretary in the ministry of Education **3**.

He very kindly took a moment to address our children.

Airport officials, both civilian, police and military, have since 2007 encouraged and supported this rare educational opportunity.

And picture **4** shows participants visiting airport Met station.



P6 & best 2 P5 & P4 pupils take part in this trip. As P6 children will sit equivalent of Eleven Plus test end of October 2012, visiting one of the best local boarding schools is inspiring. From this group, 2 sponsorships will be picked in Jan 2013. Please contact RSVP is you'd like to sponsor a child.

# Children Go Live!

Children then proceeded to the local Radio Station to meet journalists, learn how radio works, tour studio and get the opportunity to be on air....!

They entered in the studio in groups. Those waiting for their turn, stayed in minibuses.

As the radio was switched on in minibuses, there was real excitement when pupils heard their mates' interview.



## A day the restaurant owner will never forget!

Picture **5** is Group photo outside restaurant. One of the minibuses used for transport is seen in the background.

Children traditionally go to a self-service “posh” restaurant (£1.5/person). As virtually none of these children would ever dream setting a foot there, they typically overfill their plates **6**

The overfilled plate shows beans **7** fried sweet potatoes **8**, rice **9**, spaghetti **10**, chips **11** and meat. **12**

Departure from Bugarama 6am. Arrival to Bugarama 6.30pm.



### How does such a trip contributes to “Education Today for Zero Aid Tomorrow”?

- 1. Broadening aspirations:** After each trip, pupils dream to become like the professionals they've seen.
- 2. Awareness of local opportunities:** Before sitting the life changing test, our most senior pupils learn what's available in their region and what they need to do to grab such opportunities.
- 3. Stimulating environment:** with £500, children afford a minibus ride, get access to people and places they would never otherwise dream to.

- 1.** The airport commander, the police, the army, RwandAir, Gihundwe boarding school and radio Rusizi turned our dream into reality. And for this, we send them our sincere thanks.
- 2.** This time next month, P6 will have sat the national test. We pray and wish them all the very best.
- 3.** Mihabura classroom problems have negatively impacted on national test results in the past 2 years. And there appears not to be a quick fix: as the local government is planning to relocate houses to surrounding hills, RSVP is unlike to start building in Autumn 2013. Mihabura needs thus to have a temporary solution soon.