



### Project Contact person in Rwanda :

The Reverend John Wesley Kabango, the development Officer

### Field workers :

- Vincent Minani, the veterinary in charge of development in Shyogwe Diocese
- Viateur Ntarindwa, an Agronomist in charge of the development work in the 4 dioceses

### Funds management:

The diocese of Shyogwe: the Administration Office.

The first animal distribution was done in Rugendabari parish. One of the poorest area of Shyogwe Diocese. When the staff made investigations as regard poverty situation, a woman told Vincent : ' I cannot afford funds to buy hen, costing between Frw 2,000 - Frw 3,000'. She says a big thank you to CHI and the generous people who have sent a donation in supporting them to have a hen or a goat.

***In Rugendabari parish 20 families received hens and 6 received goats. In Rugobagoba parish 25 families received hens and 6 received goats.***

### Why is an animal important ?

Animals produce manure to improve soil fertility and then contribute to increased food production.

### Beneficiaries:

Young people who received these animals are orphans who have lost their parents due to the 1994 genocide and HIV/AIDS. The income from the animals received will help them to meet their daily basic needs.

Women who were targeted have children who are suffering from malnutrition and the animals will help to have eggs and possibly milk to meet nutritional needs.

Christians who received animals gave the following testimonies : " we will be able to tithe the Church when our animals produce offspring".

### Training given to recipients:

They are 4 things which were taught to the community members.

- Preparing the shelter for animals
- Feeding animals: showing a example of how they will plant fodder plants. Animals will be zero grazing and this process will help to get manure from animal shelters.
- Hygiene : animals need attention in fighting diseases . How long does it take for an animal to produce small ones, what is the necessary care to provide.
- We discussed with leaders and beneficiaries that the animals will work on a revolving loan basis. The loan to be paid back not to the diocese but to other community members in need. The population in collaboration with church leaders will decide who will get a chick when they produce.

Wishing you all God's peace and looking forward to sending more pictures.

In Christ,

John Wesley Kabango